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Re: Establishment of Public Access to Patent Information Task Force, Design Representation Task Force and Name Standardization Task Force and new nominations for XML4IP Task Force

Madam, Sir,

At its fifth session, held from May 29 to June 2, 2017, the Committee on WIPO Standards (CWS) agreed to create the following new tasks:

"Task No. 52: Survey on content and functionalities of systems for providing access to publicly available patent information of industrial property offices, as well as future plans with respect to their publication practices; prepare recommendations for systems for providing access to publicly available patent information of industrial property offices";

"Task No. 53: Develop XML schema components for geographical indications";

"Task No. 55: Envisaging developing a WIPO standard assisting Industrial Property Offices (IPOs) in providing better "quality at source" in relation to applicant names,

- i. conduct a survey on the use of the identifiers for applicants by IPOs and on the problems, which might be associated with it; and
- ii. prepare a proposal for future actions aimed at the standardization of applicant names in IP documents and present it for consideration by the CWS";

"Task No. 56: Prepare recommendations for data exchange supporting machine to machine communications focusing on:

- i. message format, data structure and data dictionary in JSON and/or XML
- ii. naming conventions for Uniform Resource Identifier (URI) of resources"; and

"Task No. 57: Collect information about the requirements from IP offices and customers; and prepare recommendations for electronic visual representations of designs".

In order to administer these tasks, the CWS established three new Task Forces: Public Access to Patent Information Task Force (PAPI TF), Name Standardization Task Force (NS TF) and Design Representation Task Force (DR TF); Tasks No. 53 and 56 were assigned to XML4IP Task Force.

The CWS designated the International Bureau as Leader of PAPI TF, the Korean Intellectual Property Office (KIPO) and the International Bureau as co-leaders of NS TF and IP Australia and the International Bureau as co-leaders of DR TF.

The International Bureau hereby invites the CWS Members wishing to participate in the above-mentioned Task Forces to nominate their representative(s) thereto.

The members of PAPI TF are expected to have knowledge and experience in the publication of patent documents by the intellectual property office (IPO) they represent. The members of NS TF are expected to be familiar with the IPO's approaches regarding applicant names and the use of identifiers for applicants. The members of DR TF are expected to be specialists having the detailed knowledge of the IPO's practices of processing industrial design information in general and, in particular, of the practices related to processing of electronic visual representation of designs. The newly appointed members of XML4IP Task Force are expected to be specialists in two separate areas: processing of geographical indication information (Task No. 53) and web services for IP information and documentation (Task No. 56).

The work of the said Task Forces will be conducted in English by electronic means and is expected to commence in September 2017.

./. Should your Office/Organization wish to participate in the task forces, details of your representative(s) should be sent to the International Bureau at cws.mail@wipo.int by September 15, 2017. Please see Annex to this Circular for further details. It would be appreciated if the number of this circular could be quoted as a reference in all correspondence.

Yours sincerely,

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In order to participate in the Task Force discussions on the Wiki platform, a person nominated by the Office/Organization as the Task Force member (representative) should have a WIPO User Center Account.

If the representative does not have an account, he or she should create one at https://www3.wipo.int/wipoaccounts/usercenter/public/register.jsf and then, following the instructions received by e-mail, validate it.

When validating the account, the representative will be asked to create a username to be used when accessing Wiki space. It is recommended that the username be preceded by the corresponding ST.3 code separated by a dash (e.g., "ca-jsmith").

In order to ensure that the account has been successfully created, the representative should log in to the WIPO Wiki at https://www3.wipo.int/confluence (clicking on "Log in" at the top-right corner and entering username and password).

Once the account is created successfully, the following details should be sent to the International Bureau at cws.mail@wipo.int:

- Name of Office/Organization;
- Last name, First name (Mr./Ms.);
- Position in the Office;
- WIPO User Center ID (username created following the above instructions);
- E-mail address used when creating WIPO User Center account; and
- Task Force(s) wishing to participate in (Part 7 Task Force and/or Authority File Task Force).

When the details listed above are processed by the International Bureau, the nominees will receive the notification on the fact that they can access the respective Task Force Wiki(s).

For further information, please contact the International Bureau at cws.mail@wipo.int.

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