

# find out about tomorrow's technology





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# What is esp@cenet?

- Internet based service
  - -accessible worldwide
- Basic patent information
  - -aimed at non patent professionals
- Free of charge





#### What are its aims?

- Provide access to patent info.
  - an additional dissemination channel
- Promote patent awareness
- Stimulate innovation in SME's





#### What information is available?

- 2 yr. of National publications
  - coming from EPO member states
- 2 yr. of EP & WO publications
  - -available on day of publication
- 30+ yr. of "global" publications





# Design of esp@cenet

- Two distinct levels of data
- Accessed via National Offices via the EPO or IPR "helpdesks"
- Supported by local "helpdesks"





## esp@cenet user interface

- In all national languages of the states of the European Patent Organisation
- Same "look and feel" for the two levels





#### Level I - National Publications

- Last 24 months of applications
  - -minimum requirement
- Rapid availability
  - -on publication day where possible
- Suited for Current Awareness





#### Level I - Details

- Data stored at National Offices
  - Accessible via any other Nat. Office
- Search in bibliographic data
  - Including titles in original language
- Display of full documents
  - -facsimile images page by page





#### Level I - Technical

- Verity Search '97
  - -widely used full-text search engine
- Images stored in TIFF / Gr 4
  - -data standard, & extract, from EPO
- Displayed as PDF files
  - high resolution for view and print





# Level II - Global publications

- Comprehensive data from 1970
  - -Additional data from 1920
- "Timely" availability
  - -depending on source of data
- Suited to retrospective search





#### Level II - Details

- Data stored at EPO
  - -Still accessed via N.O.'s
- Search in bibliographic data
  - -including English title and abstract
- Display full documents
  - -currently in "mixed mode"





#### Level II - Technical

- Epoque Quick Search / QS
  - modified EPOQUE search engine
- Epodoc and PAJ databases
  - -for bibliographic searches
- Text and images linked to Epodoc





# Epodoc database coverage

• Biblio.

**PCT** 

Other BE LU NL SE DE.Utility Models

• Abstr. / F. Text / First P. / Drawings EP WO US GB DE FR CH





### Level II - In a few days

- Display of full documents
  - -facsimile images page by page
- "Family" information
  - display of non-English documents
- 10 yr. PCT minimum online
  - -the rest in near line mode





# Document display - Technical

- Using existing BNS collection at the EPO in The Hague
- Increase in online availability
  - -2 TB magnetic disk expansion
- Family correspondence table
  - Access to "identical" documents





# BNS document coverage -1

- Min. PCT / CH.DE.FR.GB.US + EP.WO
  - 16.000.000 doc.
- Other EPO states / 3.000.000 doc.
- Japan / 5.000.000 doc.
- Other states / 130.000 doc.





# Using esp@cenet

- Form based searching
  - -simple, familiar interface
- "Internet" style search
  - -plus limited Boolean possibilities
- Limited features
  - -no truncation, wildcards, history ...





#### What can be searched?

- Publication number and date
- Application number and date
- Priority number and date
- Applicant name
- Inventor name
- IPC Class
- Text
  - Level I National Language titles
  - Level II English titles and abstracts





# What is displayed?

- Result list Document numbers and titles
- Bibliographic All searchable elements
- Full Text Level II only
- Images
  - Level I Full document facsimile
  - Level II First Page image, drawing pages (in future full document facsimile)





# Example of a search ...

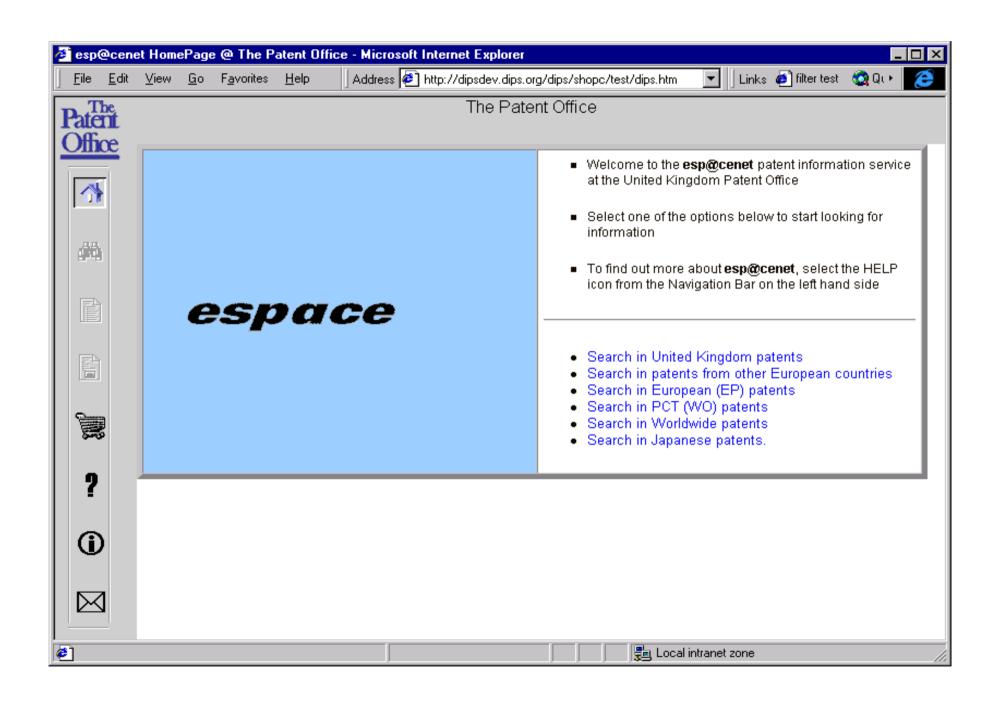
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for in line roller skates

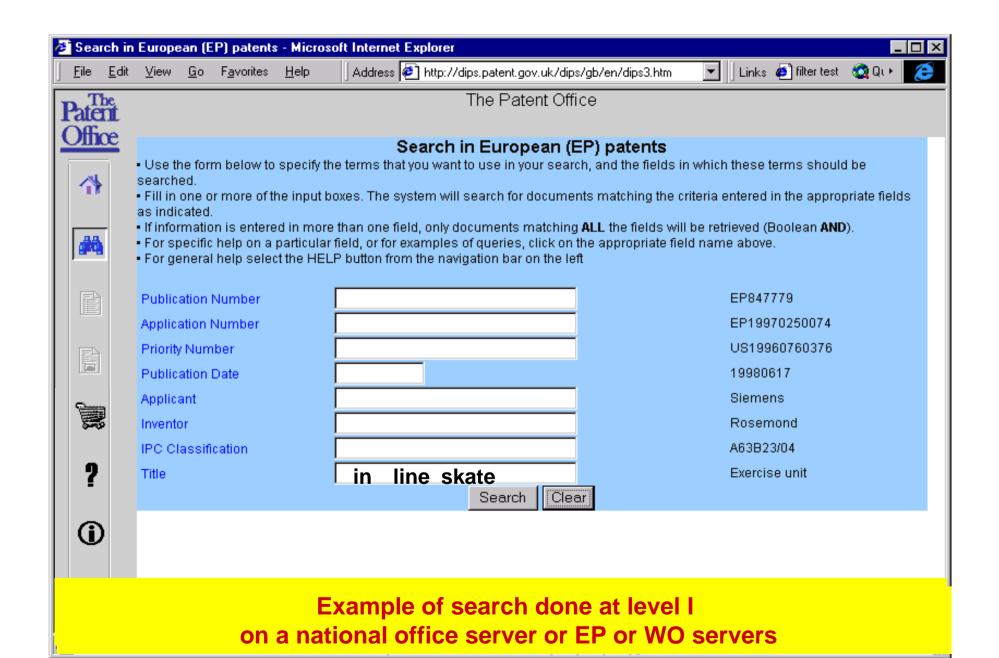


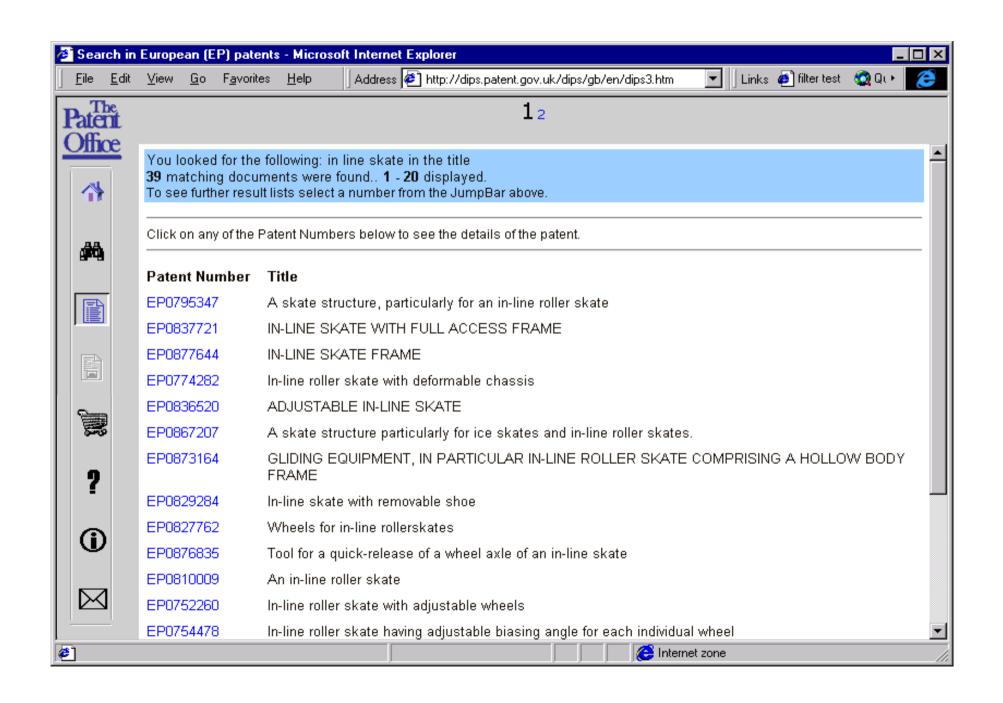


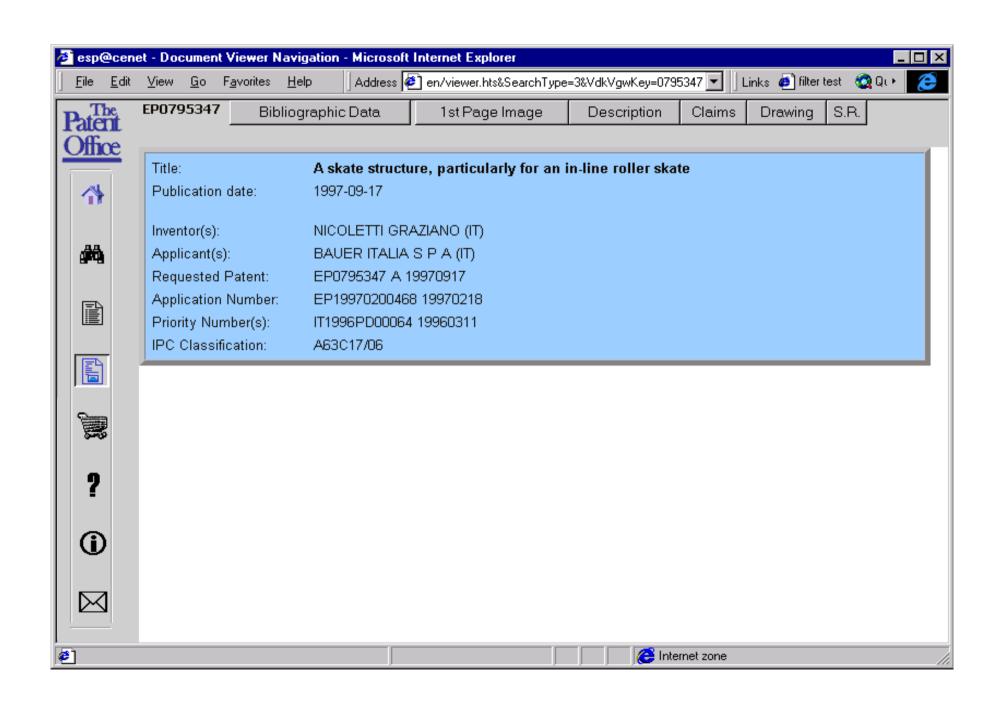


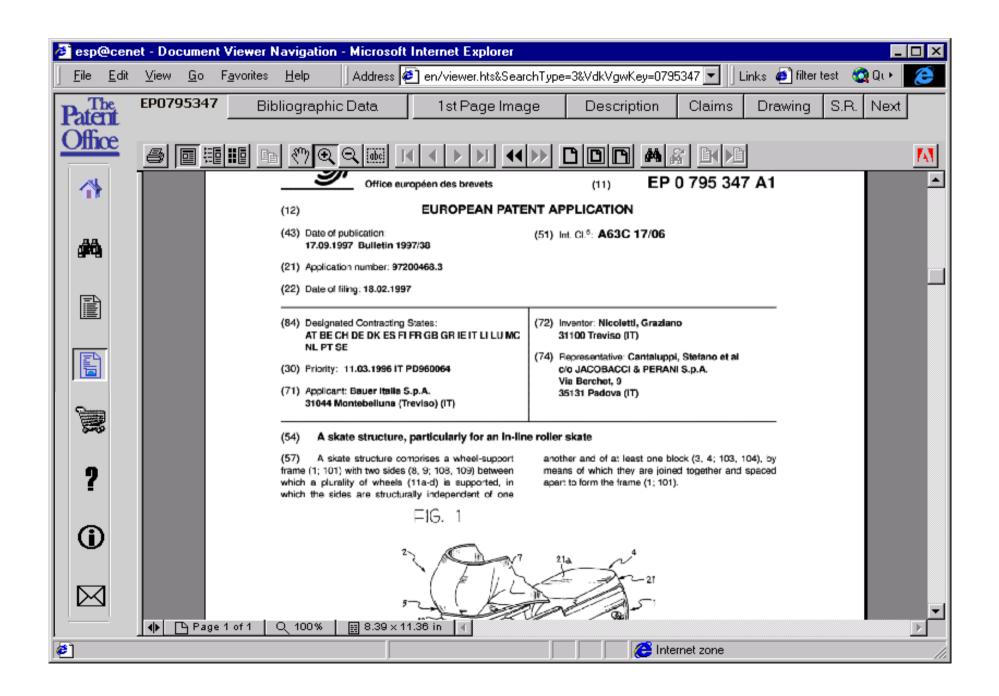
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#### International Patent Classification

64.000 divisions

A63C Skates; Skis; Roller skates

17/00 Roller skates;...

17/04. With rollers set

set otherwise than in two

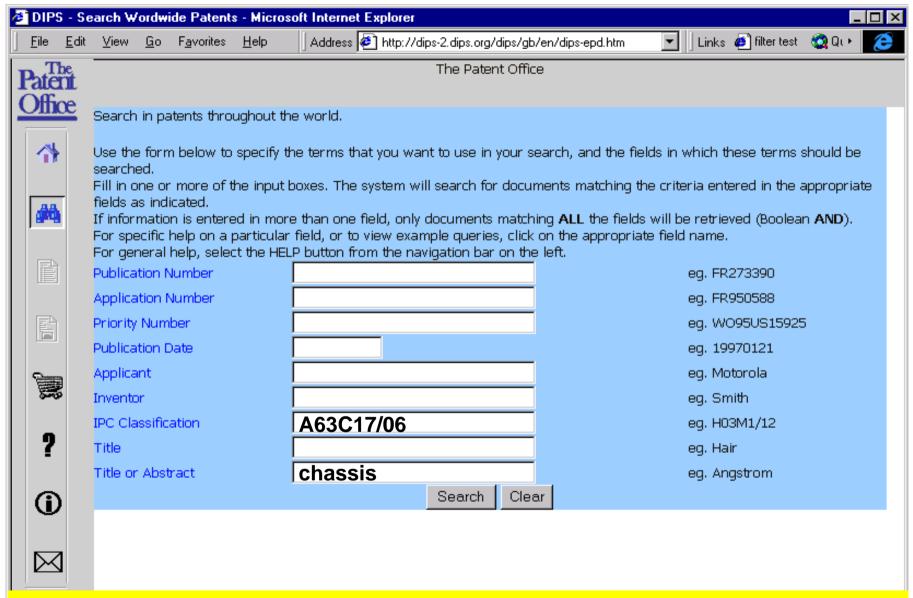
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17/06 . . Model in line

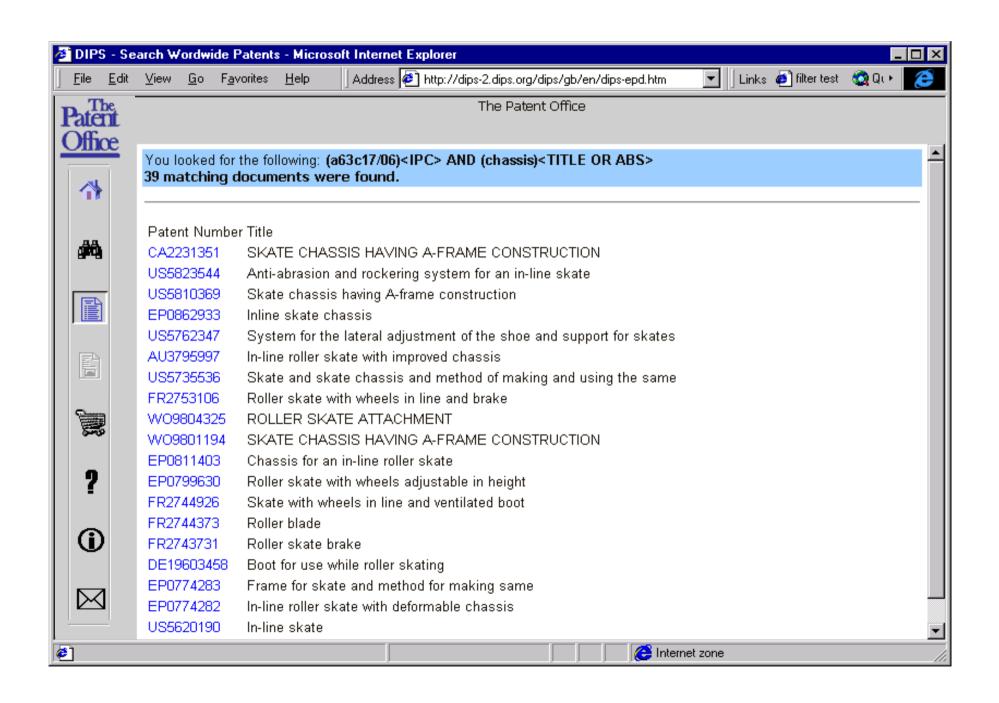


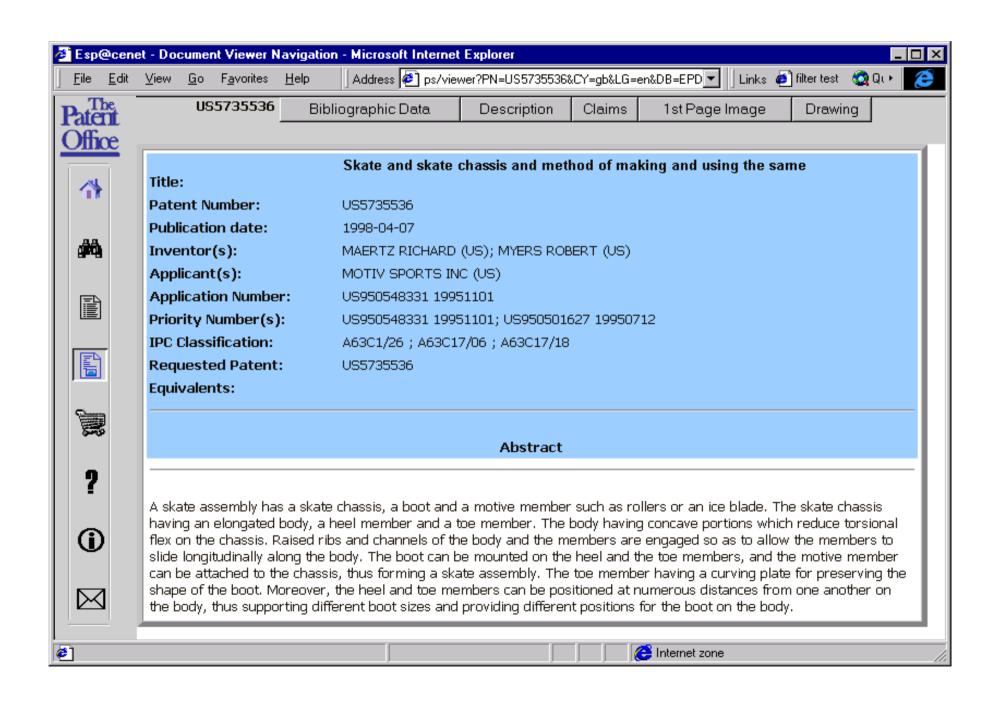
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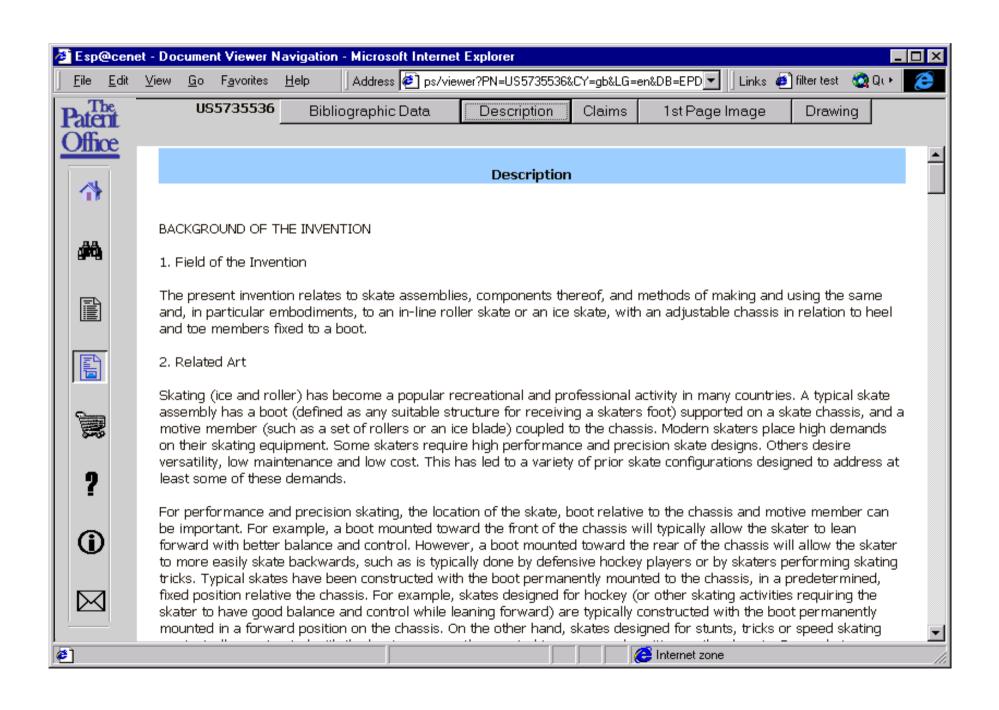


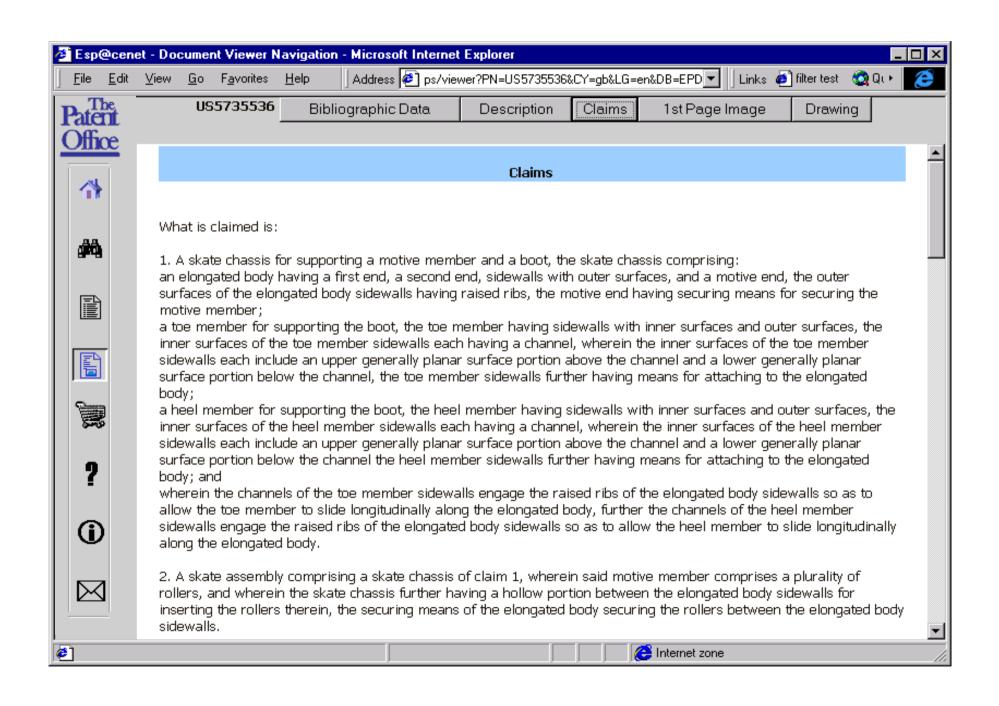


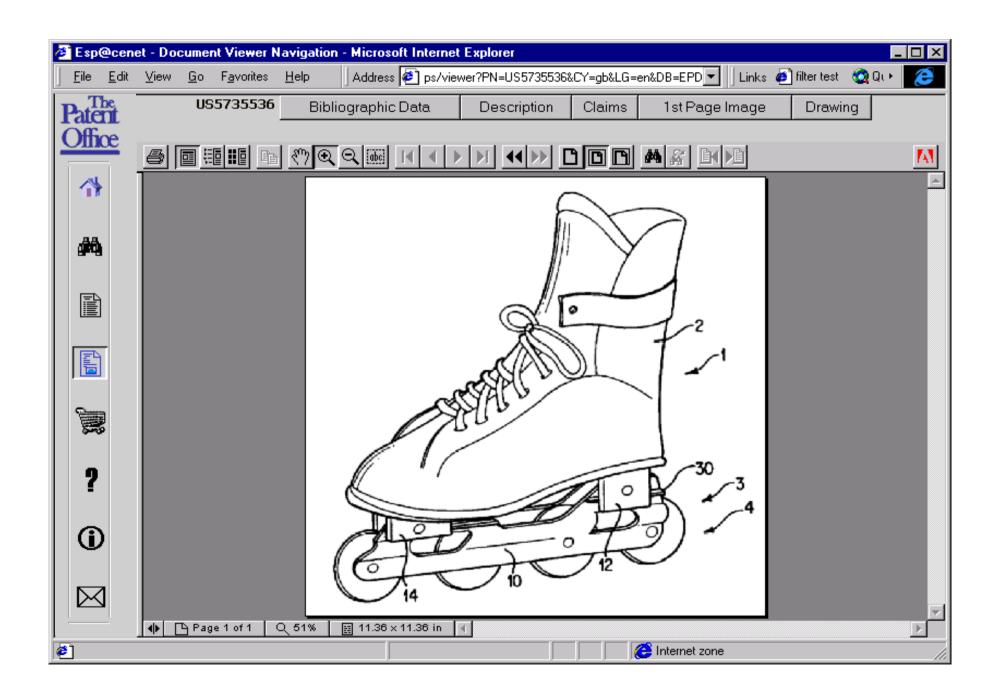
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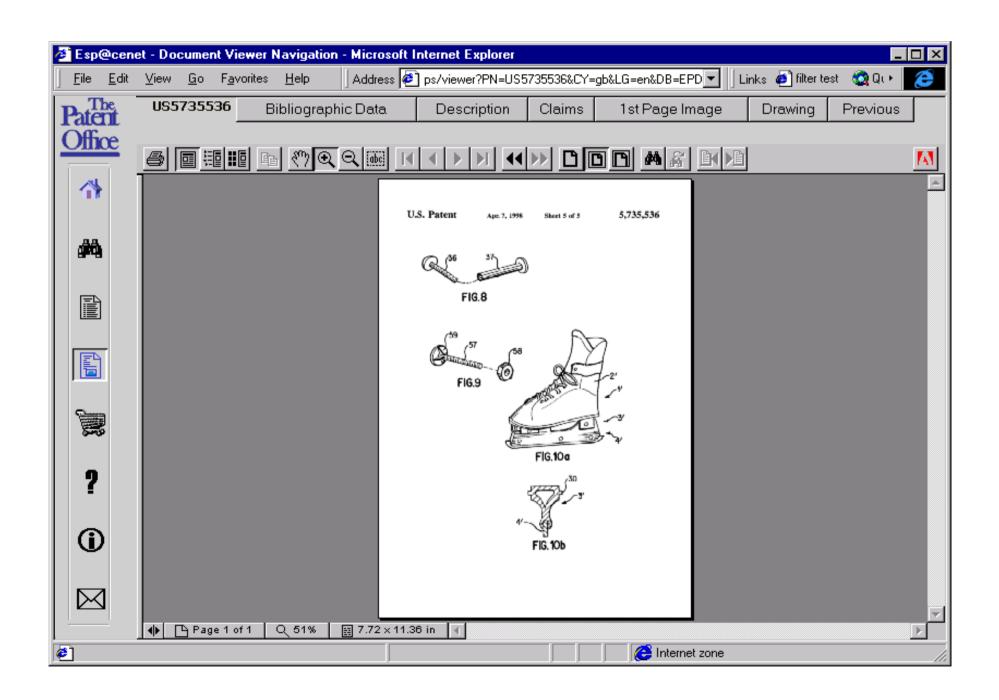


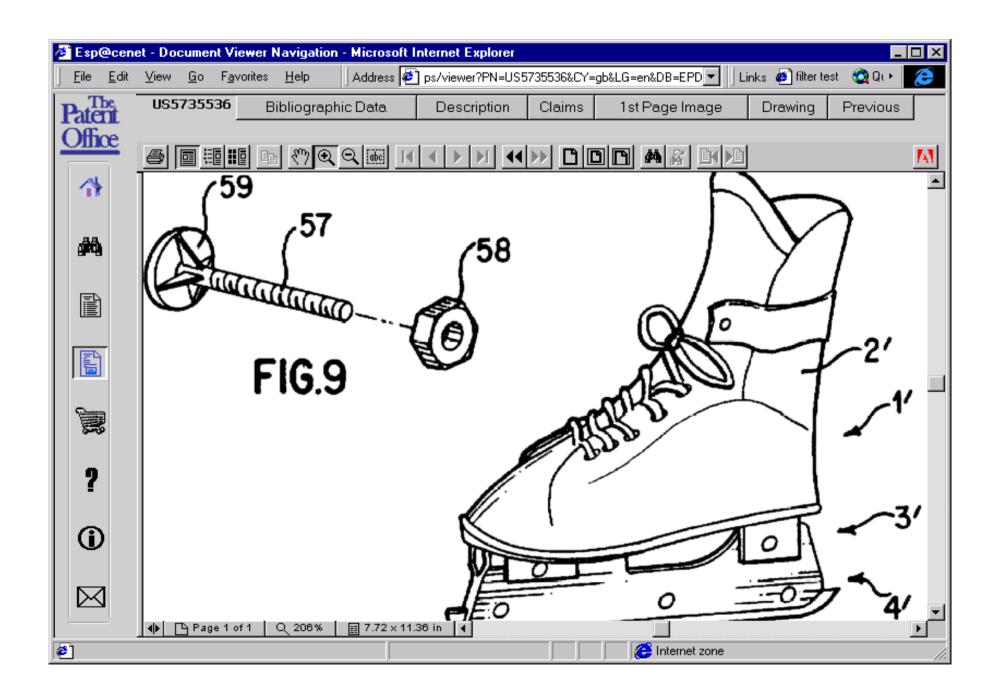












# Further developments - 1

- Shopping basket functionality
  - -tagging of documents
- Delivery of full document by Internet-Fax-Mail
- Classic. or electronic payment





# Further developments - 2

- Search in the European Patent Classification / ECLA
  - 120.000 sub-divisions
- Access to the European register





# Planned ... Hyperlink with WIPO/IPDL

- After a selection in the IPDL database
- the full facsimile document will be accessed on level 1 WO server in PDF format automatically





#### Conclusions:

Free and easy access
to the technical information
contained in patents
for a large public, searchers,
inventors





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#### Conclusions:

- A unique world wide patent information repository: 300 millions de pages.
- A support to innovation for the profit of the industry.





#### Find esp@cenet'URLs ...

#### at the Web sites of EPO

www.european-patent-office.org/info/access.htm

and welcome on the Net for a first date with ...





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