

Agreed Summary upon the 4. WIPO-PatCom Meeting in Geneva, 27.02.2007, 10:30 am – 13:00 am

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0. Introductions

Francis Gurry, Deputy Director General of WIPO opened the meeting, welcome the PatCom delegation, and introduced the new participants from WIPO. He also mentioned, that Mikhail Makarov will retire by end of February.

Willem Lagemaat thanked and introduced the new members in the PatCom delegation.

1. PatCom Observer Status

Georg Schultheiss thanked WIPO for the acceptance of PatCom as observer in its committee meetings and for the comprehensive information supply. He asked for future sending of material to use electronic form, what was immediately accepted by WIPO (and is already working). He also apologized, that PatCom may not be able to participate with observers in all meetings foreseen, but PatCom will try to be present in all meetings important for the commercial services.

2. IPC 8

Antonios Farassopoulos gave an overview (see Annex 1) and mentioned that IPC8 advanced level subcommittee meetings are performed and 8 projects are in the pipeline. There exist still difficulties with “missing symbols”, but these are under constant surveillance and improvement. IPC 9 is foreseen in 2009 but first information may be possible already in July 2008.

Following the PatCom proposal for a follow-up meeting to the IPC 8 Forum of 2006 *Francis Gurry* discussed possibilities and details in the meeting.

As result of the discussion WIPO will consider a meeting early in November 2007. Main topics shall be:

- Experiences with IPC 8
- IPC 8 Updates
- Further Needs
- Next Steps

The first half day (afternoon) could be a workshop (technical) followed by an open session (full seminar) on the next day. *WIPO* will inform PatCom and other interested parties about details in due time.

3. Standards

Ángel López Solanas gave a comprehensive overview following the agenda of the next WIPO standards committee meeting on March 19./23., 2007 (see Annex 2). In detail he explained:

- The ST.13 revision to improve the quality of priority numbers following a trilateral offices' request
- The application number recommendation survey for first filing the new code has 2 letters, 4 digits year, 8 digits serial or including other elements, e.g. doc type.
- The ST.22 revision for OCR
- The international authority under PCT and ISO 3166/1
- XML for trademarks
- A Global XML dictionary proposal for patents, trademarks and industrial design
- DOI and persistent identifiers

This overview encouraged PatCom to delegate members as observers at least for the first two working days to the next committee meeting. *Pierre Buffet* and *Doyna Nanu, Thomson Scientific* will participate. The PatCom delegation has welcomed the direct contact now started to *Ángel López Solanas*.

4. PCT Data (FTP service) - Timeliness

William Meredith explained the actual situation and corrected misunderstandings. Data delivery directly from WIPO is more timely than via the EPO. WIPO also is looking for a new Internet provider with a high bandwidth. If this works, it should be available by end of 2007.

The OCR quality is around 99,5 %, but in the backfile exist some worst quality pages. A complete backfile shall be ST 36 compliant and ready by end of 2007.

5. Patent Scope – Experiences and Development combined with

6. WIPO Development Plan and

7. WIPO Publications

William Meredith distributed printed slides (see Annex 3) and gave additional explanations about experiences with PatentScope, new features and future plans.

Willem Lagemaat gave an overview upon PatCom policy to the offices and the experiences during the last years. He especially mentioned the necessity of early information upon development plans because of cost implications in and competition to commercial service developments.

Francis Gurry explained the different mission of WIPO compared to e.g. EPO. WIPO's stakeholders include developing countries and public policy interests. WIPO patent information policy is not towards "push services" or the "high end market". PCT and IPR are seen as "demand management". The progress in the IT market drives WIPO to the "electronic office" and changes will be fast in the future, too. WIPO sees the necessity to inform institutions like PatCom as early as possible of new developments.

For translation of PCT documentation WIPO is relying more heavily on outsourcing but clearly sees the importance of quality control. WIPO is also working on a multiple language terminology database and search tools (RFP published on the WIPO internet site). *Rob Willows* asked for the availability of the dictionary for third parties. *Francis Gurry* sees this not as impossible but so far no decision has been made. WIPO is interested to talk with interested PatCom members further on this matter and is highly interested to preserve linguistic diversity. WIPO is trying to modernise PCT translation.

8. AOB

The next meeting with WIPO is envisaged in about a year from now. *William Meredith* and *Georg Schultheiss* will prepare the details.

Georg F. Schultheiss
Secretary of PatCom

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More offices have implemented the reform and are using IPC8.

A table is available on the IPC site on Internet with information on the use of the IPC by offices (C-A level, date of implementation of IPC8, reclassification practice)

http://www.wipo.int/classifications/ipc/en/reform/table_use_core_adv.pdf

The Advanced Level Subcommittee has started its work, consisting mainly in the revision of the advanced level, the publication of new versions of the IPC and organization of the reclassification of the patent files according to the new IPC versions. Eight projects have been or are currently under consideration.

Two projects have already been adopted and published as IPC 2007.01 version in both languages. This version has been available in English for early information in October 2006. In the future early publication will be available at least three months in advance. The next version will be the 2007.10 version which will be available at the latest on July 1. The projects that will be published concern the area of pedals and hybrid vehicles. The source for new projects is the trilateral cooperation. Additional Definitions for around 50 subclasses will be published at the same time.

It was decided that AL projects which have an important impact on the CL will enter into force at the same time as the new core level edition, i.e. 2009.01

The structure for the reclassification work and exchange of information has been set-up and the MCD contains already reclassification information relative to the 2007.01 version. Nine offices have participated in the reclassification work.

A new backfile DVD of the MCD was issued in August 2006. The IPC coverage stands at approximately 91%. Update DVDs will be produced regularly in the future. A status report prepared by the EPO is available (http://www.wipo.int/edocs/mdocs/classifications/en/ipc_ce_39/ipc_ce_39_6.pdf)

A survey was conducted on the use of the first symbol on patent documents. The result is, that almost the totality of the offices having replied put as first symbol the one which better represents the document.

A set of 85 examples for training in classifying patent documents have been developed.

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ANNEX 2

STANDING COMMITTEE ON INFORMATION TECHNOLOGIES STANDARDS AND DOCUMENTATION WORKING GROUP

**Eighth Session
Geneva, March 19 to 22, 2007**

REVISED DRAFT AGENDA

Document prepared by the Secretariat

- 1 Opening of the session
- 2 Election of the Chair and two Vice-Chairs
- 3 Adoption of the agenda
- 4 Revision of WIPO Standard ST.10/C (Task No. 30)
 - (a) Report by the ST.10/C Task Force: Draft proposal on an application number format
See document SCIT/SDWG/8/2.
 - (b) Update of the survey of the implementation of paragraph 12(a) of WIPO Standard ST.10/C
See document SCIT/SDWG/8/3.

- 5 Revision of WIPO Standard ST.22 (Task No. 37)
 - (a) Oral progress report by the Task Leader of the ST.22 Task Force
 - (b) Proposal by the ST.22 Task Force on the revision of WIPO Standard ST.22
See document SCIT/SDWG/8/4.
- 6 Annual Technical Reports (ATRs) on Patent, Trademark and Industrial Design Information Activities (Task No. 24)
 - (a) Oral report by the Task Leader of the ATRs Task Force
 - (b) ATRs Survey and proposals by the ATRs Task Force
See document SCIT/SDWG/8/5.
- 7 Revision of WIPO Standard ST.3 (Task No. 33/3)
See document SCIT/SDWG/8/6.
- 8 Information regarding the WIPO Digital Access Service for Priority Documents by the Task Leader of the P-Docs Task Force (Task No. 15)
See document SCIT/SDWG/8/7.
- 9 Recommended minimum contents for industrial property offices websites
See document SCIT/SDWG/8/8.
- 10 Progress report by the European Patent Office and the International Bureau on making information accessible about the entry into the national (regional) phase of published PCT International Applications (Task No. 23)
See document SCIT/SDWG/8/9.
- 11 Renewal of the WIPO *Handbook on Industrial Property Information and Documentation* (Task No. 26)
See document SCIT/SDWG/8/10.
- 12 XML (Extended Markup Language) standard for trademarks (Task No. 34)
 - (a) Oral progress report by the International Bureau
 - (b) Proposal by the WIPO Standard ST.66 Forum on the adoption of new WIPO Standard ST.66
See document SCIT/SDWG/8/11.
- 13 Discussion of the synchronization of WIPO Standard ST.36 and Annex F of the PCT Administrative Instructions (Part 7)
- 14 Discussion of harmonization of the XML (Extensible Markup Language) markup for patents, trademarks, and industrial designs
- 15 Consideration of the SDWG Task List
See document SCIT/SDWG/8/12.
- 16 Schedule of activities
See document SCIT/SDWG/8/13.
- 17 Adoption of the report of the session
- 18 Closing of the session

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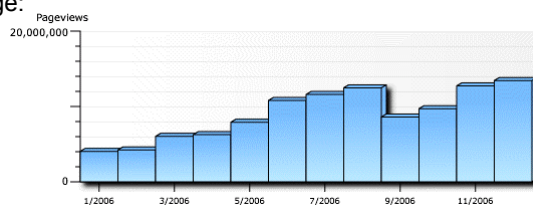
PatentScope - Experiences

Milestones

- June 2005 - PatentScope released with complete PCT backfile and file inspection functions.
- April 2006 - PatentScope becomes the platform for PCT electronic publication.
- April 2006 - National Phase entries online.

Experiences

- Positive feedback from patent searchers and offices (survey results).
- Many small-medium sized offices use PatentScope as their primary source of PCT documentation.
- Continued growth in usage:





New Features in 2006

RSS feeds

- Automatic notification of new search results every publication week.

National Phase notifications, with hyperlinks

- More than 1M national phase notifications from 24 patent offices.
- Hyperlinks to Australia, Canada, Rep. of Korea.
- National Phase Search Index

Search Features

- Highlighted terms and distribution maps - Quickly find search terms in the description and claims

Graphics

New Content

- IB/304, IB/306

Weekly FTP delivery

- The complete weekly publication is now available to subscribers for FTP download (test phase) on publication date



Future plans

More data and documents online

- PCT National Phase notifications from the 'missing' offices
- Full-text for the complete collection 1978-2006 (Latin languages)
- Improve Sequence Listing Process

Patent Landscapes

- e.g. studies on Textiles, food crops, vaccines ...

Language Tools

- multi-lingual search
- translation tools

More statistics

- including country profiles and country-level indicators

Rework and modernisation of electronic products