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I refer to circular C.SCIT.2542

The comments of IPAustralia on the three proposals are as follows.

Australia notes that the RD has included IBM TDB for some time. While the IBM Technical Disclosure Bulletin was shown to have a very high rate of citation in 1991 (see PCIPI/P 972/92) in both EPO & USPTO searches, Australia's recent experience has been that material from IBM TDB is rarely cited over other search material. Consequently IPAustralia: supports the deletion if the IBM TDB from the minimum Documentation list; and does NOT support the inclusion of Research Disclosure. However, having regard to the past high level of citation, IPAustralia would not strongly oppose its inclusion if other ISA's want it included.

IPAustralia supports the proposal from Austrian Patent Office to remove Funkschau (PCT No. 57) from minimum documentation list.

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