

OAPI's Implementation of The Madrid Protocol in IPAS

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Preparation for Madrid

- Decision taken by OAPI annual board meeting on December 2013
- Deposit of instrument of accession at WIPO on December 2014
- Active member since the 5th March 2015
- Study visit in some IP office : WIPO, EUIPO, Morocco, China
- Seminars for OAPI staff by WIPO experts

Preparation for Madrid

- Creation of a committee to make proposal on the procedures
- Texts amendments
- Validation of Madrid procedures
- Customizing various Madrid Forms

IPAS Madrid Module

- Installation of IPAS Madrid Module (in our case version 3.3.1) both for production and test environment
- Solve the Madrid port issue in case you are using more than one environment on the same server
- Installation and configuration of FTP Client for designations downloads

IPAS Madrid Module

- A specific workflow for Madrid applications
- A specific File Origin (MD), File Type (8) and Application Type
- Specifics User documents : Birth, NewName, Correction, etc

Notifications downloads

- Download weekly notification from Madrid server with FTP Client (FileZilla)
- Upload on a Test environment
- Correction of problems
- Repeat the process in Production environment

Notifications download

- Main issues : Old nice version classification (6, 7), missing Vienna classes, missing country code, few images missing
- Solution : Adding missing records in corresponding IPAS Tables
- Choice of changing sign type from ***Text only*** to ***Both Text and logo*** and loading corresponding file image

Notifications download

- Problem : Creation of dummy records with affected user documents
- Solution : Change affected file of corresponding user document then delete dummy record

Madrid records processing

- Download and Upload in the system by IT staff
- Send to pending work of Reception staff
- Further control by Reception staff
- No formalities examination for Madrid notification

Madrid records processing

- Examination by examiners group
- Examination according to national laws and regulations
- After examination process the system generate the corresponding Madrid Form (Form2, Form3, etc.)
- Communication with Wipo by Email
- Publication

Madrid records processing

- Using the same Registration sequence with Regional TradeMarks
- Publication of registered Madrid Records in a separated section of the same Journal with Regional Trademarks

Thanks