

**JOPAL SURVEY**

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**II. Use of JOPAL information by your Office/Organization**

*(Tick appropriate box)*

- Currently using** *(Go to Section III)*
- Previously used but discontinued** *(Please specify why)*

In majority of sections in our organisation, use of this information was discontinued more than 5 years ago. Some applications, particularly in the chemical areas, used to be searched in JOPAL because of very limited alternative prior art databases. However, very few citations ever resulted from JOPAL searches, and many other alternative "online" NPL databases have become available in recent years.

In summary, no effective use is being made of JOPAL information by our Organisation.

[PLEASE NOTE. Answers to subsequent questions in this survey, are based on our practices prior to our discontinuation of JOPAL searching.]

\_\_\_\_\_ *(Go to Section V)*

- Never Used** *(Please specify why)* \_\_\_\_\_  
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**III. Who is using the JOPAL Information?**

- Own Staff
- General Public
- Other (Please specify) \_\_\_\_\_  
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**IV. How is the JOPAL Service used?**

1. JOPAL updates are now available on the Internet in two forms:

- i. As a monthly update in PDF format on WIPO's Web site (<http://www.wipo.int>)
- ii. As an update to the database (JOPAL Database (<http://jopal.wipo.int>))

a) PDF Update Files (*Please complete if use is made of the JOPAL PDF update files*)

What form of access do you provide to the PDF update files:

- Internet
- Access via Local Network (by download and loading on local server)
- Printed
- Other (Please specify) \_\_\_\_\_

Additional details of the Service you provide: \_\_\_\_\_  
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b) JOPAL Database (*Please complete if use is made of the JOPAL Database*)

In addition to the Search facilities, a BROWSE function is provided.

Do you use the BROWSE facility?      Yes                       No

If NO, why not?      **Particular IPC Marks only are searched.** \_\_\_\_\_  
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Are you happy with the SEARCH features/functionality provided?

Yes                      No

If NO, what features would you like changed or added? \_\_\_\_\_  
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Do you find the automatic link from the IPC Classification in the RESULTS list to searching in the PCT Database a useful feature?      Yes                       No

Please comment      **Primarily only particular IPC marks are looked at.**

2. The Journal was previously published both in paper and on CD-ROM. Indicate if you still use either of these:

Paper Form

CD-ROM

Please comment on why you still use them **We do not use either of them.** \_\_\_\_\_

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3. What changes or additions would increase the value of the JOPAL Service to you and your customers?

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**V. Does your Office/Organization use other sources of Non-Patent Literature?**

Yes

No

If yes, please provide details of the services used:

**Our organisation uses a range of sources of non-patent literature supplied by a number of service providers. These include:**

- **Chemical Abstracts;**
- **Angis;**
- **Engineering Index;**
- **IEEE; and**
- **Medline**

**VI. If the JOPAL Service was discontinued, what effect would this have for your Office/Organization?**

**It would be no problem for our organisation. It would have no adverse effect. It would, in fact, free up resources currently taken up by, for example, the process of classifying publications into JOPAL. These resources could then be channelled into activities which would be of greater relevance and benefit to clients.**

**VII. Other comments**

Please provide any additional comments that you consider relevant to the Survey.

***Consideration should be given for JOPAL information to be optional in the PCT Minimum Documentation requirement.***