Patent Public Advisory Committee
Quarterly Meeting

International Update

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The IP5

First meeting held May 2007

Members:

- European Patent Office (EPO)
- Japan Patent Office (JPO)
- Korean Intellectual Property Office (KIPO)
- State Intellectual Property Office of the People’s Republic of China (SIPO)
- United States Patent & Trademark Office (USPTO)

The IP5 handles:

- 80% of the world’s patent applications
- 95% of PCT work
Global Dossier

Global Dossier is a set of business services modernizing the global patent system and delivering benefits to all stakeholders.

Services are developed in partnership with the Global Dossier Task Force and all stakeholders: External Users and Examiners.
Global Dossier Task Force

Members:

- **IP5 Offices**
  - United States Patent and Trademark Office (USPTO)
  - European Patent Office (EPO)
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- **Industry IP5 Members**
  - American Intellectual Property Law Association (AIPLA)
  - Intellectual Property Owners Association (IPO)
  - Japan Intellectual Property Association (JIPA)
  - Korea Intellectual Property Association (KINPA)
  - Patent Protection Association of China (PPAC)
  - BUSINESSEUROPE

- **World Intellectual Property Organization (WIPO)**
Global Dossier Task Force Meetings

January 2013 - First meeting held in the Hague
Met to assess the scope for improvements to the processes supporting the global patent system. Industry representatives set out their specific needs and gave a prioritized overview of the potential results and benefits of procedural reforms.

January 2015 – Second meeting held in Suzhou, China
IP5 Offices reported to industry on progress in the Global Dossier initiative. Significantly, IP5 Industry was able to agree on a number of short-term priorities leading towards the ultimate Global Dossier goal of cross-filing in multiple offices. The five agreed short-term priorities, each to be coordinated by an IP5 Office, are:
» legal status;
» alerting (of changes to an application status);
» XML-based provision of all patent application documents;
» proof of concept for inter office data exchange;
» standardization of applicant names.
IP5 Industry expressed their hope to be involved in the process of developing the Global Dossier initiative further.

February 2016 – Third meeting happening this week at USPTO
Hague Agreement (I)

• The centralized acquisition and maintenance of industrial design rights
  – by filing a single international application
  – for a single international registration
  – with effect in one or more designated Contracting Parties
Hague Agreement (II)

• Geneva Act - effective in US on May 13, 2015
• WIPO Statistics
  – 4111 International Design Applications filed worldwide in 2014
• USPTO statistics (As of Dec. 31, 2015)
  – Over 130 IDAs filed at USPTO as office of indirect filing
  – Over 950 IDAs filed worldwide designating the U.S.
ID5 (I)

• Initial meeting held Dec. 2015
• A number of projects and studies were agreed to:
  – Compilation of Industrial Design Statistics (JPO)
  – Development and Maintenance of an ID5 Website (KIPO)
  – Catalog of Eligibility for Industrial Design Protection (KIPO)
  – Impact of Industrial Design on Economies (OHIM)
  – Priority Document Exchange by ID5 Offices (USPTO/SIPO)
A number of projects and studies were agreed to (cont.):

- Design Classification Conventions & Practices (KIPO/JPO)
- Uniform Product Indications (OHIM)
- Update of the Catalog of View and Drawing Requirements (OHIM)
- Application of a Grace Period for Industrial Design Applicants (USPTO)
- Partial Designs as an Effective Means of Protection for Innovation (USPTO)
PCT Update

  – Quality Subgroup
  – Work Sharing
• 217,300 filings in 2015 (1.4%) growth
  – 57,253 in RO/US (1.3% growth)
• 595,400 national stage entries
  – 85,834 in DO/US
Questions and Comments?

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