

Patent Public Advisory Committee Meeting

Progress on Patent Prosecution Highway (PPH)



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PPH: Current State of Play

- Brief recap of PPH from an historical standpoint
- Favorable statistics still holding; costs halved for users
- USPTO participates with 27 offices and 41 separate agreements, with others in the pipeline
- In 2012, EPO promotes IP5-based PPH
 - agreed to, but with stipulations
 - Indicates EPO's willingness to move beyond Trilateral arrangements, but not beyond IP5 offices
- Near concurrent introduction of a normalized, “global” PPH system



Coming Very Soon: Global PPH

- At long last, agreement by a number of offices to harmonize the PPH system
- Introduction of USPTO's "Global PPH Principles" document in June of 2012
- "Agreement" regime
 - Compliance v. formal MOU language
 - Declaration/intent format
 - Offices can sign on at any time



Global PPH: Key Elements

- “Global PPH Principles”
 - Includes the “Mottainai” concept
 - Plus “PPH 2.0” requirement streamlining
 - Reduced entry needs
 - Use of IT systems where possible
 - No distinction between work available in any filing route, Paris or PCT
 - Positive results from any earlier office available as a basis



Leadership Offices: Global PPH

- United States
- Japan
- Korea
- United Kingdom
- Australia
- Canada
- Russia
- Spain
- Portugal
- Norway
- Finland
- Denmark
- Nordic Patent Institute
- Others in discussions today

~ 90 % of
PPH
entries to
date



Global PPH in 2014

- Start date: January 6, 2014
- Concurrent with IP5 “pilot”
 - No difference in requirements
- Messaging to the stakeholder community; no need for users to choose among the various agreements; notification

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Questions and Comments?

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