TOPIC 2 – Improvement in OPD System

- OPD System should be referred to as the Global Dossier (GD) system to avoid confusion

- Further attention to existing system
  - Timeliness is still an issue
  - There is still missing information
  - Possibility of having documentary data available in text format
  - Enhanced citations needs further attention
  - OPD-API should be made open to the public

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- Suggested improvements
  - Maintenance/Legal status should be included or linked within the GD
  - NPL documents should be included
  - More granularity in citation of references. More labels should be used to identify documents
  - Add appeals and trial decisions
  - Use GD for automatic exchange of priority documents
  - Maintenance periods of the IP5 databases could be harmonized

TOPIC 3 – Updates on GD Priorities

- XML'ization
  - Industry believes this is the most important issue
  - IP5 should give priority to this issue so faster progress can be made
  - Users should not be penalized for XML'ization issues that are outside of their control
  - Once XML'ization is achieved, coordination is necessary to permit access to utilize common search techniques, common APIs, common e-signatures in a coordinated and uniform manner
  - DOCX filings proposed by USPTO should not be a mandatory or increase users' burdens

TOPIC 3 – Updates on GD Priorities

- Alerting
  - Users prefer using email

- Inter-Office Document Sharing
  - Consideration should be given to use the GD system to ease the burden of IDS requirements.
  - Should not forget the ultimate goal of achieving the "active component" filing an application from office to office.
  - Consider using a common application filing form, uploading to this form common bibliographic information, relying on first filed application and under PLT achieving "active component."

TOPIC 3 – Updates on GD Priorities

- Applicant Name Standardization
  - Should be considered in the context of global assignment

- General Comments
  - Industry would like to know what can be realized and timelines
  - Patent Offices should reduce or eliminate the use of paper communications, certificates, etc.

Thank You

Questions?