IP5 PHEP activities: Written Description/Sufficiency of Disclosure

February 1, 2018
ICG Meeting

Japan Patent Office
1. Current Case Studies

- Case 1-3: Chemistry, Support Requirement
  - Studies by IP5 Offices ✓
  - Opinions from IP5 Users ✓
  - Compile a final report taking into account Users’ opinion

- Case 4-6: Electric/Machine, Clarity (and Support) Requirement
  - Studies by IP5 Offices ✓
  - Opinions from IP5 Users
  - Compile a final report taking into account Users’ opinion

 Completed!
2. Further Case Studies: Enablement Requirements

- **Further Case Studies:**
  - At PHEP Meeting (Nov. 2017), IP5 Offices agreed to conduct case studies dealing with enablement requirements in the same way as the current case studies.

- **Hypothetical Cases for Case Studies:**
  - JPO received some actual cases from IP5 User.
  - JPO will prepare a draft of hypothetical cases based on the provided cases and seek comments from IP5 Offices.
3. Final outcome

- **PHEP Meeting (Nov. 2017):**
  - The IP5 offices agreed to the following 2 items:
    - To continue work toward comparing each office’s practice and identifying differences.
    - To consider as future possibilities, suggesting desirable directions of harmonization or elaborating common case examples which could be incorporated into each office’s guideline.
Thank you very much.