

**Summary upon the WIPO-PatCom Meeting in Geneva,  
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**1. Introduction**

*Francis Gurry*, Deputy Director General of WIPO welcomes the PatCom delegation and opened the meeting and explained, that it has been a difficult period since the last meeting with PatCom:

Within the PCT reform a lot of technical items have been cleared, e.g. missing parts. The reform should be finished end of September 2005. There remain two items, which will continue next year. Details are not quite ready:

- Supplementary search facility because of diversity of languages in prior art, where principles are accepted but details are not yet worked out. Difference exists with EPO.
- The other item is publication in multiple languages where applicant provides translation (combining US needs for English and national countries needing their own language).

There is the problem of misunderstanding from China and other political issues.

The operations on the PCT continue to go very well:

- Over the course of the summer, full functionalities of the electronic dossier were achieved
- WIPO continues to exchange and tries to exchange data electronically
- Important developments on Patent data services and statistics.

*Willem Lagemaat* thanks and states that PatCom always appreciates to meet with leading patent offices.

## 2. WIPO Patent Information Policy and Publication Plans.

*Williams Meredith* gives a comprehensive PATENTSCOPE presentation and demo. This product shall be the central framework for making available all PCT and Patent resources by WIPO via Internet. Everything online: publication, file inspection, etc... complete PCT database, bibliographic data from 1978.

[www.test.wipo.int/patentscope/en/](http://www.test.wipo.int/patentscope/en/)

(Still confidential, but soon testers will be welcome)

Search patent data:

- PCT electronic gazette (exists on IPDL)
- PCT applications: new
- Download: what you already use today; clearer for newcomers.
- Sequence listing
- Data exchange (secure exchange)
  
- The new interface for "PCT Advanced Search" will be introduced with better first answer display including applicant and abstract
- Full text is not yet available since 1978 but since April 1998
- Possibility to display latest available application info
- Possibility to download in HTML or XML
- Electronic dossier will be developed in the coming weeks. Managed by WIPO. Some in facsimile only
- Documents will be available as single documents and not page by page
- Users can also get zipped files on publications and priority documents

Terms and conditions of use will have slight modifications and the acknowledgment of the source is necessary. There will be no change in pricing. Delivery of Data will be online view or FTP delivery. The only change will be ST36 from January 2006 on. DVD for complete documents is recommended as downloading is extensively soliciting.

WIPO offers to have FTP tests with interested PatCom members.

OCR tests are showing high quality results. Japanese and Korean documents are already coming 90% in character mode.

*Rob Willows* is interested in FTP testing. *Willem Lagemaat* asks if OCR full text is available and when? The answer is: after about 3 days. WIPO is working to reduce this delay, but it is too early to give a clear date. Demand here also exists from the industry. WIPO anticipated help from electronic filing in XML but it did not happen. *Gert Frackenpohl* suggested having access to OPS like facility.

## 3. Possible Cooperation Activities

### Web forum proposal

*Georg F. Schultheiss* explained the relation to a former discussion with EPO and that PatCom is interested in the WIPO opinion on this matter. There are two different types of forum seen as possible:

- A more professional PDG Impact like and
- A sort of training for SMEs.

*Pierre Buffet* offers to send the PDG Impact slide to *William Guy*. WIPO sees differences in interest and in the target between possible partners. Both should be cleared in advance.

### **SME training**

A respective activity started with KIPO in form of an interactive DVD with 19 modules similar to those more than 70 modules developed by KIPO at national level. One developed a module in English created by WIPO with Korean know-how is in alpha tests. The development of the total 19 modules is a matter of time and budget.

### **Statistics & Business Information**

*Georg F. Schultheiss* points out that most of the work in this direction has been explained under agenda point 2.

*Francis Curry* adds that a couple of things are happening in cooperating with EPO and OECD. WIPO can continue to update PatCom on this matter although it is not intensively active there.

### **4. AOB**

The next meeting with WIPO is envisaged for the first half of December 2005. *William Guy* and the *Georg F. Schultheiss* will prepare it.

Georg F. Schultheiss  
Secretary of PatCom

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