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IP5 Industry Consultation Group: remit, objectives and future direction



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Background

- June 2012, France: 1st annual meeting between the IP5 Heads and IP5 Industry, agreement to launch a Global Dossier Task Force (GDTF)
 - to ensure user involvement at an early stage of IP5 projects and initiatives
- January 2013, EPO The Hague: 1st GDTF meeting with IP5 Offices, IP5 Industry and WIPO
 - to keep developments in the Global Dossier project closely focussed on the needs of the user community

Expanding industry consultation

- Industry involved in Global Dossier initiatives since 2013, however, other topics exist in the IP5 where industry's input is requested
 - IP5 Heads of Office discussed at their meeting in Tokyo in June 2016 to expand industry consultation beyond those of the Global Dossier
- During an IP5 Heads meeting in Geneva in October 2016, the IP5 Industry Consultation Group (ICG) was created
- EPO offered to host the first meeting

IP5 Industry Consultation Group

• The IP5 Industry Consultation Group (ICG) is meant to:

> complement the Global Dossier Task Force (GDTF)

- Focus on further areas of IP5 co-operation going beyond the Global Dossier
- ensure that current and future IP5 activities have a strong focus on users' needs

Objectives

- Bring feedback into the IP5 co-operation from the perspective of the user community
- Collect feedback and requirements from all stakeholders and define business needs
- Provide consolidated requirements and business needs to the experts of the respective IP5 working groups
- Communicate the outcome of consultations to a broader stakeholder community via a dedicated section on the IP5 website

Expected results

- Bring non-Global Dossier topics into a dedicated forum at working level thereby allowing for a more strategic discussion to take place during the annual IP5 Heads and IP5 Industry meeting
- Ensure that current and future IP5 activities have a strong focus on users' needs and are analysed with all stakeholders in a thorough and balanced way

Next steps and future direction

- Hold ICG meetings either together with the GDTF or adjacent to any other IP5 (working group) meeting of relevance
- Coordinate agenda for next ICG meeting well in advance
- Conduct meetings in an efficient manner avoiding lengthy reporting
- Avoid technical duplication of content between the ICG and the IP5 Heads and Industry meetings

Next steps and future direction (cont.)

- Publish presentations and summary of the meeting highlighting the main outcomes on the IP5 website (summary could be prepared by the hosting office and the hosting industry association, individually or together)
- Any feedback welcome!

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