Vision Statement for Global Dossier Priorities

Alerting

Provide timely updates to users on status or file wrapper changes to all IP5 family members of an application being watched.

Provision of updates on all IP5 family members in a federated manner gives users and examiners alike an overview of developments of a family of patent at a single location which otherwise would require actively requesting information from local agents or knowledge of all IP5 websites. The provision of this alert service will enable its easy integration in IP5 Office applications under which there is a need to obtain timely information on file changes.

XML Based Documents

Maintain focus on increasing the provision by IP5 offices of all file wrapper documents in XML.

Provision of text coded documents allows significant digital processing of application related information and work results without the need for any manual keying steps. This is beneficial for users who can increase efficiency and reduce transcription errors but also for IP offices which may process, search, translate or interpret the document content automatically.

Applicant Name standardisation

Harmonise applicant names across IP5 patent document collections. By improving the consistency of the applicant names used in publication databases across the IP5, the public and examiners will benefit from higher quality search results and simplified statistical analysis. This consistency will also be beneficial for administering applicant's accounts for cross filing.

Legal Status

Agree on the sharing of legal status data for patents and applications across the IP5.

Access to the legal status data for IP5 rights is critical to the decision making process of stake holders in the global IP system. By making this data available in a timely and consistent manner via electronic means, users can more quickly develop well informed strategies.

Proof of Concept: Applicant Initiated Inter-Office Document Exchange

Demonstrate the feasibility of cross filing documents or changes over the entire IP5 using an example submission achievable in today's IP5 legal frameworks at each jurisdiction.

By authorising offices to exchange prosecution related data between one another a significant reduction of the administrative burden on applicants filing at multiple IP5 offices can be achieved. The viability of this approach will be demonstrated by showing the practical possibility of such cross filing.