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INTRODUCTION

1. The PCT Committee for Technical Cooperation (hereinafter referred to as "the Committee") held its eleventh session in Geneva on May 26 and 27, 1988. Following the decision establishing the WIPO Permanent Committee on Industrial Property Information, the session of the Committee was held jointly with the second session of the Executive Coordination Committee of that Permanent Committee.

2. The following members of the Committee were represented: Australia, Austria, Brazil, Bulgaria, Democratic People's Republic of Korea, Denmark, Finland, France, Germany (Federal Republic of), Japan, Netherlands, Norway, Republic of Korea, Soviet Union, Sweden, Switzerland, United Kingdom, United States of America, European Patent Office (EPO) (19). Canada, China, Czechoslovakia, Egypt, German Democratic Republic, Mexico and Spain (7) were represented by observers. The Commission of the European Communities (CEC), the International Patent Documentation Center (INPADOC) and the publisher of the journal "World Patent Information" were also represented by observers. The list of participants is attached as Annex I to this report.

3. Mr. Lev E. Kostikov, Deputy Director General, welcomed the participants on behalf of the Director General of WIPO.

4. The session was opened by the Chairman of the Executive Coordination Committee, Mr. L. G. Björklund (Sweden). Mr. P.A. Higham, Head, Patent Information Section, Classifications and Patent Information Division, WIPO, acted as Secretary of the Session.

ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA

5. The Committee unanimously adopted the agenda which is attached as Annex II to this report.

CONCLUSIONS

6. As decided by the Governing Bodies of WIPO at their tenth series of meetings (see document AB/X/32, paragraphs 51 and 52), held from September 24 to October 2, 1979, the report of this session reflects only the conclusions (decisions, recommendations, opinions, etc.) of the Committee and does not, in particular, reflect the statements made by any participant, except where any reservation in respect of any specific conclusion of the Committee was made or repeated after the conclusion was arrived at.

PCT MINIMUM DOCUMENTATION: PATENTS

Inventories of English-Language Abstracts of Patent Documents According to PCT Rule 34.1(e) (Project P 42)

7. The Committee took note of the detailed information provided by Derwent Publications Ltd. and by INPADOC, as given in Annexes 35, 36 and 37 of project file PCIPI/P 42/79 Rev.14, which would lead to the creation of an inventory of English-language abstracts of Japanese patent documents that are generally available according to PCT Rule 34.1(e). The Committee also took note of the cost estimates prepared by the International Bureau and given in Annex 38 of the project file to create the said inventory.

8. Some members of the Committee stated that their offices were, in principle, still interested in receiving copies of the said inventory, but could not enter into final commitments before the number of copies to be produced, and thus the cost of each copy, would be established. Accordingly, the Committee requested the International Bureau to issue a Circular, to members of the PCT Union and to members of the Executive Coordination Committee of the PCIPI not members of that Union, with the aim of clearly establishing the number of copies of the said inventory that would be sold. The Committee also requested the International Bureau to attempt to discover the level of interest in selling copies of the said inventory to organizations, e.g. private companies, outside offices themselves.

9. In making the above decision, the Committee noted that the Japanese Patent Office is likely to increase the coverage of Japanese patent documents for which English-language abstracts would be available in the future with the eventual aim of achieving 100% coverage of unexamined patent documents. The Committee concluded that if 100% coverage were to be obtained then the need to continue producing an inventory would be removed.

10. The Committee also requested the International Bureau to give in the said Circular details of the contractual conditions under which the said inventory would be made available to offices. The Committee requested the International Bureau to issue the said Circular by the end of June 1988 with a deadline for comments by October 15, 1988. Finally, the Committee requested the International Bureau to place the matter on the agenda of the third session of the Executive Coordination Committee of the PCIPI, scheduled for December 1988.

PCT Minimum Documentation: "Non-patent Literature": List of periodicals according to PCT Rule 34.1.b(iii) (Project P 43)

11. The Committee agreed that the following periodicals, which had yielded few articles of use for the purposes of patent search and examination, should be deleted from the list of periodicals established under PCT Rule 34.1(b)(iii) from December 31, 1988:

PCT No	Title
16	Technisches Messen - TM
22/193	A & T Technology (ex. Bell System Technical Journal)
23	Brown-Boveri Review
40	Civil Engineering
52	Elektrotechnik und Maschinenbau
53	Engineering
54	Engineering Materials and Design
56	Fördern und Heben
60	Glastechnische Berichte
70	IEEE Transactions on Automatic Control
87	Nachrichten Elektronik und Telematik
113	Machinery and Production Engineering
120	Metalworking Production
121	Packaging
136	Power Farming
172	Automatic Control and Computer Science
179	Oil and Gas Journal

12. On the question of additions to the said list to provide a better coverage of the field of biotechnology, the Committee agreed that the following three periodicals should be added as from January 1, 1989:

Name of periodical	Publisher	Language	ISSN
Gene	Elsevier Biomedical Press Box 211 1000 AE Amsterdam Netherlands	E	0378-1119
Nucleic Acids Research	IRL Press Ltd Box 1, Eynsham Oxford OX8 1JJ United Kingdom	E	0350-1048
Science	American Association for the Advancement of Science 1515 Massachusetts Ave N.W. Washington DC 20005 USA	E	0036-8075

13. In respect of Biotechnology Abstracts, published by Derwent Publications Ltd., many delegations spoke in favour of its addition to the said list. However, the Committee agreed that before this would be done it should be ascertained whether or not substantial overlap between articles selected for abstracting therein exists with the abstracts published in Chemical Abstracts, whose publication was already included on the said list, since duplication of search material should be avoided. Accordingly, the Committee requested the International Bureau to issue a Circular to its members inviting observations thereon.

14. Finally, the Committee agreed that the following periodical:

Name	Publisher	Language	ISSN
Welding International	The Welding Institute Abington Hall Abington Cambridge CB1 6AL United Kingdom	E	0950-7116

should be added to the said list to be effective from January 1, 1989, in place of the periodical Welding Production (PCT No. 188) since a cover-to-cover English translation of the latter periodical is no longer available, the Committee noting that selected articles therefrom are published in Welding International as well as relevant articles from other periodicals.

15. The Committee requested the International Bureau to continue making editorial corrections to the said list, e.g. as a result of changes in titles and publishers of periodicals.

Recommendation by the IPC Committee of Experts

16. The Committee agreed that the printing of IPC indexing codes on the patent documents forming the minimum documentation defined in PCT Rule 34 would greatly improve search efficiency and, accordingly, asked the International Bureau to urge the authorities publishing the said patent documents to give IPC indexing codes on all patent documents published by them.

17. This report was unanimously adopted by the Committee at its closing meeting on May 27, 1988.

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