

## **Advanced Seminar on the Patent Cooperation Treaty (PCT)**

**Geneva, September 24 and 25, 2015**

PROVISIONAL PROGRAM

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Thursday, September 24, 2015

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| 08.30 – 09.00 | Registration   |
| 09.00 – 09.05 | Welcoming remarks  |
|               | Speaker: Mr. John Sandage<br>Deputy Director General<br>Patents and Technology Sector                                |
| 09.05 – 9.30  | PCT Status Report  |
|               | Speaker: Mr. Matthew Bryan<br>Director<br>PCT Legal Division   |
| 09.30 – 10.45 | Session 1: Best practices related to the preparation and filing of PCT applications, and common mistakes             |
|               | Speaker: Ms. Christine Bonvallet<br>Senior Legal Officer<br>PCT Legal Affairs Section<br>PCT Legal Division          |
| 10.45 – 11.00 | Coffee break   |
| 11.00 – 12.15 | Session 1: Best practices related to the preparation and filing of PCT applications, and common mistakes (continued) |
| 12.15 – 13.00 | Session 2: Best practices related to International Search and Preliminary Examination                                |
|               | Speaker: Mr. Thomas Marlow<br>Policy Officer<br>PCT Business Development Division                                    |
| 13.00 – 14.00 | Lunch  |
| 14.00 – 15.15 | Session 3: Overview and tour of PCT Operations   |
|               | Speakers: Mr. Mougamadou Abidine<br>Head<br>PCT Processing Service 1<br>PCT Operations Division                      |
|               | Mr. Serge Thobie<br>Assistant Head<br>French Translation Section<br>PCT Operations Division                          |
| 15.15 – 15:30 | Coffee break   |

- 15.30 – 17:00      Session 4:    Considerations and practical tips for entering the PCT national phase with specific emphasis on China, Japan, and the United States of America
- Speakers:    Mr. Matthias Reischle  
Deputy Director  
PCT Legal Division
- Mr. Zhilong Yu  
Legal Officer  
PCT Legal Affairs Section  
PCT Legal Division
- Mr. Masanori Tachibana  
Counsellor  
PCT Legal Affairs Section  
PCT Legal Division
- Mr. Mike Neas (via web conference)  
Deputy Director  
International Patent Legal Administration  
United States Patent and Trademark Office (USPTO)

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- 09:30 – 10:00      Session 5:    Recent and future PCT developments
- Speaker:      Ms. Silke Weiss  
Program Officer  
PCT Outreach and User Relations Section  
PCT Legal Division
- 10:00 – 11.00      Session 6:    ePCT
- ePCT is WIPO's secure on-line system for filing and managing PCT applications. Presentations and live demonstrations will be provided on digital certificates, access rights management, actions such as Rule 92*bis* changes and Chapter II demands, and ePCT-Filing. WIPO staff will also be on hand to provide one-on-one support to interested participants on particular issues or cases.
- Speakers:    Mr. Quan-Ling Sim
- Ms. Aino Metcalfe  
Head  
PCT eServices  
PCT Operations Division
- Ms. Fabienne Gateau  
Assistant PCT Officer  
PCT Legal Affairs Section  
PCT Legal Division

11:00 – 11.15      Coffee break

11:15 – 13.00      Session 6:    ePCT (continued)

13:00 – 14.00      Lunch

14:00 – 15.30      Session 7:    Open session on PCT problem cases

WIPO staff will discuss particular cases and situations with seminar participants.

Speakers:    Mr. Matthias Reischle  
                 Mr. Quan-Ling Sim  
                 Ms. Christine Bonvallet  
                 Ms. Silke Weiss  
                 Ms. Cécile Chatel, Coordinator, RO/IB  
                 + other WIPO staff

15:30                Closing of seminar

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