



WIPO Training webinar series and WIPO Sequence Suite development

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WIPO ST.26 Training: Background

- At CWS/8, several delegations requested training on WIPO ST.26 and WIPO Sequence.
- To support Offices and applicants around the globe, the International Bureau, in close collaboration with Offices who are members of the SEQL Task Force, produced a series of webinars on these topics.
- Training schedule for a webinar series was prepared and delivered from April to October, 2021
- The training schedule for 2022 is currently being discussed. Training needs should be communicated to the IB via: standards@wipo.int

WIPO ST.26 Training: Webinars

- Four webinars held in English between April and May on:
 - WIPO ST.26 Introduction
 - WIPO ST.26 Advanced
 - WIPO Sequence
 - WIPO Sequence Validator
- Two webinars held in 7 other PCT languages between September and October on:
 - WIPO ST.26 Introduction
 - WIPO ST.26 Advanced
- All webinars were recorded and published along with the slide decks at:
https://www.wipo.int/meetings/en/topic.jsp?group_id=330

WIPO Sequence Suite: Background

- From July 1, 2022, all sequence listings which form part of patent applications should be filed in WIPO ST.26 format at national, regional and international level. This is a 6-month delay to the previously agreed “big-bang” implementation date of January 1, 2022.
- The WIPO Sequence Suite is a set of tools developed by WIPO to support the global implementation of WIPO Standard ST.26 by Offices and applicants alike.
- It is comprised of WIPO Sequence (desktop tool for applicants) and WIPO Sequence Validator (web service for Offices)
- Interface is provided in all 10 PCT languages
- Development has been ongoing since mid-2018

WIPO-IP Office Collaboration

- WIPO collaborates with IP Offices who form part of the task force which prepares the functional specification for WIPO Sequence Suite and participates in the testing of sprint releases.
- It is important that WIPO's stakeholders are continually involved in development to ensure it meets their needs.
- The International Bureau thanks the task force for their support thus far.
- Once WIPO Sequence is “live”, the International Bureau intends to implement a 2-tier support model: first level is Offices and second level is WIPO/IB. It is likely we will develop a knowledge base to support Offices as well.

WIPO Sequence Suite: Progress

- The first stable release (version 1.0.0) of the WIPO Sequence Suite (both desktop tool and Validator) was launched in early November 2020 on the WIPO website: <https://www.wipo.int/standards/en/sequence/>
- The WIPO Sequence Improvement project was conducted between November 2020 and October 2021 and resulted in the next stable release (version 1.1.0)
- Release notes for both versions of the tool suite are available on the WIPO website (in English)
- The desktop user manual is also available in the 10 PCT languages on our website

Development continues: MVP Project

- While testing the latest version of WIPO Sequence Suite, Offices indicated concerns regarding the readiness of the tool
- Several Offices collaborated to produce an “MVP” specification which describes the changes necessary to the implementation in order to ensure both the WIPO Sequence desktop and WIPO Sequence Validator are ready at the “go-live” date
- The improvement project kicked off in October 2021 and the deadline for the publication of the next stable release is March 2022.

Call to action

- CWS Member States are encouraged to:
 1. Promote the release of the latest version of WIPO Sequence to their stakeholders
 2. Support the IB in improving the desktop user manual and Validator operations manual
 3. Communicate their training needs to the International Bureau