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**Feedback from 4th IP5 GDTF meeting
(Munich 18 January 2017)**

**35th Trilateral Conference
Meeting of Trilateral Heads of Office with Trilateral
Industry**

**Hotel Sevilla Center, Seville, Spain
Wednesday, 29 March 2017**

Key industry requests

- Focus on quality of Global Dossier (GD):
 - establish a document on completeness, timeliness, performance (including response times and 24x365 availability).
 - industry also to regularly report on issues in relation to the operation of the GD.
- IP5 Industry requested data on the level of effectiveness of the passive part of the GD,
 - Examples: number of examiners using the service and a comparison between the cases of potential uses cases with the actual usage figures.
- Industry called for increased education and awareness building on the GD.



Key industry requests

- Industry values IP5 Common Citation Document (CCD) – IP5 to speed up on enriched citations delivery and to be informed when new functions become available.
- Industry called for access to as complete a set of cited documents as possible, towards meeting IDS requirements.
- **Top priority for IP5 Industry:** enhance Non Patent Literature (NPL) citation provision. Because of copyright issues IP5 Offices cannot provide access to much of the NPL data. IP5 point out that they can provide information on how to best access NPL based on their industrial NPL acquisition processes.
- Industry also called for increased education and awareness building on the IP5 CCD.



Next GD deliverables: 5 priorities

- **Alerting:** Industry is looking forward to its implementation.
- **XML document provision:** Industry presented on XML document use, and demonstrated the seamless incorporation of XML data into patent management systems.
- **Standardised Applicant Name:** Industry asked to be informed of the companies that will be selected for the pilot.
- **Legal Status:** Industry asked IP5 to focus on providing initial results. Industry identified five priority areas for inclusion in the IP5 legal status databases, namely patent **date of expiration**, the filing date, publication, grant and live/dead. Industry requested an Alerting service for Legal Status.
- **Proof of Concept:** Challenges to be tackled, such as harmonisation of forms, legal issues, and identity management and security in IT. Industry support is required for addressing these challenges. Suggestion: common forms for procedural matters in order to alleviate clerical tasks.



Next GD deliverables: WIPO CASE

- WIPO CASE: expansion of the work sharing network beyond the IP5 Offices potentially towards a truly “global” network.
- WIPO CASE now includes 12 providing offices as well as 14 “accessing only” offices. The IP5 Offices plus WIPO, AUS and CA allow public access.
- Industry noted the importance of WIPO case and of presenting an overview of the GD and WIPO CASE dossier coverage, and making this available online.



New initiatives in XML filing

- EPO presented its proposals for a new option for future Office Open XML (OOXML) filings with fee changes to encourage this.
- User consultations are ongoing and a pilot program will follow.
- EPO requested support from Industry for this initiative to encourage users to transition and for piloting activities.
- The EPO stated that further developments will be presented to industry later in 2017. Support was voiced. Concerns expressed by Industry concerning convertibility, reliability, and transferability among offices will be addressed in the ongoing pilot programs.

