



Report on Outcome of IP5 Heads of Offices Meeting with Industry IP5 New Orleans, Louisiana 13 June 2018

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Some Topics Addressed by IP5 offices and WIPO

- ▶ Increased productivity
- ▶ Approaches for new technologies
 - ▶ IoT, AI, 4th industrial revolution
- ▶ Inter-office cooperation and worksharing
 - ▶ New initiatives
- ▶ Filing trends
- ▶ Application of project management principles to IP5 projects

Some Industry Priorities Discussed

- ▶ Coordination of AI tools among offices
- ▶ Access to NPL through Global Dossier
- ▶ Finishing / closing some current PHEP topics
- ▶ Selecting / prioritizing future PHEP topics
 - ▶ Emphasis on procedural issues
 - ▶ Support for project management / efficient use of resources

Status of Five Priority items

- ▶ Alerting
 - ▶ Alerting of file wrapper changes at the IP5 family level by both RSS and email
- ▶ XMLization
 - ▶ Promoting use of XML in all IP5 offices to improve user/office and inter-office document exchange, document management, and future automation
- ▶ Applicant name standardization
 - ▶ Establishment of a voluntary global mapping table to avoid misspellings and to ensure consistent translation of names between languages
- ▶ Legal status
 - ▶ Define common legal status categories between the offices and provide mechanism for the public to access this data, preferably in real time
- ▶ Inter-Office document sharing
 - ▶ Focus on facilitating document sharing between offices, particularly those that support other initiatives such as PPH, and ideally to ultimately reduce IDS burden on applicants

GD passive component improvements

1. Scope of Global Dossier coverage (dossier type)	6. English translation
2. Scope of Global Dossier coverage (date range)	7. Document data in text format
3. Completeness of each GD file wrapper	8. Appeal, Trial and Court decision
4. Timeliness of document additions	9. Enriched Citation
5. Availability	

Future PHEP Topics

1. Adoption of a Global assignment: the ability to file a global assignment in one location with effect worldwide - point 6 of the original 2013 Industry IP5 Harmonisation Topics List
2. Patent Specification:
 - a) Harmonization of Claim formalities such as: (i) eliminating the need for two-part format and the standard wordings 'characterised in that', and (ii) multiple dependency requirements
 - b) Harmonization of allowable features in drawings (e.g., color, how it should look)
 - c) Harmonization and simplification of requirements for correspondence between claims and the specification - eliminating need to later amend a specification to include allowed claim text
 - d) Remove requirement in Europe to insert closest prior art in specification, and JP requirement for prior art in background.

Future PHEP Topics Continued

3. Harmonization of how applicants can correct mistakes
4. Harmonization on reinstatement of rights (to unintentional standard, or cancelling PLT reservations)
5. Roadmap and facilitation for handling first-filing requirements in multinational inventorship situations

Strategic topic: Quality

- ▶ Consistent examination standards among offices
- ▶ Collection of data, both by the offices and by users, to identify quality problems
- ▶ Improvement of search
- ▶ Improvement of application/claim quality
- ▶ Collaborative effort

Discussion About the Future of the IP5

- ▶ Evaluation and improvement of IP5 working methods
 - ▶ Open communication and engagement with stakeholders
- ▶ Industry input
 - ▶ Continue work sharing projects
 - ▶ Implement active component of Global Dossier
 - ▶ Proactive steps to address new technologies