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IP5 Approach to GDTF 5 Priorities



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Post GDTF meeting activities/plan

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IP5 WG2:

GDTF proposes **5 priority topics** to be looked at by the IP5

18th-19th March 2015

IP5 Deputy Heads:

Deputy Heads agree that a **vision statement** for each priority be agreed

22nd May 2015

IP5 Heads:

Assumed **endorsement** of 5 priorities vision by the IP5 Heads

Q3 2015 onwards

IP5WG2:

Refinement of priority topic activities by IP5WG2 and proposal of concrete initiatives

Alerting

Background:

Alerting of status changes provides useful information to applicants or the public

A **federated** alerting system would be a significant step forward

Several offices currently provide alerting using different channels.

IP5 Activity:

The IP5WG2 would work to define a system for alerting which would provide alerts for all IP5 family members in a unified manner

XML Based documents

Background:

Text coded documents are more convenient for automated processing than facsimiles

Applicants can more easily **reuse** and **manage** application documents for subsequent filings and transcription/rekeying **errors are avoided**

Offices more easily implement **machine translation** and document **parsing**

IP5 Activity:

The IP5 increase the provision of XML based documents to applicants and Offices, exchange information on formats and developments in processing and parsing documents

Applicants Name standardisation

Background:

In patent publications, transliteration and the use of multiple names by a single applicant lead to large numbers of name differentiations among individual legal entities.

A reduction in name variance improves the quality of **search and analysis**, and applicant **administration** can then be simplified for cross filing.

IP5 Activity:

The IP5 will develop best practices for making standardised names available in bibliographic data and will investigate the feasibility of name **harmonisation**.

Legal Status

Background:

The availability of IP legal status data in a **consistent** and **timely** manner is critical for the decision making process of market players

The IP5 offices provide legal status data **in bulk** which is available to the public in databases of IP5.

Provision of legal status in a **federated** format **on demand** would significantly simplify the work of global players

IP5 Activity:

The IP5 will determine optimal methods for making legal status data available to enable federated legal status tools.

Proof of Concept: Applicant Initiated Inter-Office Document Exchange

Background:

A core goal of the GD is to enable offices exchange applicant submissions and act on them.

This could lead to significant savings for applicants

The GDTF industry considers that a **proof of concept** of cross filing is necessary to demonstrate the benefits

IP5 Activity:

Select an applicant submission for the demonstration of cross filing.
Demonstrate the feasibility of cross filing.

Global Dossier Vision

Alerting:

Provide timely updates to users on status or file wrapper changes to all IP5 family members of an application being watched

XML Based Documents:

Maintain focus on the increasing provision by IP5 offices of all file wrapper documents in XML

Applicant name standardisation

Harmonise and normalise applicant names across IP5 patent document collections

Legal status

Agree on the sharing approach for legal status reporting of patents and applications across the IP5

Proof of Concept: Applicant Initiated Inter-Office Document Exchange

Demonstrate the feasibility of cross filing documents or changes over the entire IP5 using an example submission achievable in today's IP5 legal framework

Global Dossier Guiding Principles

Focus on items which are realizable in the current legal system of each Office

Take the items that can be handled independently within WG2 as top priorities

No requirement for all Offices to work in lock-step;

Advance step by step from what we have

Thank you