Ten years of IP5 co-operation
Results and major achievements
Meeting the challenges

IP5 co-operation was initiated in 2007 to address the issue of rapidly increasing filings resulting in growing backlogs

➢ Work-sharing considered the main tool for addressing this issue

IP5 Vision agreed in 2008:

“The elimination of unnecessary duplication of work among the offices, enhancement of patent examination efficiency and quality, and guarantee of the stability of patent rights”

➢ Timeliness and quality key drivers
Evolution of applications at the IP5 offices

Source: IP5 Offices, Preliminary data, March 2017
Ten years of successful co-operation: The results

- Common Citation Document (CCD)
- Global Dossier
- Common Application Format (CAF)
- Classification
- Patent Prosecution Highway (PPH)
- Harmonising patent practices and procedures
- Statistics
- ...
Statistics: Infographic with key IP5 indicators

2.6M patent applications filed at the IPS Offices in 2016

+9.4% Growth in patent applications

PATENT APPLICATIONS AT THE IPS OFFICES (2014-2016)

PATENT APPLICATIONS BY BLOC OF ORIGIN

PATENT GRANTS AT THE IPS OFFICES (2006-2016)

1.1 Million patents granted by the IPS Offices in 2016

Source: EPO, Preliminary data, March 2017

- The IP5 Offices collate and publish their patent statistics in an annual report
  - Allows more informed workload planning at the IP5 Offices
  - Provides more consistent view for external policymakers

www.fiveipoffices.org/statistics.html
Common Citation Document (CCD)

Keeping track of numerous parallel applications around the world: challenge for applicants;

The CCD, an EPO maintained tool in the IP5 cooperation context, offers access to 28.5 million search reports results of more than 30 patent authorities giving access to 263 million cited records.

The IP5 Offices are all striving at delivering enriched citations. This is already the case for the EPO, SIPO and JPO. The USPTO and KIPO are expected to follow this move.

Industry expects further progress on using the CCD in the context of the citation of prior art project and the delivery of citation data;
Global Dossier

The Global Dossier allows an internal (IP5 offices) exchange of results thereby raising the quality of work done.

The Global Dossier reduces costs and timelines for applicants.

In 2016, 2.5 million GD public requests were made through EPO online services. 2.7 million GD requests were made on EPO files through other IP5 Offices.

Those numbers demonstrate the value of the Global Dossier and illustrate the success of IP5 cooperation.
Common Application Format

- A standardised common template for multiple patent applications, original proposal of Industry Trilateral; picked up by Offices;

- Streamlines and makes patent filings easier for applicants;

- CAF is instrumental for the IP5 Offices digitisation endeavours as it allows for the creation of an IP5 XML document format for electronic filing that can be re-used at other Offices.

- Awareness needs to improve; Joint efforts by Offices and industry;
Classification

- De facto standard hosted by EPO and USPTO: Cooperative Patent Classification (CPC);

- Worldwide standard hosted by WIPO: International Patent Classification (IPC);

- One classification with one philosophy: significant step forward!

- Alignment with other classification systems (IPC) key!
Thank you for your attention!

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