



**"REPORT ON OUTCOME OF 31 MAY 2017 IP5
HEADS/INDUSTRY MEETING"**

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Main outcomes

- IP5 Industry noted its appreciation of the offices' efforts to tackle backlogs, reduce pendency times and maintain high quality and legal certainty.
- Industry also commended the offices for their response to emerging technologies and for providing effective legal protection for these technologies.
- In addition to taking stock of recent developments and ongoing projects, e.g. the Global Dossier, the agenda covered selected strategic topics ranging from initiatives to enhance the functioning and performance of the IP5 co-operation (IP5 Project Management), to thorough searches: access to data in the information age, IP protection in the era of the fourth industrial revolution, new initiatives in XML filing and the new stage of work-sharing.



IP5 Industry input

- **Commemorative publication on 10 years of IP5 co-operation:** very positively received.
- **Global Dossier alerting:** RSS feed looked very good; users would prefer to have options (e.g. e-mail) and choose what type of changes to the file wrapper they receive alerts for. IP5 offices should align their RSS feeds and asked whether the RSS feed alerting function would be extended to WIPO CASE.
- **Further expansion of the Global Dossier information sharing:** IP5 Industry would want to have access to the same amount of information for WIPO CASE participating offices as for IP5 offices.
- **Global Dossier proof of concept:** IP5 Industry acknowledged that while cross-filing was technically feasible, legal, procedural and security aspects had to be addressed. Industry suggested PPH forms as possible candidate forms; some of the existing legal barriers had to do with representation required in some jurisdictions.



IP5 Industry Input

- **IP5 Project Management initiative**: was welcomed as a means to further streamline the IP5 co-operation and promote the new IP5 vision.
- **Thorough searches**: IP5 Industry reiterated the importance of addressing access to NPL. Multi-field inventions, language barriers and increasing costs were identified as further challenges. Intensified co-operation was necessary to safeguard high quality services, e.g. in the area of machine retrievable data, aligned classification and accurate machine translation.
- **IP protection in the era of the fourth industrial revolution**: IP5 Industry confirmed its interest in the topic, which required: the adjustment of classification, the adjustment of the offices' examination guidelines to the features of interdisciplinary technologies, such as the Internet of Things (IoT), the utilisation of data across various industries and multiple business layers.



IP5 Industry input

- **New initiatives in XML filing**: Users appreciate this is an important project for the offices; it will be necessary to address technical and legal issues in order to have a solid operational basis.
- Industry supported in principle the **expansion of the scope of work-sharing** and users also showed high expectations from the **patent harmonisation** and the **PCT CS&E** pilot project in view of enhancing consistency and quality.