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2018 IP5 Heads of Office Meeting with Industry

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Draft Agenda

- Similar format as Malta Meeting

Morning Session

- Recent Developments at the IP5 Offices and WIPO
- Update on certain IP5 Projects (Follow up from GDTF/ICG Meetings)
- Update on 2017 Strategic Topics

Afternoon Session

- IP5 Project Evaluation Discussion
- 1-2 new Strategic Topics

2017 Strategic Topics

- IP5 Project Management
- Thorough Searches: Access to Data in the Information Age
- IP Protection in the Era of the 4th Industrial Revolution
- New Initiatives in XML Filing
- New Stage of Work-Sharing



Strategic Topic Discussion



- 30 minutes was devoted to each topic.
 - Robust discussion was limited due to time restrictions.
- Each IP5 Office had “leadership” over one topic.
 - Difficult for other Offices/Industry Groups to weigh-in.
- First year – unclear how discussions would unfold.

2018 Strategic Topics

- Evolution of IP5
 - The IP5 was initially established as a means for technical cooperation and as we saw last year has accomplished a number of achievements in this area. But, what does the future IP5 look like? What should the offices be focusing on? How do we best engage with Industry? With our filers? What services should we be providing?

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2018 Strategic Topics (cont.)

- Quality

- Application Readiness

- Attributes integral to the patent application file that enhance the ability of examiners to efficiency and effectively navigate through the examination.

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Why Assess Incoming Applications?

- Considering more than just what patent examiners can do to improve examination quality
- A collaborative approach will yield greater improvements
 - Applicants helping examiners
 - Examiners helping applicants
- As a first step, examiner perceptions of application readiness

Top Needs and Common Themes

		Need	Experience	Gap
Specifications	Having the inventive concept clearly set forth	8.07	5.06	3.0
	Having the specification clearly describe the referenced features in the drawings	7.89	6.88	1.0
	Having the preferred embodiments described in detail	7.43	6.07	1.4
	Using clear terms and correct grammar and syntax	7.74	5.50	2.2
Claims	Having claims that are clear and correct in syntax and grammar	8.76	5.85	2.9
	Having independent claims that capture the same inventive concept disclosed in specification	8.59	4.77	3.8
	Having claim terminology that is highly correlated with language disclosed in the specification	8.23	5.92	2.3
	Having claims that are solely directed to the inventive concept (not broader than the inventive concept)	7.45	3.08	4.4
	Having a reasonable/manageable number of claims	8.74	4.97	3.8
IDS	Having all citations in IDS in English (translations are provided with submission)	7.53	3.91	3.6
	Having a reasonable/manageable number of references cited in IDS	7.88	5.37	2.5

2018 Strategic Topics (cont.)

- **Quality**

- How can offices influence applicant behavior? Should we have a service level rating? Is this discussion still relevant or have we done all that we can do? In general, where can improvements be made?

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Other suggestions?

- Topics
- Format



