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UPDATING OF TRAINING EXAMPLES

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1. At its thirty-seventh session, held in February 2006, the Committee of Experts discussed a status report on IPC training examples (see document IPC/CE/37/9, paragraphs 38 to 42).
2. The Committee noted that the IPC Revision Working Group, at its fourteenth session, held in November 2005, had formally approved 69 training examples which, after consideration by the Editorial Board, had been made available to offices in two compiled Word files in January 2006, one for the core and one for the advanced level. The Committee was informed that after the preparation of the French version, the two language collections would be published on the IPC website.
3. The Committee was also informed that the Working Group would consider the remaining training example projects at its fifteenth session in June 2006. Those examples to be approved at that session would be included in the collections mentioned above. Any project not completed by that time would be withdrawn.

4. The Working Group, at its fifteenth session, held in June 2006, discussed the last set of 15 currently pending IPC training example projects. Fourteen projects were completed in English and were approved by the Working Group. These examples are still under consideration by the Editorial Board and will be made available in October 2006. The last pending project (Project TE 132 illustrating how to classify “Markush type formulae”) will be considered at the sixteenth session of the Working Group.

5. The International Bureau (IB) has completed the preparation of the French version of 44 examples, which are now under review by French-speaking offices. The preparation of the French version for the remaining examples will be completed by the end of 2006.

6. The whole collection of the training examples is thus expected to be completed and published, in both languages, during the first quarter of 2007.

7. As it had already been decided by the IPC Committee of Experts at its thirty-third session, the approved training examples will be published in the form of Internet-based interactive IPC tutorials. The tutorials will contain two separate sets of training examples – one for the core and one for the advanced level of the IPC. The IB will introduce the training examples into the IPC tutorials gradually, once both languages version will be available.

8. The IPC tutorials provide the necessary information for classification in an interactive manner by raising questions in several steps, to which the user is requested to answer in the form of multiple choices. The system indicates to the user whether his choice is correct, and can give the correct answer if the user has difficulty in finding it.

9. The IPC tutorials currently include the following steps:

Read the claims and the description → Identify invention information → Classify the invention information → Identify additional information → Classify the additional information → Final Classification.

10. Following the experience of the IB, accumulated during the introduction of 10 examples into the above-mentioned tutorials, it seems highly desirable that rapporteurs of training example projects provide the IB with proposals on alternatives of multiple choices for each of the above-mentioned steps, in order to better illustrate, for example, a classification rule.

11. Rapporteurs could take the already introduced 10 tutorials as prototypes regarding how best to present multiple choices and submit proposals to the e-forum by February 28, 2007 (the prototypes can be found at <http://www.wipo.int/ipc-training/>).

12. The IB will introduce multiple choices in the tutorials based on the rapporteur proposals to be submitted.

*13. The Committee of Experts is invited:*

*(a) to take note of the contents of this document;*

*(b) to approve the recommendations, relating to the preparation of IPC tutorials, given in paragraphs 7 to 12, above.*

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