IP5 Industry reply on EPO report of 2019 Global Dossier Task Force (GDTF) and Industry Consultation Group (ICG) meeting of IP5 Offices with IP5 Industry
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✓ Feedback of IP5 Industry experiences with Global Dossier (GD) and suggestions for further improvements

✓ EPO proposal for systematic error report communication between IP5 Offices was welcomed

✓ IP5 Industry encouraged IP5 Offices to make efforts for raising awareness of GD and its functionalities
  • E.g. proposal to publish detailed content information of GD on the websites of IP5 Offices

✓ IP5 Industry requested to **concentrate on open issues before accessing new tasks** as:
  • Timeliness of Data
  • Consistency and transparency of data coverage
  • Missing documents
  • Inconsistent classification

GDTF Meeting on 16 January 2019, The Hague, The Netherlands
GDTF – Main Remarks on Current Services

✓ Alerting
  • IP5 Industry prefers e-mail alerting vs. RSS feed
  • Current service covering EP and CN only should be enlarged to all IP5 Offices as soon as possible though IP5 Industry understands the IT constraints of several Offices
  • In line with the proposal for an overview table of Legal Status Topic, a private part for accessing legal information was proposed (avoiding possible email flood)

✓ XMLization
  • For the proposed pilot of data exchange between offices and users, IP5 Industry would like to know whether a procedure for error correction is foreseen and who will be responsible in case of errors occurring during data exchange

✓ Legal status
  • CNIPA informed that 4 of 5 IP5 Offices exchange legal status data in bulk and USPTO is expected to start in 2020. IP5 Industry hopes that USPTO is still committed to this time frame
  • IP5 Industry encouraged the IP5 Offices to provide an table for visualizing legal status data similar to that of the Common Citation Document (CCD)
GDTF – Main Remarks on Recent Improvements

✓ Applicant Name Standardization
  • KIPO presented a 3-phase plan for the GMT implementation whereof participation by companies is on entirely voluntary basis
  • IP5 Industry stated that sufficient clarifying information about the project has to be provided by the IP5 Offices to the companies receiving the question to fill in the GMT
  • Unfortunately the time schedule - especially for US and EP industry - to fill in the GMT was too tight and caused confusion about the sense of urgency
  • All IP5 Industry would like to get clarification about handling GMT in future

✓ Inter-Office Document Sharing
  • IP5 Industry proposed to give priority to the IDS form and sees this in line with the PHEP topic "Citation of Prior Art"

✓ Access to Non-patent Literature (NPL)
  • For IP5 Industry **seamless access to cited NPL literature remains top priority**
  • Digital Object Identifier (DOI) or other unique document identifiers for accessing NPL are preferred
  • IP5 Offices are invited to consider a budget-friendly manner for providing an applicant with examiner cited NPL
  • Extension of Identifiers to Standard Documents would be preferential for IP5 Industry
Further topics of GDTF

Further remarks on the topics:

✓ Emerging technologies and AI
✓ PHEP agenda items in progress
✓ PHEP future work

See IP5 Industry comments later
Thank you very much