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C.SCIT 2458  
03

Comments by PDG on SCIT/WG/2/4 - Recommended minimum contents for web sites of Intellectual Property Offices

Dear Mr. Takagi,

The contents of the proposal prepared by the USPTO are highly appreciated and strongly supported by the members of the Patent Documentation Group (PDG).

In addition, the PDG would like to suggest the following enhancements concerning contents:

(addition to item 3)

Intellectual Property Web sites should contain alerting information about changes in national intellectual property laws or administration

(addition to item 5)

Intellectual property Web sites should contain an update index (history of web site updates), and in addition each page of the web site should show the date when it was last updated.

(addition to item 8)

In sentence two of item 8 the following explicit examples of possible searchable databases should preferably be mentioned:

- legal status information
- registered trademarks
- registered designs

Concerning the design principles, the PDG would like to give the following input:

(new general statement)

Intellectual Property Web sites should support all international standard browsers.

(discussion of item 11, for reconsideration)

Not all members of the PDG are convinced that the use of frames should really be banned. Frames can make navigation much easier for users. It is known, that sometimes navigation problems arise, e.g. by "dead links", but if feedback by users is possible, this should not be a major problem. In principle frames are supported by standard HTML 3.2.

Sincerely yours,

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