

ANNEX I

SUMMARY OF TASK FORCE DISCUSSIONS ON
“UPDATING OF IPC TRAINING EXAMPLES”
(NOVEMBER 30, DECEMBER 3 AND 6, 2004)

1. Discussions were based on the following two items:
 - (a) Consideration of training examples in the TE projects in the three technical fields; and
 - (b) Appointing rapporteurs for additional examples.

General

2. The Task Force had before it, in particular, document IPC/WG/11/7 and the compilations of the relevant project files.
3. The Task Force discussed 29 existing IPC Training Example (TE) projects and distributed additional training examples among its members for consideration. The decisions of the Task Force with respect to those TE projects and the deadlines for the next round of actions are summarized in Annex J. Further information with respect to some of those decisions is given in paragraph 7, below.
4. It was noted that, in some projects, classification tools, which were not available worldwide, e.g., EPSTA or ICSTA, had been used by rapporteurs to identify the potential subclasses. Bearing in mind that these tools were only available to EPOQUE users and that the training examples were designed for IPC users worldwide, the Task Force agreed that rapporteurs should not use tools other than the Catchword Index, IPCCAT and TACSY in all TE projects.
5. It was agreed that it would be preferable to provide hyperlinks in the IPC interactive tutorials from the relevant parts of training examples to references to the Guide, if necessary. Rapporteurs were invited to indicate, in their rapporteur proposals, more explanations and references to the Guide, wherever needed.
6. It was also agreed that rapporteurs for all TE projects were invited to draft their proposals according to the “Guidelines on Drafting Training Material” and its corresponding “Template”, which were finally approved by the Working Group at this session and appear as Annexes G and H to the report, respectively. Special attention should be drawn to the newly introduced amendments in those two annexes, e.g., requirements of detailed explanation for both the core and advanced levels and the explanation, where necessary, of the order of the selected classification symbols, etc.
7. The Task Force made the following observations, in addition to the decisions set forth in Annex J, with respect to the IPC TE projects.

IPC Training Example Projects

Project TE 101 (chemical) – Comments were invited on the initial rapporteur proposal in Annex 4 to the project file, and the rapporteur was requested to submit a report and a proposal based on those comments.

Project TE 102 (chemical) – The Task Force approved, conditionally, the rapporteur proposal in Annex 8 to the project file. The Rapporteur was invited to submit a modified proposal, including the Japanese document (JP 49018531 (B)) in the list of patent families, taking into account the amendments made to the “Guidelines” and its corresponding “Template”, mentioned in paragraph 6 above.

Project TE 103 (chemical) – The rapporteur was invited to submit a proposal based on the US family member, instead of the GB document. The amendments made to the “Guidelines” and its corresponding “Template”, mentioned in paragraph 6 above, should also be taken into account.

Project TE 104 (chemical) – The Task Force approved, conditionally, the rapporteur proposal in Annex 7 to the project file. The Rapporteur was invited to submit a modified proposal including the Japanese document (JP 50012414 (B)) in the list of patent families, removing all references to EPSTA, and taking into account the amendments made to the “Guidelines” and its corresponding “Template”, mentioned in paragraph 6 above.

Project TE 105 (chemical) – The rapporteur was invited to submit a proposal including the Japanese document (JP 49004463 (B)) in the list of patent families, removing references to subclass A61K in the first table of Annex 5 to the project file, separating the invention information I1 into several pieces of invention information, explaining the order of the selected symbols and correcting the core level classification symbols.

Project TE 106 (chemical) – The Task Force decided to remove this example from the list of training examples because of technical difficulties.

Project TE 107 (chemical) – The Task Force approved, conditionally, the rapporteur proposal in Annex 7 to the project file. The Rapporteur was invited to submit a modified proposal including the Japanese document (JP 4908066 (A)) in the list of patent families, using the Catchword Index in the first table, and taking into account the comments relating to categories and version indicators. The amendments made to the “Guidelines” and its corresponding “Template”, mentioned in paragraph 6 above, should also be taken into account.

Project TE 108 (chemical) – Comments were invited on the latest rapporteur proposal (see Annex 6 to the project file) and, in particular, on the number of pieces of invention information in this example and on how to apply the last place priority rule on the classification of invention information. The rapporteur was invited to submit a report and a proposal based on those comments.

Project TE 109 (chemical) – The Task Force approved, conditionally, the rapporteur proposal in Annex 8 to the project file. The Rapporteur was invited to submit a new proposal taking into account the amendments made to the “Guidelines” and its corresponding “Template”, mentioned in paragraph 6 above, including an explanation of the order of the symbols.

Project TE 110 (chemical) – The rapporteur was invited to submit a proposal taking into account comments with regard to further development of the explanation part on how to classify additional information, reviewing the completeness of invention information.

Project TE 201 (mechanical) – The Task Force approved the rapporteur proposal according to Annex 6 to the project file.

Project TE 202 (mechanical) – The rapporteur was invited to submit a new rapporteur proposal based on Annex 8 to the project file, taking into account the comments regarding the reasons for classifying in A23L 1/212.

Project TE 203 (mechanical) – The Task Force approved the rapporteur proposal according to Annex 3 to the project file.

Project TE 204 (mechanical) – The rapporteur was invited to submit a new rapporteur proposal incorporating the information in the last report in Annex 8 to the project file. A fully developed advanced level classification was also requested.

Project TE 205 (mechanical) – The Task Force agreed to add a Japanese document (JP 50130563 (A)) into the list of patent families. The rapporteur was invited to prepare a new rapporteur proposal based on the discussions regarding further development of the invention information part and inclusion of additional information, if needed, and including necessary explanation about the ordering of the selected symbols.

Project TE 206 (mechanical) – The rapporteur was requested to prepare a rapporteur proposal including comments made in Annexes 4 to 6 to the project file.

Project TE 207 (mechanical) – The Task Force approved, with deletion of 3c under the section “Level/Categories”, the rapporteur proposal according to Annex 3 to the project file.

Project TE 208 (mechanical) – The Task Force decided to delete this example from the list because of disagreement on the correct classification at subgroup level caused by technical difficulties.

Project TE 209 (mechanical) – The Task Force approved, conditionally, the rapporteur proposal in Annex 7 to the project file. The rapporteur was requested to resubmit a modified proposal including a new table in page 2 of the Annex excluding the row on “layered products”, a complete explanation for advanced level in the section “Analysis and Selection of Classification Symbols” and necessary explanation about the ordering of the selected symbols.

Project TE 210 (mechanical) – The rapporteur was requested to submit a proposal including further developed items under the section “Invention Information” and to delete Category 3b from the section “Level/Categories”.

Project TE 301 (electrical) – The Task Force approved the rapporteur proposal according to Annex 6 to the project file.

Project TE 302 (electrical) – The Task Force approved, conditionally, the rapporteur proposal according to Annex 5 to the project file; the International Bureau was requested to reproduce the explanation part in the item of advanced level and to adapt the table on page 2 of that Annex to the normal format.

Project TE 303 (electrical) – The Task Force agreed that this example is more mechanical than electrical and the International Bureau was requested to include this example in the list of mechanical examples at a later stage. The rapporteur of this project was invited to have a second look at classification in subgroup E02D 1/02 in order to confirm whether it is the appropriate place for classifying invention information of the example. The rapporteur was requested to submit a new proposal based on the above items.

Project TE 304 (electrical) – The Task Force approved, conditionally, the rapporteur proposal according to Annex 7 to the project file, with an addition of Category 3b into the section “Level/Categories”. The rapporteur was invited to resubmit a rapporteur proposal, taking into account the comments made with respect to the need of reconfirmation of the first item under the section “Invention Information” and its corresponding classification symbols and indicating the reason for the ordering of the symbols.

Project TE 305 (electrical) – The Task Force approved the rapporteur proposal according to Annex 7 to the project file.

Project TE 306 (electrical) – The Task Force agreed with rapporteur’s proposal concerning the identification of invention information and the corresponding classification symbols. The rapporteur was invited to submit a proposal including a detailed explanation on the selection of G01P 13/00 among other main groups of subclass G01P and an explanation on the ordering of the selected classification symbols for invention information.

Projects TE 307, TE 308 and TE 309 (electrical) – A new round of comments was invited. The rapporteur of these projects was requested to submit new reports and proposals based on the comments to be made, following the approved “Template”. During the discussion of project TE 308, it was agreed that a new example in G06Q, which would include more technical aspects in its invention information, should be introduced and Sweden was invited to propose such a new example.

[Annex J follows]