Patent Quality Chat: Improving Global Patent Prosecution

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Enhanced Patent Quality Initiative

Leading in Quality Excellence – Every Interaction Counts

Intellectual property (IP) intensive industries support at least 40 million jobs in the U.S. and contribute more than $5 trillion, or nearly 35 percent, to our gross domestic product. Our new quality initiative comes as there is increased recognition and appreciation around the world of the importance of IP.

The dedicated efforts of our employees over the last five years have significantly reduced our patent application backlog and pendency. We want to continue to build on those efforts, and recent America Invents Act (AIA) legislation passed by Congress supports doing just that.

The AIA allows us to set our fees and retain fees collected above our appropriated level. This means our financial health is more stable than in the past, giving us a unique opportunity to further expand our quality efforts throughout the entire process.

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Chat Overview

- Office of International Patent Cooperation (OIPC)
- Global Dossier
- Collaborative Search Pilot Program (CSP)
- Global Preliminary Search Concept

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Office of International Patent Cooperation
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Improve the quality, efficiency and predictability of patent family prosecution, thereby improving the certainty of global patent rights.

Improving Global Work Sharing

1. Develop office processes to assist in global work sharing
2. Increase efficiency of applicant processes to improve global work sharing
3. Resolve legal issues hindering global work sharing
4. Provide IT solutions to enhance global work sharing

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OIPC Website

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What is Global Dossier

Global Dossier is a set of IT business services delivered by multiple intellectual property offices, modernizing the global patent system and delivering benefits to all stakeholders.

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Global Dossier

Coming November 2015:
- Ability to access the full file history information on a patent application family from all participating Offices with the first service – Dossier access
- Applicants can efficiently track and manage related applications across jurisdictions
- Easier and less costly to perform functions associated with due diligence, technology transfer, and litigation and appeal processes.

Example of Future Services:
- Document exchange functionality: Cross filing
- Alerts
- XML functionality

Envisioned Benefits to Users:
Cost savings - exploit more IP!
Decreased time to file internationally
Increased ease of international filing
Global Dossier Focus Sessions

The Office of International Patent Cooperation (OIPC) will be conducting focus sessions to gather your feedback, input, and ideas on the development of Global Dossier to date and the proposed future services.

- Free and open to the public
- Conducted at USPTO Headquarters on the following dates and times:
  - Friday, September 11, 2015: 9:00 a.m. – 10:30 a.m., 2:00 p.m. – 3:30 p.m.
  - Monday, September 14, 2015: 9:00 a.m. – 10:30 a.m.
- Requires advance registration

To register, please send an e-mail to GlobalDossier@USPTO.gov with the date and time you would like to participate.

Collaborative Search Pilot (CSP) Program
The USPTO is participating in two independent collaborative search pilots – one with the Japan Patent Office (JPO) and another with the Korean Intellectual Property Office (KIPO).

- A search resulting from the Collaborative Search Pilot (CSP) Program provides our stakeholders with search results from two Offices early in the examination process so the applicant can more readily determine their next steps in patent prosecution.

- The CSP Program is an opportunity for USPTO to determine whether collaborative search and its evaluation to commonly filed claims prior to final determination can improve the examination process, in both quality and processing times, and provide more consistent results across offices.

CSP Benefits

Increased Search Quality
Applications taken out of turn = Expedited search results and final disposition
It’s FREE to file Petition!
OIPC Website

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Global Preliminary Search Concept
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Suggested by a patent owner and frequent licensor

- Provide a mechanism by which an applicant could request that their invention, filed in a U.S. application for search and examination, be also searched by one or more foreign IP offices
- Results would be considered by USPTO
- Potential for increased quality of the prior art record

Let’s Chat About…
Global Preliminary Search Concept

- What do you think about the Global Preliminary Search Concept?
- Would you use the Global Preliminary Search?
- Should the USPTO pursue this concept with other IP Offices?

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Thank you for joining us today!

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