

PCT NEWSLETTER

Francis Gurry Nominated as next WIPO Director General

Francis Gurry, current WIPO Deputy Director General and a national of Australia, was nominated at a meeting of the WIPO Coordination Committee on 13 May 2008, to become the next Director General of WIPO. The Director General-elect will assume his duties on 1 October 2008, following appointment by the WIPO General Assembly at its next meeting scheduled from 22 to 30 September 2008.

Mr. Gurry was selected from a list which originally included 15 candidates. He will become the fourth Director General of WIPO, following Georg Bodenhausen of the Netherlands (1970-1973) Arpad Bogsch of the United States (1973-1997) and Kamil Idris of Sudan (1997-2008).

Mr. Gurry has been responsible for the Patent Cooperation Treaty since 2002, as well as other areas of intellectual property, including patent law and policy and the International Patent Classification (IPC). Mr. Gurry's full curriculum vitae is available at:

www.wipo.int/edocs/mdocs/govbody/en/wo_cc_58/wo_cc_58_13_au.pdf

Further information is published in a press release available on the WIPO website at:

www.wipo.int/pressroom/en/articles/2008/article_0025.html

PCT Working Group

The first session of the PCT Working Group was held in Geneva from 26 to 30 May 2008. The background to the creation of this body was explained in *PCT Newsletter* No. 05/2008.

The Working Group approved proposed amendments of the PCT Regulations with a view to their submission to the PCT Assembly for consideration at its next session, in September/October 2008, as follows:

- (a) proposed amendments of PCT Rules 45*bis* (as in force from January 1, 2009), 90 and 90*bis* concerning refund of the supplementary search handling fee and the supplementary search fee, the right of agents to practice before any International Authority specified to carry out a supplementary international search, and the effects of a withdrawal of a request for supplementary international search, respectively (see document PCT/WG/1/7); in this context, it was observed that at least three International Authorities were expected to offer supplementary international searches as from 1 January 2009 and that some others hoped to do so by 2010;
- (b) proposed amendments of PCT Rule 29.4 concerning timing and procedure where a receiving Office finds, after having accorded an international filing date, that the requirements for according an international filing date had not been met (document PCT/WG/1/11; see also revised proposed amendments in the report (document PCT/WG/1/16) (which will be available shortly));

(c) proposed amendments of PCT Rules 46.5 and 66.8 so as to require that, where applicants submit amendments to the claims (whether under Article 19 or 34), a complete new set of claims is to be submitted (document PCT/WG/1/13).

Various proposals for change to the physical requirements of international applications (document PCT/WG/1/5) were referred to technical task forces to ensure that they were appropriate for ensuring accurate optical character recognition of text and to establish the technical requirements for filing and processing color drawings.

While noting some difficulties which had been faced in certain cases, the Working Group considered that further experience was required with regard to the procedure of incorporation by reference of missing elements and parts of the international application before making any changes to the Rules in this area (document PCT/WG/1/9). However, a clarification to the PCT Receiving Office Guidelines was recommended to assist proper processing by International Searching Authorities (ISAs). Notably, where a complete correct set of claims was incorporated by reference, it should be placed before an accidentally filed incorrect set of claims so that the correct set of claims can more easily be recognized and searched as the “main” invention.

There was broad support for further consideration of the proposal by the European Patent Office for the introduction of claims fees within the PCT, in the same way as in many national and regional systems (document PCT/WG/1/14), but little support for the proposal to permit ISAs to limit international searches to one independent claim per category.

There was no agreement in the Working Group to proceed with a proposal for amendment of Rule 91 to allow the contents of the request to be taken into account in deciding whether a mistake in the description, claims and drawings was obvious (document PCT/WG/1/10).

The Working Group generally supported various proposed modifications of the PCT Administrative Instructions, subject to further consultation on the details, as follows:

(a) proposals to abolish “mixed mode” sequence listing applications, to charge no page fees for sequence listings which are included in the appropriate ST.25 text format in the international application filed in electronic form, but to charge full page fees for those filed on paper or in an image format (including PDF), and to make available, on the publication date, copies of any sequence listings not included in the international application as filed, but which are furnished in the ST.25 text format, only for the purpose of international search (document PCT/WG/1/4);

(b) proposals to supplement the recommended headings to be used in the description and claims of international applications by alternatives aimed at clear compatibility with the “Common Application Format” which has been established by the Trilateral Offices (document PCT/WG/1/15).

The Working Group also discussed a paper (document PCT/WG/1/3) originally drafted for the Meeting of International Authorities under the PCT (see *PCT Newsletter* No. 05/2008) entitled “Enhancing the Value of International Search and Preliminary Examination under the PCT”. In response to this paper and to a proposal by Israel (document PCT/WG/1/2) in relation to the problems for applicants when the international search report is established very late, the Working Group agreed that the quality and timeliness of international search reports were key to the value of the PCT system and that action was required by receiving Offices, International Authorities and the International Bureau (IB) alike to ensure that the system met applicants’ needs. The IB outlined a pilot system (document PCT/WG/1/8) aimed at reducing the delays in transmission of documents from the receiving Office to the ISA and at providing additional

information to the latter to assist with the international search. Various other matters were discussed, including the matters of trust in work performed during the international phase (so that it is not repeated unnecessarily in each national phase) and making the international preliminary examination procedure under Chapter II more useful so as to minimize work and costs for applicants and Offices alike.

Following a further proposal by Israel (document PCT/WG/1/2), the IB agreed to resume a study on the possibility of the establishment of a standardized form for national phase entry.

It was agreed that the PCT Receiving Office Guidelines should be modified to better deal with a procedure when, at the time of filing, material was presented such that it was not apparent whether it was supposed to form part of the international application or not (document PCT/WG/1/12).

The Working Group noted a set of draft criteria prepared by the IB for the addition of any further languages of publication to the PCT system (document PCT/WG/1/6), to be submitted for consideration by the PCT Assembly in September/October 2008.

The Working Group further noted the IB's plan to offer a service whereby the receiving Office would be able (with the agreement of the IB and the ISA) to transmit the search copy and other documents necessary for international search to the ISA in electronic form via the IB, using the receiving Office's existing PCT Electronic Data Interchange (EDI) communication link to the IB, and to offer ISAs access to the full text of international applications captured using optical character recognition (OCR).

The report of the session (document PCT/WG/1/16) will be made available shortly from the same page as the working documents on the WIPO website at:

www.wipo.int/meetings/en/details.jsp?meeting_code=pct/wg/1

Notice to Users of the PCT-SAFE Software, the EPO's *epoline*® Online Filing Software and the JPO-PAS Electronic Filing Software

The following information concerns applicants who will be filing international applications in electronic form on or after 1 July 2008 via the PCT-SAFE software with certain receiving Offices¹ (both fully electronic and PCT-EASY mode filings), the European Patent Office's *epoline*® Online Filing software, or the Japan Patent Office's JPO-PAS electronic filing software. Applicants using any other electronic filing software are advised to enquire with their respective receiving Offices. Note, however, that applicants filing with the United States Patent and Trademark Office as receiving Office via the EFS-Web filing system will not be affected by this information.

A PCT-SAFE software update will be released by early July 2008, which will enable the preparation of request forms in compliance with the July 2008 rule changes for filing international applications, both in fully electronic and in PCT-EASY mode, with the International Bureau as receiving Office, as well as with any other receiving Office which is not listed in the footnote. However, the updated software will not be available on time for international applications filed with the receiving Offices which are listed in the footnote, as it has not yet

¹ The receiving Offices of: Australia, China, Denmark, the European Patent Office, Finland, Germany, Japan, Malaysia, the Netherlands, the Philippines, Poland, the Republic of Korea, Romania, Slovakia, Spain, Sweden and the United Kingdom.

been possible to make the necessary technical modifications to the respective receiving Office servers.

Note that, in view of the time needed to incorporate into other filing software packages the necessary updates resulting from those rule changes, updates of certain software, for example, the *epoline*® Online Filing software and the JPO-PAS electronic filing software, may also not be available as of 1 July 2008, but will be available as soon as the changes have been incorporated into the respective software.

The consequence of this delay is that users of the above-mentioned client software packages will not easily be able to take advantage of the following new features of the July 2008 rule changes until such time as the updated software becomes available:

- the possibility for applicants to request the International Searching Authority (ISA), when carrying out the international search, to take into consideration the results not only of an earlier search it has carried out, but also the earlier search carried out by another ISA or a national or regional Office;
- the possibility for applicants to authorize the various PCT Offices and Authorities, if the Office or Authority concerned so wishes, to send advance copies of notifications using the e-mail address provided by the applicant for this purpose (for further information, see the “Practical advice” in *PCT Newsletter* No. 05/2008); or
- the possibility, in the case of international applications filed in fully electronic form, of submitting the international application in the pre-conversion format together with the corresponding statement on the request form, following the amendment of Section 706 of the PCT Administrative Instructions (for further information, see *PCT Newsletter* No. 05/2008, page 2).

Further information concerning measures to work around this problem during the time that it exists will be given shortly. See, in particular, WIPO’s “Electronic Filing (PCT-SAFE)” homepage for further information in the near future at:

www.wipo.int/pct-safe/en/index.html

E-mail Notifications

Reminder

It is recalled that, as from 1 July 2008, it will be possible for the International Bureau (IB) to transmit certain PCT forms to either the applicant or agent (hereinafter: “the applicant”) by e-mail. The request form (PCT/RO/101), as modified with effect from 1 July 2008, will contain a new field in Boxes Nos. II and IV that will allow applicants to include one e-mail address with their international applications. Next to that field will be a check-box, which, if marked, will authorize any PCT Authority (the receiving Office (RO), the IB, the International Searching Authority (ISA) and the International Preliminary Examining Authority (IPEA)) to send by e-mail, if they so wish, advance copies of notifications in respect of the international application to the e-mail address indicated. The IB and the IB as RO plan to make use of this facility, but whether any other PCT Authorities will do so will depend on the PCT Authority concerned.

It is recalled that:

- Such advance e-mails will not replace paper notifications sent by mail as usual, which will remain the legal copy of the notifications, but rather, will be an additional service to the applicant;
- For the moment, it will not be possible for applicants to reply to the IB by e-mail;
- For technical reasons, the IB will begin by only sending certain forms by e-mail, adding other forms later in the year.

For further information about this new service, see the “Practical advice” published in *PCT Newsletter* No. 05/2008 at:

www.wipo.int/pct/en/newslett/index.html

Warning about spam filters

If you wish to receive such e-mail notifications from the IB, your e-mail system should be set up in such a way as to ensure that any e-mails originating from WIPO are not treated as spam and blocked by your e-mail system.

Note that the e-mail notifications from the IB will be sent from the following e-mail address:

no.reply@wipo.int

to which it will not be possible to reply. You should ensure that this address is recognized as a “safe” address so that it will not be blocked by your spam filter.

PATENTSCOPE® Search Service

(www.wipo.int/pctdb)

Full-text search in Japanese

As from 3 July 2008, the PATENTSCOPE® search service will support keyword searches in the Japanese language. The searchable Japanese text data will include the descriptions and claims of published international applications electronically filed in Japanese and published on or after 3 July 2008, as well as all the titles and the majority of abstracts of international applications published in text since 2004. The Japanese text data will also be available, on a weekly basis, via the FTP data delivery service, for all Offices and companies that have subscribed to this service.

This enhancement improves access to Japanese international applications, which make up 16% of all applications filed in the past four years. Japanese is the second most used language of filing after English, and several of the most frequent users of the PCT system are Japanese companies.

This brings to six the number of languages in which full-text data search is possible; the other languages being: English, French, German, Spanish and Russian.

New interface in Spanish

The PATENTSCOPE® search service interface is now available in Spanish, in addition to English and French, at:

www.wipo.int/pctdb/es/index.jsp

The web pages available in Spanish include the search interface, search results and all supporting web pages, including on-line help and related pages. This enhancement is a consequence of technical cooperation between WIPO and Spanish-language patent Offices regarding the future integration of additional patent data into the PATENTSCOPE® search service.

New PCT National Phase Information

The PATENTSCOPE® Search Service now includes PCT national phase information for Egypt and Poland, and regional phase information for the European Patent Office, thus bringing the total number of Offices which furnish such information to 33. It is recalled that information on whether an international application has entered the national/regional phase, as well as other information relating to the national/regional phase can, where the designated or elected Office has furnished the relevant information to the IB, be accessed by clicking on the “national phase” tab of the international application concerned. For a complete list of offices and dates covered by this service, see:

www.wipo.int/pctdb/en/nationalphase.jsp

PCT Information Update

OM Oman (competent receiving Office)

The Government of Oman has notified the International Bureau that it delegates, for at least two years, the functions of receiving Office under the PCT, in relation to international applications filed by nationals or residents of Oman under PCT Rule 19.1(b), to the International Bureau of WIPO in its capacity as receiving Office under the PCT.

Search fee (Australian Patent Office, European Patent Office, Federal Service for Intellectual Property, Patents and Trademarks (Russian Federation), National Board of Patents and Registration of Finland)

As from 1 July 2008, there will be a change in the amount in EUR, as well as changes in the equivalent amounts payable in CHF and USD, for an international search carried out by the National Board of Patents and Registration of Finland.

As from 1 August 2008, there will be a change in the equivalent amounts payable in the currencies specified below for international searches carried out by the following Offices:

Australian Patent Office	USD
European Patent Office	NZD, USD
Federal Service for Intellectual Property, Patents and Trademarks (Russian Federation)	EUR
National Board of Patents and Registration of Finland	USD

The above-mentioned changes are indicated in Fee Table I(b).

(Updating of *PCT Applicant's Guide*, Annex D (AU), (EP), (FI) and (RU))

New/Updated PCT Resources on the Internet (www.wipo.int/pct/en)

Modified PCT Regulations

The consolidated texts of the Regulations under the PCT in English and French, as in force from 1 July 2008, are available on the PCT Resources page of PATENTSCOPE® – click on the relevant shortcut button on the right side of the page at, respectively:

www.wipo.int/pct/en/texts/

www.wipo.int/pct/fr/texts/

Report of the PCT Assembly

The document which was prepared for the PCT Assembly, held on 31 March 2008, and the report of the session are available on the WIPO website at:

www.wipo.int/meetings/en/details.jsp?meeting_id=15345

Amendments to the PCT Regulations: PowerPoint presentation

A PowerPoint presentation containing an overview of the amendments to the PCT Regulations, Administrative Instructions and other practice changes as from 1 July 2008 is now available at:

www.wipo.int/pct/en/texts/ppt/2008changes.ppt

Arabic version of the PCT Regulations (April 2007 edition)

Further to the information published in *PCT Newsletter* No. 03/2008 concerning the availability of a provisional version of the Arab text of the Regulations under the PCT as in force from 1 April 2007, the official version will be available soon in PDF format, at:

www.wipo.int/pct/ar/docs/pct_regs.pdf

List of States party to the PCT and the Paris Convention and Members of the World Trade Organization

See “World Trade Organization”, below

World Trade Organization

Ukraine becomes a Member

On 16 May 2008, Ukraine (country code: UA), which is already party to the PCT and the Paris Convention, became a Member of the WTO, thus bringing the total number of Members to 152. The table of States party to the PCT and the Paris Convention and Members of the WTO has been updated accordingly. See the PCT Resources page of PATENTSCOPE® at:

www.wipo.int/pct/en/texts/pdf/pct_paris_wto.pdf

It is recalled that under PCT Rule 4.10(a), it is possible to claim in an international application the priority of one or more earlier applications filed in, or for, any country party to the Paris Convention for the Protection of Industrial Property or in, or for, any Member of the World Trade Organization (WTO) that is not party to that Convention.

Practical Advice

Signature requirements for withdrawals of designations

Q: When I, as agent, filed an international application two months ago, claiming the priority of a national application filed in Japan (JP), I forgot to check the box under Box No. V "Designations" to the effect that JP is not designated for any kind of national protection, which I should have done in order to avoid the ceasing of the effect, under the national law, of the earlier application. I must therefore withdraw the designation of JP within 15 months from the earlier filing date, which leaves me very little time to do this. Bearing in mind that the only applicant for the purposes of the designation of JP is the corporate applicant, I presume that, for the purposes of the signature of the notice of withdrawal, it is not also necessary to obtain the signatures of the applicant/inventors who are only applicants for the designation of the United States of America (US)? Is my presumption correct, according to the PCT? (Note that the request form was not signed by the applicants and, in view of the fact that the receiving Office has made a waiver of the requirement to furnish a power of attorney, a power of attorney has not been furnished.)

A: According to PCT Rule 90bis.5(a), any notice of withdrawal, including the withdrawal of a designation, must be signed by the applicant or, if there are two or more applicants, **by all of them**. The notice of withdrawal of the JP designation would therefore require the signature of all applicants, regardless of the fact that the applicant/inventors are only applicants for the US designation, and are not also applicants for the JP designation. Even if the corporate applicant is considered to be the common representative under PCT Rule 90.2(b) (the "deemed common representative"), it cannot sign a notice of withdrawal on behalf of the other applicants.

Note that even though a waiver has been made by the Japan Patent Office in its capacity as receiving Office, a waiver never applies in respect of any notice of withdrawal under PCT Rules 90bis.1 to 90bis.4 (see PCT Rule 90.4(e)); if a notice of withdrawal is not signed by all applicants, a power of attorney is required, signed by all applicants.

The only exception to the requirement that the applicant/inventors must sign the notice of withdrawal of the designation mentioned above is as follows: according to PCT Rule 90bis.5(b), where the applicant/inventors concerned had designated a State whose national law requires that national applications be filed by the inventor (namely, the US), and where the applicant for that designated State who is an inventor could not be found or reached after diligent effort, the notice of withdrawal under PCT Rule 90bis.2 need not be signed by that applicant if it is signed by at least one applicant, and

- a statement is furnished explaining, to the satisfaction of the receiving Office or the International Bureau, as the case may be, the lack of signature of the applicant concerned; or
- if the request was signed by at least one applicant and a statement was furnished explaining, to the satisfaction of the receiving Office, the lack of signature of the request.

Even though the requirement to submit a power of attorney may have been waived by the receiving Office, and even though it is acceptable for only one of several applicants to sign the request to satisfy the signature requirement (see PCT Rules 4.15(a) and 26.2bis(a)), agents or common representatives should carefully consider whether they should in any case obtain the signatures of all applicants, either by way of signing a power of attorney or by way of signing the request. By obtaining those signatures in advance, any withdrawal, which requires the

signatures of all of the applicants or a power of attorney signed by all of the applicants, could be dealt with by the relevant office/authority immediately, and delays caused by waiting for signatures would not be incurred. Even if those signatures are not actually submitted by the agent/common representative, but are merely kept in the file of the agent/common representative, at least they would be available if they were needed later.

For further information on withdrawals in general, see the *PCT Applicant's Guide*, paragraphs 452 to 463 at:

www.wipo.int/pct/guide/en/gdvol1/pdf/gdvol1.pdf

and for further information on the withdrawal of designations, see the "Practical advice" in *PCT Newsletter* No. 2/2004:

www.wipo.int/edocs/pctndocs/en/2004/pct_news_2004_2.pdf

PCT Seminar Calendar (situation on 1 June 2008)			
Dates and location	Language of seminar	Nature of seminar; WIPO speakers (and others where known)	Organizer and contact numbers
23 June 2008 Osaka (JP)	Japanese	PCT and PCT-SAFE seminar for patent attorneys and patent administrators WIPO speakers: Mr. Takahashi and Mr. Okamoto	Japan Patent Attorneys Association (JPAA) Tel: (81-3) 35 19 23 60 Fax: (81-3) 35 81 12 05
24 June 2008 Tokyo (JP)	Japanese	PCT and PCT-SAFE seminar for patent attorneys and patent administrators WIPO speakers: Mr. Takahashi and Mr. Okamoto	(see Osaka, above)
25 June 2008 Nagoya (JP)	Japanese	PCT and PCT-SAFE seminar for patent attorneys and patent administrators WIPO speakers: Mr. Takahashi and Mr. Okamoto	(see Osaka, above)
10–11 July 2008 New York (US)	English	PCT training program for attorneys, patent agents and paralegals WIPO speaker: Ms. Bidwell Other speakers: Mr. Helfgott (Katten Muchin Rosenman, LLP, New York), Mr. Oppedahl (Oppedahl Patent Law Firm, Frisco), Ms. Kepplinger (Wilson Sonsini Goodrich & Rosati, Washington) and Mr. Kopf (Maiwald Patentanwalts GmbH, Munich)	American Intellectual Property Law Association (AIPLA) Tel: (1-703) 415 07 80 Fax: (1-703) 415 07 86 E-mail: aipla@aipla.org Internet: www.aipla.org
14–15 July 2008 Denver (US)	English	PCT training program for attorneys, patent agents and paralegals WIPO and other speakers: see New York, above	American Intellectual Property Law Association (AIPLA) (See New York, above)
2–3 October 2008 Cary, North Carolina (US)	English	PCT seminar WIPO speakers: Ms. Bidwell and Mr. Reed	North Carolina Bar Association (Ms. Melanie Bostic) Tel: (1-919) 657 15 69 Fax: (1-919) 677 17 74 E-mail: mbostic@ncbar.org
10 October 2008 London (GB)	English	PCT presentation in the framework of the 7th Annual Conference for Senior Patent Administrators WIPO speaker: Mr. Reischle	Management Forum Ltd Tel: (44-1483) 57 00 99 Fax: (44-1483) 53 64 24 E-mail: josephine.leak@management-forum.co.uk
20 October 2008 Helsinki (FI)	English	PCT update seminar WIPO speaker: Ms. Bonvallet	National Board of Patents and Registration of Finland (Mr. Iilmarinen) Tel: (358-9) 69 39 52 36 Fax: (358-9) 69 39 53 22 E-mail: olli.ilmarinen@prh.fi
22 October 2008 Stockholm (SE)	English	PCT update for patent attorneys and advanced paralegals WIPO speaker: Ms. Bonvallet	Swedish Patent and Registration Office (Ms. Inger Halvarsson, PRV InterPat - external training) Tel: (46-8) 782 28 84 Fax: (46-8) 783 01 63 E-mail: inger.halvarsson@prv.se

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(situation on 1 June 2008)

Dates and location	Language of seminar	Nature of seminar; WIPO speakers (and others where known)	Organizer and contact numbers
24 October 2008 Copenhagen (DK)	English	PCT update WIPO speaker: Ms. Bonvallet	Danish Patent and Trademark Office (Ms. Anette Høgh Sonnichsen) Tel: (45) 43 50 80 31 Fax: (45) 43 50 80 01 E-mail: ahs@dkpto.dk
30–31 October 2008 San Francisco (US)	English	Advanced PCT seminar WIPO speakers: Ms. Bidwell and Mrs. Coeckelbergs	Intellectual Property International (Ms. Virginia H. Meyer) Tel: (1–415) 381 26 15 Fax: (1–415) 389 89 38 E-mail: info@ipiseminars.com Internet: www.ipiseminars.com
3–4 November 2008 Chicago (US)	English	Advanced course on the PCT WIPO speakers: Ms. Bidwell and Mrs. Coeckelbergs	The John Marshall Law School Department of Event Management Tel: (1–312) 987 14 20 Fax: (1–312) 427 71 28 E-mail: Events@jmls.edu
13 November 2008 Reykjavik (IS)	English	PCT training course WIPO speaker: Mrs. Coeckelbergs	Icelandic Patent Office (Ms. Elfa Ólafsdóttir) Tel: (354) 580 94 00 Fax: (354) 580 94 01 E-mail: elfa@Einkaleyfastofan.is
20–21 November 2008 Boston, Massachusetts (US)	English	Seminar on PCT practices and procedures WIPO speakers: Ms. Bidwell and Mr. Reischle	Boston Patent Law Association (Ms. Janice Roussel) Tel: (1–617) 526 68 04 Fax: (1–617) 526 50 00 E-mail: Janice.Roussel@wilmerhale.com
4–5 December 2008 London (GB)	English	Advanced formalities seminar WIPO speakers: to be announced	Management Forum Ltd Tel: (44–1483) 57 00 99 Fax: (44–1483) 53 64 24 E-mail: josephine.leak@management- forum.co.uk
9–10 December 2008 Paris (FR)	French	Advanced PCT seminar WIPO speakers: to be announced	Institut national de la propriété industrielle (INPI) (Ms. Françoise Chauvin) Tel: (33–1) 53 04 55 76 Fax: (33–1) 53 04 52 52 E-mail: fchauvin@inpi.fr

Other IP events**WIPO-Kellogg Strategies for Management of Intellectual Property Executive Program, Chicago (USA), 9 to 12 June 2008**

As companies seek to achieve competitive advantage through exploitation of their technological assets, managing intellectual property has become a key issue for these companies. In most cases, IP is responsible for more than 70% of the market value of companies in the S & P index. This course is designed to expose participants to the various organizational skills needed so as to confidently develop, analyze and negotiate the IP of their corporation. Faculty from Kellogg School of Management and WIPO will help understand the strategic issues involved in IP management. Special guest experts complement the foundations presented by the faculty.

For further information on this event, visit: www.wipo.int/academy/en/execed/sipm/chg_jun_08/index.html or send an email to: execed.academy@wipo.int.

PCT Fee Tables

(amounts on 1 June 2008, unless otherwise indicated)

The following Tables show the amounts and currencies of the main PCT fees which are payable to the receiving Offices (ROs) and the International Preliminary Examining Authorities (IPEAs) during the international phase under Chapter I (Tables I(a) and I(b)) and under Chapter II (Table II). Fees which are payable only in particular circumstances are not shown; nor are details of certain reductions and refunds which may be available; such information can be found in the *PCT Applicant's Guide*, Annexes C, D and E. Note that all amounts are subject to change due to variations in the fees themselves or fluctuations in exchange rates. The international filing fee may be reduced by CHF 100, 200 or 300 where the international application, or part of the international application, is filed in electronic form, as prescribed under Item 3(a), (b), (c) and (d) of the Schedule of Fees (annexed to the Regulations under the PCT) and the *PCT Applicant's Guide*, paragraph 202(A). A 75%¹ reduction in the international filing fee (including the fee per sheet over 30) and the handling fee, as well as an exemption from the transmittal fee payable to the International Bureau as receiving Office, is also available to applicants from certain States—see footnotes 3 and 13. (Note that if the CHF 100, 200 or 300 reduction, as the case may be, and the 75%¹ reduction are applicable, the 75%¹ reduction is calculated **after** the CHF 100, 200 or 300 reduction.) The footnotes to the Fee Tables follow Table II.

Key to abbreviations used in fee tables:

eq	equivalent of –	BGL	Bulgarian lev	GHC	Ghanaian cedi	LYD	Libyan dinar	SGD	Singapore dollar
IPEA	International Preliminary Examining Authority	BRR	Brazilian real	HRK	Croatian kuna	MAD	Moroccan dirham	SKK	Slovak koruna
ISA	International Searching Authority	BYR	Belarusian rouble	HUF	Hungarian forint	MKD	Macedonian denar	TJS	Tajik somoni
RO	receiving Office	BZD	Belize dollar	IDR	Indonesian rupiah	MWK	Malawian kwacha	TND	Tunisian dinar
		CAD	Canadian dollar	ILS	New Israel shekel	MXP	Mexican peso	TTD	Trinidad and Tobago dollar
		CHF	Swiss franc	INR	Indian rupee	MYR	Malaysian ringgit	UAH	Ukrainian hryvnia
		CNY	Yuan renminbi	ISK	Icelandic krona	NOK	Norwegian krone	USD	US dollar
		COP	Colombian peso	JPY	Japanese yen	NZD	New Zealand dollar	VND	Vietnamese dong
		CUC	Cuban convertible peso	KES	Kenyan shilling	PGK	Kina	XAF	CFA franc BEAC
AED	United Arab Emirates dirham	CZK	Czech koruna	KGS	Kyrgyz som	PHP	Philippine peso	XAF	CFA franc BEAC
ALL	Albanian lek	DKK	Danish krone	KPW	KP won	PLZ	Polish zloty	ZAR	South African rand
AMD	Armenian dram	DZD	Algerian dinar	KRW	KR won	ROL	Romanian leu	ZWD	Zimbabwe dollar
AUD	Australian dollar	EEK	Estonian kroon	KZT	Kazakh tenge	RSD	Serbian dinar		
AZM	Azerbaijani manat	EUR	Euro	LSL	Lesotho loti	RUR	Russian rouble		
BAM	Convertible mark	GBP	Pound sterling	LTL	Lithuanian litas	SDP	Sudanese pound		
		GEL	Georgian lari	LVL	Latvian lat	SEK	Swedish krona		

Table I(a) — Transmittal and international filing fees

(amounts on 1 June 2008, unless otherwise indicated)

RO	Transmittal fee ²		International filing fee ^{2,3} (CHF 1,400) (from 1.7.08: 1,330)		Fee per sheet over 30 ^{2,3,4} (CHF 15)		E-filing reductions according to Schedule of Fees:			Competent ISA(s) ⁵
							Items 3(a) ⁶ and (b) ⁷ (CHF 100)	Item 3(c) ⁸ (CHF 200)	Item 3(d) ⁹ (CHF 300)	
AG	Information not yet available									
AL	ALL	9,000	CHF	1,400 (from 1.7.08: 1,330)	15 (15)	– (–)	– (–)	– (–)	– (–)	EP
AM	AMD	32,000	USD	1,263 (from 1.7.08: 1,338)	14 (15)	90 (101)	– (–)	– (–)	– (–)	EP RU
AP	USD	50 (or eq in local currency)	USD	1,263 (from 1.7.08: 1,338)	14 (15)	90 (101)	– (–)	– (–)	– (–)	AT EP SE
AT	EUR	50	EUR	848 (from 1.7.08: 848)	9 (10)	61 (64)	– (–)	– (–)	– (–)	EP
AU	AUD	150	AUD	1,374 (from 1.7.08: 1,466)	15 (17)	98 (110)	196 (220)	295 (331)	–	AU
AZ	AZM	55,000	USD	1,263 (from 1.7.08: 1,338)	14 (15)	– (–)	– (–)	– (–)	– (–)	EP RU
BA	BAM	50	EUR	848 (from 1.7.08: 848)	9 (10)	61 (64)	– (–)	– (–)	– (–)	EP
BE	EUR	40	EUR	848 (from 1.7.08: 848)	9 (10)	61 (64)	– (–)	– (–)	– (–)	EP
BG	BGL	80	BGL eq CHF	1,400 (from 1.7.08: 1,330)	eq CHF 15 (15)	eq CHF 100 (100)	– (–)	– (–)	– (–)	EP RU
BH	Information not yet available									

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Table I(a) — Transmittal and international filing fees [continued]

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RO	Transmittal fee ²		International filing fee ^{2,3}		Fee per sheet over 30 ^{2,3,4}		E-filing reductions according to Schedule of Fees:			Competent ISA(s) ⁵
							Items 3(a) ⁶ and (b) ⁷	Item 3(c) ⁸	Item 3(d) ⁹	
BR	BRR	305	BRR eq CHF 1,400 (from 1.7.08: 1,330)	eq CHF 15 (15)	eq CHF 100 (100)	– (–)	– (–)	– (–)	AT EP SE US	
BW	USD ¹⁰	–	USD 1,263 (from 1.7.08: 1,338)	14 (15)	90 (101)	– (–)	– (–)	– (–)	EP	
BY	BYR eq USD	70	USD 1,263 (from 1.7.08: 1,338)	14 (15)	– (–)	– (–)	– (–)	– (–)	EP RU	
BZ	BZD	300	USD 1,263 (from 1.7.08: 1,338)	14 (15)	90 (101)	– (–)	– (–)	– (–)	CA EP	
CA	CAD	300	CAD 1,261 (from 1.7.08: 1,375)	14 (16)	90 (103)	– (–)	– (–)	– (–)	CA	
CH	CHF	100	CHF 1,400 (from 1.7.08: 1,330)	15 (15)	100 (100)	– (–)	– (–)	– (–)	EP	
CN	CNY	500	CNY eq CHF 1,400 (from 1.7.08: 1,330)	eq CHF 15 (15)	eq CHF 100 (100)	eq CHF 200 (200)	eq CHF 300 (300)	– (–)	CN	
CO	COP ¹⁰	–	COP eq USD 1,263 (from 1.7.08: 1,338)	eq USD 14 (15)	eq USD 90 (101)	– (–)	– (–)	– (–)	AT, EP, ES, RU	
CR	USD	250	USD 1,263 (from 1.7.08: 1,338)	14 (15)	90 (101)	– (–)	– (–)	– (–)	EP ES	
CU	CUC	200	CUC 1,263 (from 1.7.08: 1,338)	14 (15)	90 (101)	– (–)	– (–)	– (–)	AT EP ES RU	
CY	EUR	128.15	EUR 848 (from 1.7.08: 848)	9 (10)	– (–)	– (–)	– (–)	– (–)	EP	
CZ	CZK	1,500	EUR 848 (from 1.7.08: 848)	9 (10)	61 (64)	– (–)	– (–)	– (–)	EP	
DE	EUR	90	EUR 848 (from 1.7.08: 848)	9 (10)	61 (64)	121 (128)	182 (191)	– (–)	EP	
DK	DKK	1,500	DKK 6,320 (from 1.7.08: 6,320)	70 (70)	450 (480)	900 (950)	1,350 (1,430)	– (–)	EP SE XN	
DM	Information not yet available									
DO	USD	275	USD 1,263 (from 1.7.08: 1,338)	14 (15)	90 (101)	– (–)	– (–)	– (–)	EP ES US	
DZ	DZD	None	CHF 1,400 (from 1.7.08: 1,330)	15 (15)	100 (100)	– (–)	– (–)	– (–)	AT EP	
EA	RUR	1,600	USD 1,263 (from 1.7.08: 1,338)	14 (15)	90 (101)	– (–)	– (–)	– (–)	EP RU	
EC	USD ¹⁰	–	USD 1,263 (from 1.7.08: 1,338)	14 (15)	90 (101)	– (–)	– (–)	– (–)	EP ES	
EE	EEK	1,800	EEK eq CHF 1,400 (from 1.7.08: 1,330)	eq CHF 15 (15)	eq CHF 100 (100)	– (–)	– (–)	– (–)	EP	

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Table I(a) — Transmittal and international filing fees [continued]

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RO	Transmittal fee ²		International filing fee ^{2,3}		Fee per sheet over 30 ^{2,3,4}	E-filing reductions according to Schedule of Fees:			Competent ISA(s) ⁵
						Items 3(a) ⁶ and (b) ⁷	Item 3(c) ⁸	Item 3(d) ⁹	
EG	USD	142	USD 1,263 (from 1.7.08: 1,338)	14 (15)	90 (101)	– (–)	– (–)	AT EP US	
EP	EUR	110	EUR 848 (from 1.7.08: 848)	9 (10)	– (–)	121 (128)	182 (191)	EP	
ES	EUR	69.25	EUR 848 (from 1.7.08: 848)	9 (10)	61 (64)	121 (128)	182 (191)	EP ES	
FI	EUR	135	EUR 848 (from 1.7.08: 848)	9 (10)	– (–)	121 (128)	182 (191)	EP FI SE	
FR	EUR	60	EUR 848 (from 1.7.08: 848)	9 (10)	61 (64)	121 (128)	182 (191)	EP	
GB	GBP	55	GBP 647 (from 1.7.08: 675)	7 (8)	46 (51)	92 (101)	139 (152)	EP	
GD	Information not yet available								
GE	GEL ¹¹	10	USD 1,263 (from 1.7.08: 1,338)	14 (15)	90 (101)	– (–)	– (–)	EP RU	
GH	GHC ¹²	2,500 or 5,000	USD 1,263 (from 1.7.08: 1,338)	14 (15)	– (–)	– (–)	– (–)	AT AU CN EP SE	
GR	EUR	115	EUR 848 (from 1.7.08: 848)	9 (10)	61 (64)	– (–)	– (–)	EP	
GT	Information not yet available								
HN	Information not yet available								
HR	HRK	200	HRK eq CHF 1,400 (from 1.7.08: 1,330)	eq CHF 15 (15)	eq CHF 100 (100)	– (–)	– (–)	EP	
HU	HUF	10,700	HUF eq CHF 1,400 (from 1.7.08: 1,330)	eq CHF 15 (15)	eq CHF 100 (100)	– (–)	– (–)	EP RU	
IB	CHF ¹³ or EUR ¹³ or USD ¹³	100	CHF 1,400 (from 1.7.08: 1,330)	15 (15)	100 (100)	200 (200)	300 (300)	See footnote 14	
		61	or EUR 848 (from 1.7.08: 848)	9 (10)	61 (64)	121 (128)	182 (191)		
		85	or USD 1,263 (from 1.7.08: 1,338)	14 (15)	90 (101)	180 (201)	271 (302)		
		1,000,000	IDR eq CHF 1,400 (from 1.7.08: 1,330)	eq CHF 15 (15)	eq CHF 100 (100)	– (–)	– (–)		AU EP KR RU
IE	EUR	76	EUR 848 (from 1.7.08: 848)	9 (10)	61 (64)	– (–)	– (–)	EP	
IL	ILS	490	USD 1,263 (from 1.7.08: 1,338)	14 (15)	90 (101)	– (–)	– (–)	EP US	
IN	INR	8,000 (filing by indiv: 2,000)	USD 1,263 (from 1.7.08: 1,338)	14 (15)	90 (101)	– (–)	– (–)	AT AU CN EP SE US	
IS	ISK	6,500	ISK 85,100 (from 1.7.08: 101,400)	900 (1,100)	6,100 (7,600)	– (–)	– (–)	EP SE XN	

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Table I(a) — Transmittal and international filing fees [continued]

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RO	Transmittal fee ²	International filing fee ^{2,3}	Fee per sheet over 30 ^{2,3,4}	E-filing reductions according to Schedule of Fees:			Competent ISA(s) ⁵
				Items 3(a) ⁶ and (b) ⁷	Item 3(c) ⁸	Item 3(d) ⁹	
IT	EUR 30.99	EUR 848 (from 1.7.08: 848)	9 (10)	– (–)	– (–)	– (–)	EP
JP	JPY 13,000	JPY 137,000 (from 1.7.08: 133,400)	1,500 (1,500)	9,800 (10,000)	– (–)	29,400 (30,100)	EP JP
KE	USD (or KES equiv) 250 plus cost of mailing	USD 1,263 (from 1.7.08: 1,338)	14 (15)	90 (101)	– (–)	– (–)	AT AU CN EP SE
KG	KGS eq USD 100	USD 1,263 (from 1.7.08: 1,338)	14 (15)	90 (101)	– (–)	– (–)	EP RU
KM	Information not yet available						
KN	Information not yet available						
KP	KPW eq CHF 50	KPW eq CHF 1,400 (from 1.7.08: 1,330)	eq CHF 15 (15)	eq CHF 100 (100)	– (–)	– (–)	AT CN RU
KR	KRW 45,000	KRW 1,221,000 (from 1.7.08: 1,327,000)	13,000 (15,000)	87,000 (100,000)	– (–)	262,000 (299,000)	AT AU JP ¹⁵ KR
KZ	KZT 7,360	USD 1,263 (from 1.7.08: 1,338)	14 (15)	90 (101)	– (–)	– (–)	EP RU
LA	Information not yet available						EP
LR	USD 45	USD 1,263 (from 1.7.08: 1,338)	14 (15)	– (–)	– (–)	– (–)	AT AU CN EP SE
LS	LSM ¹⁰ –	LSM eq CHF 1,400 (from 1.7.08: 1,330)	eq CHF 15 (15)	– (–)	– (–)	– (–)	AT EP
LT	LTL 320	EUR 848 (from 1.7.08: 848)	9 (10)	61 (64)	– (–)	– (–)	EP RU
LU	EUR 19	EUR 848 (from 1.7.08: 848)	9 (10)	– (–)	– (–)	– (–)	EP
LV	LVL 47.20	EUR 848 (from 1.7.08: 848)	9 (10)	61 (64)	– (–)	– (–)	EP RU
LY	LYD ¹⁰ –	CHF 1,400 (from 1.7.08: 1,330)	15 (15)	100 (100)	– (–)	– (–)	AT EP
MA	None	CHF 1,400 (from 1.7.08: 1,330)	15 (15)	100 (100)	– (–)	– (–)	AT EP RU SE
MC	EUR 54 ¹⁶	EUR 848 (from 1.7.08: 848)	9 (10)	– (–)	– (–)	– (–)	EP
MD	USD 40	USD 1,263 (from 1.7.08: 1,338)	14 (15)	90 (101)	– (–)	– (–)	EP RU
MK	MKD 2,700	MKD eq CHF 1,400 (from 1.7.08: 1,330)	eq CHF 15 (15)	eq CHF 100 (100)	– (–)	– (–)	EP
MN	None	CHF 1,400 (from 1.7.08: 1,330)	15 (15)	100 (100)	– (–)	– (–)	EP KR RU
MT	Information not yet available						EP

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Table I(a) — Transmittal and international filing fees [continued]

(amounts on 1 June 2008, unless otherwise indicated)

RO	Transmittal fee ²	International filing fee ^{2,3}	Fee per sheet over 30 ^{2,3,4}	E-filing reductions according to Schedule of Fees:			Competent ISA(s) ⁵
				Items 3(a) ⁶ and (b) ⁷	Item 3(c) ⁸	Item 3(d) ⁹	
MW	MWK 6,000	MWK 166,800 (from 1.7.08: 182,500)	1,800 (2,100)	11,900 (13,700)	– (–)	– (–)	EP
MX	MXP ³ eq USD 323.70	MXP eq CHF 1,400 (from 1.7.08: 1,330)	eq CHF 15 (15)	eq CHF 100 (100)	– (–)	– (–)	EP ES SE US
MY	MYR 375 ¹⁷	MYR eq CHF 1,400 (from 1.7.08: 1,330)	eq CHF 15 (15)	– (–)	eq CHF 200 (200)	eq CHF 300 (300)	AU EP KR
NI	USD 200	USD 1,263 (from 1.7.08: 1,338)	14 (15)	90 (101)	– (–)	– (–)	EP ES
NL	EUR 50	EUR 848 (from 1.7.08: 848)	9 (10)	61 (64)	121 (128)	182 (191)	EP
NO	NOK 550	NOK 6,590 (from 1.7.08: 6,820)	70 (80)	470 (510)	– (–)	– (–)	EP SE XN
NZ	NZD 180 ¹⁸	NZD 1,597 (from 1.7.08: 1,704)	17 (19)	114 (128)	– (–)	– (–)	AU EP KR US
OA	XAF ¹⁰ –	XAF eq CHF 1,400 (from 1.7.08: 1,330)	eq CHF 15 (15)	– (–)	– (–)	– (–)	AT EP RU SE
OM	Information not yet available						
PG	PGK 250	USD 1,263 (from 1.7.08: 1,338)	14 (15)	90 (101)	– (–)	– (–)	AU
PH	PHP 3,500	USD 1,263 (from 1.7.08: 1,338)	14 (15)	90 (101)	180 (201)	271 (302)	AU EP JP KR US
PL	PLZ 300	PLZ eq 1CHF 1,400 (from 1.7.08: 1,330)	eq CHF 15 (15)	– (–)	eq CHF 200 (200)	eq CHF 300 (300)	EP
PT	EUR 33.44	EUR 848 (from 1.7.08: 848)	9 (10)	61 (64)	– (–)	– (–)	EP
RO	ROL 300,000	CHF 1,400 (from 1.7.08: 1,330)	15 (15)	100 (100)	200 (200)	300 (300)	AT EP RU
RS	RSD 3,000	RSD eq CHF 1,400 (from 1.7.08: 1,330)	eq CHF 15 (15)	eq CHF 100 (100)	– (–)	– (–)	EP
RU	RUR 600	USD 1,263 (from 1.7.08: 1,338)	14 (15)	90 (101)	– (–)	– (–)	EP RU
SC	USD ¹⁰ –	USD 1,263 (from 1.7.08: 1,338)	14 (15)	– (–)	– (–)	– (–)	EP
SD	SDP 50	SDP eq CHF 1,400 (from 1.7.08: 1,330)	eq CHF 15 (15)	– (–)	– (–)	– (–)	EP
SE	SEK 1,200	SEK 7,780 (from 1.7.08: 7,960)	80 (90)	560 (600)	1,110 (1,200)	1,670 (1,790)	EP SE

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Table I(a) — Transmittal and international filing fees [continued]

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RO	Transmittal fee ²		International filing fee ^{2,3}		Fee per sheet over 30 ^{2,3,4}		E-filing reductions according to Schedule of Fees:			Competent ISA(s) ⁵
							Items 3(a) ⁶ and (b) ⁷	Item 3(c) ⁸	Item 3(d) ⁹	
SG	SGD	150	SGD 1,790 (from 1.7.08: 1,845)	19 (21)	128 (139)	– (–)	– (–)	– (–)	– (–)	AT AU EP KR ¹⁹
SI	EUR	91	EUR 848 (from 1.7.08: 848)	9 (10)	61 (64)	– (–)	– (–)	– (–)	– (–)	EP
SK	SKK	2,000	SKK eq CHF 1,400 (from 1.7.08: 1,330)	eq CHF 15 (15)	eq CHF 100 (100)	eq CHF 200 (200)	eq CHF 300 (300)	–	–	EP
SM	EUR	50	EUR 848 (from 1.7.08: 848)	9 (10)	– (–)	– (–)	– (–)	– (–)	– (–)	EP
SV	Information not yet available									
SY	USD ¹⁰	–	USD 1,263 (from 1.7.08: 1,338)	14 (15)	90 (101)	– (–)	– (–)	– (–)	– (–)	AT EP RU
TJ	TJS ¹⁰	–	USD 1,263 (from 1.7.08: 1,338)	14 (15)	– (–)	– (–)	– (–)	– (–)	– (–)	EP RU
TM	USD ¹⁰	–	USD 1,263 (from 1.7.08: 1,338)	14 (15)	90 (101)	– (–)	– (–)	– (–)	– (–)	EP RU
TN	TND ¹⁰	–	CHF 1,400 (from 1.7.08: 1,330)	15 (15)	– (–)	– (–)	– (–)	– (–)	– (–)	EP
TR	CHF	100	CHF 1,400 (from 1.7.08: 1,330)	15 (15)	100 (100)	– (–)	– (–)	– (–)	– (–)	EP
TT	TTD	750	USD 1,263 (from 1.7.08: 1,338)	14 (15)	90 (101)	– (–)	– (–)	– (–)	– (–)	AT EP SE US
UA	UAH	255	USD (or eq UAH) 1,263 (from 1.7.08: 1,338)	14 (15)	– (–)	– (–)	– (–)	– (–)	– (–)	EP RU
US	USD	300	USD 1,263 (from 1.7.08: 1,338)	14 (15)	90 (101)	180 (201)	– (–)	– (–)	– (–)	EP KR US
UZ	USD ¹⁰	–	USD 1,263 (from 1.7.08: 1,338)	14 (15)	90 (101)	– (–)	– (–)	– (–)	– (–)	EP RU
VC	Information not yet available									
VN	VND eq USD	150	VND eq CHF 1,400 (from 1.7.08: 1,330)	eq CHF 15 (15)	– (–)	– (–)	– (–)	– (–)	– (–)	AT AU EP KR RU SE
ZA	ZAR	500	ZAR 9,810 (from 1.7.08: 10,860)	110 (120)	700 (820)	– (–)	– (–)	– (–)	– (–)	AT AU EP US
ZM	USD	50	USD 1,263 (from 1.7.08: 1,338)	14 (15)	– (–)	– (–)	– (–)	– (–)	– (–)	AT SE
ZW	ZWD	6,000	ZWD eq USD 1,263 (from 1.7.08: 1,338)	eq USD 14 (15)	eq USD 90 (101)	– (–)	– (–)	– (–)	– (–)	AT AU CN EP RU

Table I(b) — Search fees
(amounts on 1 June 2008, unless otherwise indicated)

ISA	Search fee ²									
AT	EUR 200	CHF 330	KRW* 259,000	SGD 420	USD 282	ZAR** 1,970				
	* (from 1.7.08: KRW 306,000)									
	** (from 15.6.08: ZAR 2,380)									
AU	AUD 1,600	CHF* 1,630	EUR 987	KRW** 1,280,000	NZD 1,859	SGD 2,084				
	USD*** 1,390	ZAR** 9,700								
	* (from 1.7.08: CHF 1,483)									
	** (from 15.6.08: KRW 1,415,000	ZAR 11,640)								
	*** (from 1.8.08: USD 1,514)									
CA	CAD 1,600	CHF* 1,777	EUR* 1,134	USD 1,597						
	* (from 1.7.08: CHF 1,587	EUR 995)								
CN	CNY 2,100	CHF 328	EUR 199	USD 280						
EP ²⁰	EUR 1,700	CHF 2,726	DKK 12,670	GBP 1,273	ISK* 167,000	JPY 268,800				
	MWK 344,000	NOK 13,440	NZD** 3,163	SEK 15,830	SGD 3,530	USD** 2,496				
	ZAR* 19,160									
	* (from 1.7.08: ISK 192,000	ZAR 20,650)								
	** (from 1.8.08: NZD 3,395	USD 2,665)								
ES ²⁰	EUR 1,700	CHF 2,726	USD* 2,496							
	* (from 1.8.08: USD 2,665)									
FI	EUR* 1,615	CHF* 2,667	USD*, ** 2,274							
	* (from 1.7.08: EUR 1,700	CHF 2,726	USD 2,496)							
	** (from 1.8.08: USD 2,665)									
JP	JPY 97,000	CHF 991	EUR 600	KRW* 852,000	USD 949					
	* (from 1.7.08: KRW 924,000)									
KR	KRW 225,000	CHF 226	EUR* 173	NZD* 327	SGD* 366	USD 244				
	* (from 1.7.08: EUR 148	NZD 289	SGD 320)							
RU ²¹	USD 500	CHF* 586	EUR** 355							
	* (from 1.7.08: CHF 507)									
	** (from 1.8.08: EUR 319)									
SE	SEK 15,830	CHF 2,726	DKK 12,670	EUR 1,700	ISK* 167,000	NOK 13,440				
	USD** 2,496									
	* (from 1.7.08: ISK 192,000)									
	** (from 1.8.08: USD 2,665)									
US	USD 1,800	CHF* 1,995	EUR 1,154	NZD 2,370	ZAR** 12,340					
	* (from 1.7.08: CHF 1,789)									
	** (from 15.6.08: ZAR 14,000)									
XN	DKK 12,670	CHF 2,726	EUR 1,700	ISK* 167,000	NOK 13,440	USD** 2,496				
	* (from 1.7.08: ISK 192,000)									
	** (from 1.8.08: USD 2,665)									

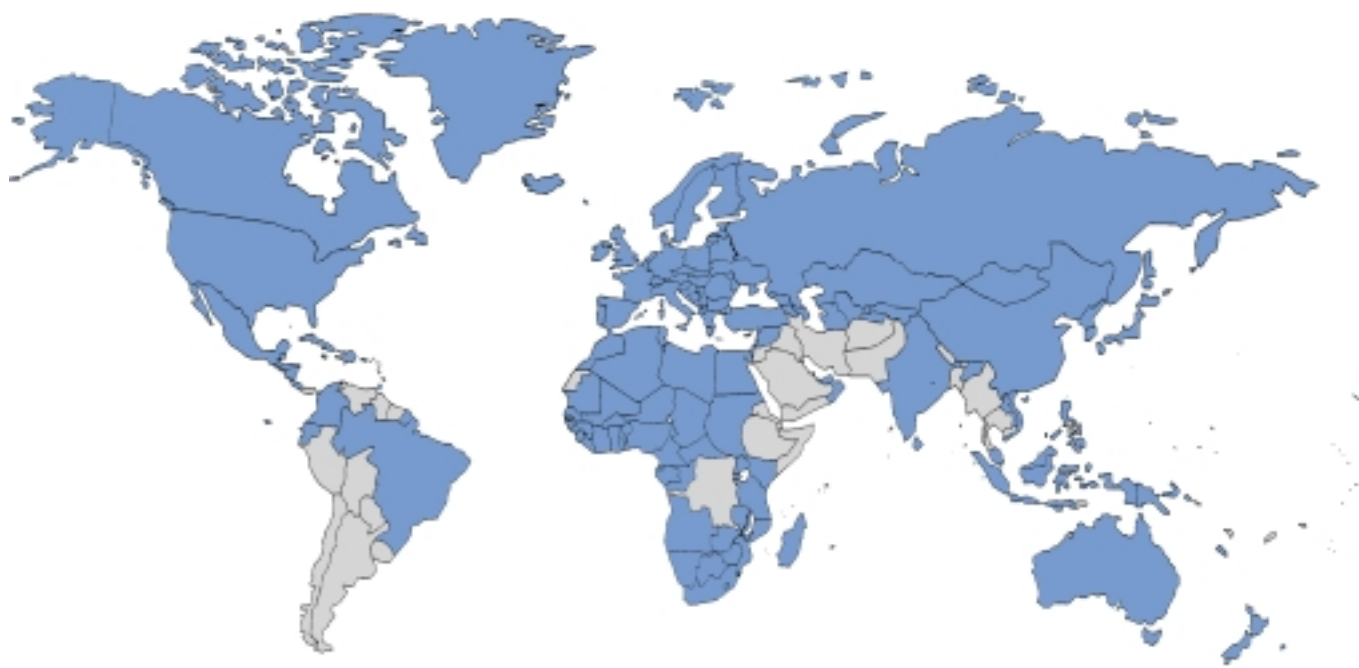
Table II — Preliminary examination fees
(amounts on 1 June 2008, unless otherwise indicated)

IPEA	Preliminary examination fee ²²		Handling fee ^{3, 22} (CHF 200)
AT	EUR	200	EUR 121
AU	AUD	550 780 ²³	AUD 196
CA	CAD	800	CAD 171
CN	CNY	1,500	CNY eq CHF 200
EP ²⁰	EUR	1,675	EUR 121
ES	EUR	544.44	EUR 121
FI	EUR	550	EUR 121
JP	JPY	36,000	JPY 19,600
KR	KRW	225,000	KRW 157,000
RU ²¹	USD	200 ²⁴ 300 ²⁵	USD 171
SE	SEK	5,000	SEK 1,110
US	USD	600 750 ²⁶	USD 171
XN	DKK	5,000	DKK 900

Footnotes to fee tables:

- 1 This reduction will increase, with effect from 1 July 2008, to 90%.
- 2 Payable to the receiving Office in the currency or one of the currencies prescribed by it.
- 3 This fee is reduced by 75% (90% as from 1 July 2008) where the applicant or, if there are two or more applicants, each applicant fulfills the criteria indicated on the PCT Resources page of PatentScope at: www.wipo.int/pct/en/fees/fee_reduction.pdf
- 4 Where the PCT application as filed contains a sequence listing part in computer readable form only, or both in that form and on paper, under Section 801 of the Administrative Instructions under the PCT, and where that application is filed with a receiving Office which is prepared to accept such filings, a fixed component of 400 times the fee per sheet over 30 is payable for the sequence listing part, irrespective of the actual length of that part (see Section 803(ii) of the *Administrative Instructions*).
- 5 For the search fee payable to the receiving Office, consult the entry in Table I(b) for the competent International Searching Authority.
- 6 If the international application is filed on paper together with a copy in electronic form, in character coded format, of the request and the abstract.
- 7 If the international application is filed in electronic form, the request not being in character coded format.
- 8 If the international application is filed in electronic form, the request being in character coded format.
- 9 If the international application is filed in electronic form, the request, description, claims and abstract being in character coded format.
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