



## PatCom- WIPO 14th meeting, February 3rd, 2016 10:00 -12:30

### Attendee list

#### PatCom:

Jurjen Dijkstra (LexiNexis)

Armin Foerderer, (FIZ Karlsruhe)

Margit Hoehne, PatentGate

Olivier Huc (Minesoft)

Martine Massiera (Questel)

#### WIPO

Mrs. Sandrine Ammann, Marketing & communications officer, Global Infrastructure Sector

Mr. Antonios Farassopoulos, Director, International Classifications and Standards Division, Global Infrastructure Sector

Mr. Patrick Fievet, Head, It Systems Section, International Classifications and Standards Division, Global Infrastructure Sector

Mr. Paul Halfpenny, Senior Administrator, Office of the Assistant Director General, Global Infrastructure Sector

Mr. Christophe Mazenc, Director, Global Databases Division, Global Infrastructure Sector

Mr. William Meredith, Director, IP Office Business Solutions Division, Global Infrastructure Sector

Mr. Alejandro Roca-Campaña, Senior Director, Global Infrastructure Sector

Mr. Yo Takagi; Assistant Director General, Global Infrastructure Sector

Mrs. Ning Xu, Head, International Patent Classification Section, International Classifications and Standards Division, Global Infrastructure Sector

Mr. Young-Woo Yun, Head, Standards Section, International Classifications and Standards Division, Global Infrastructure Sector

## Summary of the meeting

1. **Introduction and welcome:** we all introduced ourselves briefly and then Mr. Takagi welcomed PatCom members, reaffirmed WIPO's commitment to building a Global IP Infrastructure and to sharing challenges and opportunities with business actors. He then shared the latest trends in patent filings for 2014 and gave some rough figures for 2015 showing continued growth for PCT, Madrid and Hague.

Then Mr. Roca-campaña presented briefly WIPO's cooperation with developing countries through the following programs: TISCs, ARDI, ResearchforLife and ASPI. He also gave an overview of the latest developments regarding patent landscape reports.

2. **Approval of the minutes of the 13<sup>th</sup> PatCom-WIPO meeting**

The minutes were approved by all participants. There was no comment.

3. **Points from last meeting**

It was agreed to discuss those points after the presentation of the related topic.

4. **WIPO data products**

Mr. Mazenc presented the Global Dissemination Initiative and the creation of the bulk downloading facility for the annual subscription price of CHF 100 for individuals and/or companies. This fee will allow WIPO to identify subscribers in order to make sure they comply with the terms and conditions [PDF](#). He explained that first PCT bibliographic data would become available, followed by full-text in XML, images (facsimile images) and then later by other IP data such as Madrid, Hague provided agreement was obtained by the respective sectors. Interested national/regional offices will also contribute their data to this facility.

He offered PatCom members to test the bulk downloading facility before it is made publically available. The response was positive. The target date is end of February 2016.

He also explained that addresses will not be available in data available in the bulk facility therefore the PatCom members express their will to continue with their current subscription to the PCT data products.

5. **WIPO Case data**

Mr. Meredith gave a presentation on WIPO Case including the historical background, the membership, the web portal, the forum, the configuration and the different statuses.

WIPO Case system enables patent offices to securely share search and examination documentation related to patent applications in order to facilitate work sharing programs.

Many patent applications are filed in multiple offices and patent examiners can increase the efficiency and quality of their work by sharing their examination results.

The system was initially developed by the International Bureau in response to a request from the Vancouver Group offices (the patent offices of Australia, Canada and the UK). Based on their requirements, an initial system was deployed in 2011. The system was further enhanced during 2012 and is now operational for exchange of documents between examiners in the three offices.

Since June 1, 2015, any patent office may join the system by notifying the International Bureau that it is willing to participate according to the new terms and conditions [PDF](#) for the system. The office will choose whether it wishes to be a providing office or only an accessing office and technical choices need to be made for the exchange of documents between the office and the system. During a transition period, some offices are still participating according to the previous version of the terms and conditions [PDF](#).

## 6. Accessing data from emerging countries

Mr. Mazenc mentioned the 2 software solutions used to support business processes including reception, classification, examination, publication, notifications, registration and digitization of all documentation with IP Offices:

IPAS (Industrial Property Administration System): a workflow-based and highly customizable system that supports all the major business processes of an IP office;

WIPO Publish: to help offices provide online access to published documents, and to facilitate the exchange of published data and documents with international IP systems, such as the PCT and Madrid, and with regional and international IP database.

PatCom members expressed their frustration to have that same item on the agenda for 3 years without any progress.

Mr. Meredith explained that each office is specific and that there are legal, policy and technical issues to overcome before offices will allow free distribution and redistribution of their data. He explained that for WIPO to be able to redistribute data already in WIPO databases, each Patent Office must authorize such data redistribution. Mr. Halfpenny illustrated the challenges by explaining that out of 188 letters sent to WIPO States to invite them to participate in the Global Dissemination Initiative, only 11 replies were received, and only four of those were unconditionally positive.

## **7. Update on PATENTSCOPE**

Mr. Mazenc presented the future chemical search function that will become available in PATENTSCOPE in July 2016. Initially this search feature will be available for the PCT, US and DE collections as the software used, InfoChem, can handle English and German. He explained the delay between the publication and the publication with INN

Then he presented two languages combinations that will become available for WIPO Translate in 2016: German-English and Japanese-English and vice versa for the description and claims.

## **8. Classification, Planning and Developments with IPC**

Mr. Fievet presented the latest developments in the IT support. The IPC Revision Management Solution (IPCRMS) was moved into production in October 2015. It will make the IPC revision based on CPC and FI easier. IPCRMS impact on IPC Master files and by-products will be fully visible as from IPC 2017.01. There were some necessary changes on the IPCPUB publication platform due to CPC format change in 2015. A new web service is available to provide in XML CPC or FI subdivisions below a given IPC. For 2016, IPCPUB will have a new user interface. The backlog of IPC reclassification is now over 2 million of patent families. Its management is planned to be handed over from EPO to WIPO in 2017.

Mrs. Xu presented the IPC revision progress, and in particular on the statistics of IPC 2016.01. She mentioned the major technical areas where the significant IPC revision took place in the IPC 2016.01, such as IPC Sections A, H and F. Mrs. Xu also briefly introduced the future development of the IPC foreseen in 2017. She informed the participants that the next session of the IPC Committee of Experts will take place on February 24 and 26, 2016.

## **9. Standards Developments**

Mr. Farassopoulos recalled the difficulties in convening the WIPO Standards meeting last year. He explained that progress had been made and that the meeting was very likely to take place this year at the end of March.

Mr. Yun told the audience that if the CWS takes place in March 2016, WIPO Standard ST.26 will likely be adopted; and ST.14 revision should be considered and likely approved in March this year. He also mentioned that the CWS SEQL Task Force is working on the options for transition from ST.25 to ST.26 as well as the preparation of guidance document for ST.26 for IPOs and applicants. Regarding ST.3, a new code “XV”

is under consultation for Visegrad Patent Institute (VPI) and another code “XX” representing unknown country/organization is in the pipeline.

Mr. Farassopoulos and Mr. Yun asked PatCom members if they would be interested in participating in discussions regarding name standardization. The response was positive with some restriction as to what they would be willing to share.

**10. Any other business**

No other issue/topic was discussed

**11. Date of the next meeting**

It was agreed that the next meeting would take place in February 2017. The specific date will be decided later in the year.