Norwegian Industrial Property Office: Status

Third EPO-USPTO annual meeting with national offices classifying in CPC

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CPC classification at NIPO

Searching

• All examiners use CPC together with IPC and eventually FT/FI, MC and other relevant classification systems to perform a search

Classification

• Frontfiles are classified:
  – from October 20th 2015
  – done by all examiners

• Backfiles are not reclassified:
  – will be reclassified after 2018.
  – However, we classify old cases with CPC before granting
CPC classification from Inbox
CPC classification from Substantive Examination flow
CPC classification
Patent casebrowsing

We classify primarily in CPC

IPC is suggested based on concordance list

We can change IPC independently from CPC (different revision time)
CPC: Quality Assurance process

- Training
- Document control
- Uploading/changes/maintenance of internal electronical system
- Audits
- Quality controls etc.

- ISO 9001 certified from 2007
Training

Done

• General CPC-training for all examiners (2 hours), and
• a test based on EPO training material.

Feedback from test and examiners:
  – «learning by doing» is the best approach

Further plans

• Field specific training in some fields like:
  – Oil, Fish, Computer technology
  – «Train-the-trainers» format and/or combined with other nordic offices?

• Under the umbrella of P07 project or other bilateral agreements
QUALITY controls

Quality Controls are the core of Quality Assurance

• Internal
  – 4 times a year:
    • Is the case classified with CPC?
    • Searched with CPC?
    • Is the classification done correctly?
      – Checked by an expert search team. Reliable?

• External QC (EPO)
  – To achieve a better quality we need feedback from EPO
  – Routine of performing QC documents where CPC symbols were allocated by other offices.

  • We would like to cooperate with EPO on it!
CPC Data exchange

• We have not started exchanging CPC-data to EPO yet
  – However, our responsible teams were in contact with EPO and clarified how EPO would like us to provide CPC data

• Test release on April 1st

• If the test is OK, it’s facilitated for weekly delivering
THANK YOU!