**Homework Topic 2 – Family relations**

Let us assume that you have to examine the following PCT applications in your national phase:

PCT/IB2018/001084, PCT/AU2017/050096, PCT/EP2015/051981, PCT/US2015/020529

**- Research the patent family information of each application and check if there are further PCT applications in the family and how many. Are they in the same simple family?**

**- If you have found cases where several PCT applications are in the same family, compare the inventions claimed by each PCT application and determine how different they are. You may, for example, compare titles or main claims; and use the compare document function of WORD to compare claims, if useful.**

**- If you want to use examination work products from members of a family which includes more than one PCT application, which family members are most likely more suitable and why?**

**- Check if any of these applications is/was indeed pending with your office.**