

WIPO Participants:

Francis Gurry, Deputy Director General
William Guy, Head, Technology Documentation Section
William Meredith, Head, PCT Statistics Section
Neil Wilson, Chief Information Officer and Director

PatCom Participants:

Willem-Geert Lagemaat, Univentio, PatCom President, NL
Pierre Buffet, Questel.Orbit, PatCom Executive Committee, F
David Dickens, Questel.Orbit, US
Prof.Dr.-Ing. Georg F. Schultheiss, PatCom Honorary Secretary, DE

1. Introduction

Francis Gurry, Deputy Director General of WIPO welcomes the PatCom delegation and opened the meeting.

2. IPC 8

Willem Lagemaat thanks and states that PatCom is prepared to help further in the process of IPC 8 development as discussed in the Forum on the day before.

Neil Wilson explained the future work for substituting the IPC 7 classification and how IPC 8 will be updated in an automated solution from version N-1 to version N. The participants agreed that more and finer definitions are necessary as well as the stabilisation will take years.

Pierre Buffet asked for a push warning. WIPO will look for possibilities.

As WIPO operates several expert groups, *Willem Lagemaat* asked for the possibilities that PatCom experts may be observer in the respective meetings. *Francis Gurry* explained that PatCom should apply for the observer status. *William Guy* and *Georg Schultheiss* arrange the necessary action.

3. Standards

Willem Lagemaat explained, that PatCom is very interested in harmonization of data formats, platforms, data delivery procedures etc.

Neil Wilson mentions, that PDG is observer in the WIPO Standards Committee as well. *William Meredith* added, that in ST.36-XML there are still some residuals of old formats, but the direction is to discontinue and to stop PCT.C in April 2006. The future goes from image based to full text operation.

4. WIPO Publication

Francis Gurry explained details of the PCT publication, which continues and the number of joining countries (128) slowly grows. Malaysia and Thailand as well as Latin America may come; the Arab countries are also candidates.

WIPO sees a demand evolution, which is shown in the monthly reports. In 2005 there was a 9,4% growth to 134.000 international applications. For the next 4 years WIPO expects +5% per year. Asian countries show higher growth rates: Japan + 24% (change in law), China +43%, Korea also higher, India is down on a low level (620 from 840). WIPO will see PCT as the preferred route for international filings.

Willem Lagemaat sees a task for WIPO to help to get original national full documents, which for some countries is nearly impossible so far. He mentions a stud about 15 South American Offices and the example of the interaction between the British Office, Jouve and EPO. He proposed to WIPO to become a "Publication Home".

William Guy sees a chance to use the project "Latipat" with the EPO and the Spanish Office in that way.

Francis Gurry asked PatCom for a list of greatest needs and priorities and *Willem Lagemaat* promised to send this in about two weeks.

5. Raw PCT Data (FTP Service)

Full text feed, image feed, bibliographic data and OCR results have been discussed. Thomson Scientific has tested the FTP transfer. PatCom will ask *Rob Willows*, who could not participate today, for the test results. There is a slight delay at WIPO but in about 3 months it should work.

Pierre Buffet asked for the possibility to get the complete data set from 1971 till today as copy on DVD. *William Meredith* will compile a list of priorities and a wish list to be used for common mind arranging.

6. Patent Scope – Experiences and Development

In general the feedback is positive but IPC 8 is hard to find. In a short discussion about competing systems e.g. between WIPO and EPO *Francis Gurry* is not expecting a tension field as WIPO is primarily working for developing countries. The problem is cost covering.

7. SME training

William Guy announced that there would be a reference to the PatCom link list in the WIPO News Letter for SMEs. He asked for help in the IP-Panorama, a module in English created by WIPO with Korean know-how as draft. Comments are welcome!

The participation in SME training seminars of WIPO is possible on own expense. *Georg Schultheiss* asked for an early planning, as the specialists of the commercial providers are also necessary in the provider courses. He also announced that in the next update of the PatCom link list the IPC 8 links will be on top.

8. AOB

The next meeting with WIPO is envisaged in about a year from now. *William Guy* and the *Georg F. Schultheiss* will prepare it. It may be, that there will be an IPC meeting in June 2006.

Georg F. Schultheiss
Secretary of PatCom

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