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Program

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Monday, March 12, 2018

- 09:00 – 10:00 Registration
- 10:00 – 10:30 Welcome and Opening Remarks
 - Welcome address by Representative of CII
 - Inaugural Address by Shri O.P.GUPTA Controller General of Patents, Designs and Trademarks
 - Special address by Mr. John Sandage, Deputy Director General, Patents and Technology Sector, World Intellectual Property Organization (WIPO)
- 10:30 – 11:15 Topic 1: The PCT System – Overview & Recent Developments
 - Filing an International Application
 - PCT Timeline
 - Key Advantages of the PCT
 Speaker: Ms. Anjali Aeri, Counsellor, PCT Office Services Section, PCT International Cooperation Division, WIPO
- 11:15 – 11:45 Topic 2: Use of the PCT by the Indian Patent Office – National Perspective
 Speaker: Dr. K.S. Kardam, Sr. Joint Controller
- 11:45 – 12:00 Coffee Break
- 12:00 – 12:40 Topic 3: Overview of the ePCT System
 - Background
 - Benefits of Electronic Filing and File Inspection using ePCT
 - Future Developments
 Speaker: Mr. Peter Waring, Head, PCT Technical Cooperation Section, PCT International Cooperation Division WIPO
- 12:40 – 13:15 Topic 4(a): Functions of the receiving Office (RO) under the PCT
 - According an International Filing Date
 - Processing of the PCT International Application
 Speaker: Ms. Aeri, WIPO

- 13:15 – 14:15 Lunch
- 14:15 – 14:45 **Topic 4(b): Role of the Indian Patent Office as receiving Office (RO)**
Speaker: Ms. G.B. Bimi, Assistant Controller Incharge RO/IN
- 14:45 – 15:45 **Topic 5: ePCT Applicant Portal - Live Demonstration – Part I**
- How to Create an Account
- e-File, view and manage your PCT International Application
- Grant Access Rights

Speaker: Mr. Waring, WIPO
- 15:45 – 16:15 **Topic 6: Role of the Indian Patent Office as International Searching and Preliminary Examining Authority (ISA/IPEA) under the PCT**
Speaker: Dr. Rajesh Dixit, Deputy Controller, Incharge ISA
- 16:15 – 16:30 Coffee Break
- 16:30 – 17:15 **Topic 7: ePCT Applicant Portal – Part II**
- Submitting PCT Actions to the RO and ISA/IPEA electronically
- Guidance in e-Filing and Uploading of PCT Documents

Speaker: Mr. Waring, WIPO
- 17:15 – 17:45 **Topic 8: National Phase Entry under the PCT**
- When, what and how?
- Legal Remedies for Applicants

Speaker: Ms. Aeri, WIPO
- 17:45 – 18:00 **Q&A – Discussion**
- ePCT Accounts and Filing; Where to get help?
- Procedures under the PCT system
Speakers: WIPO & IP India Representatives
- 18:00 Closing Remarks

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