Cooperative Patent Classification (CPC)

I. CPC at the EPO

II. EPO's CPC User Day

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I. CPC at the EPO
CPC is of strategic importance for the EPO

• Partnership with the USPTO

• USPTO moves to an IPC compliant classification system:
  – a major step in harmonizing classification and search practices
  – same basis for future revisions
  – promotes work sharing, with examiners "talking the same language"
  – an effective tool in addressing backlogs

• Access to fast increasing Asian documentation if eventually used by Asian Patent Offices
What does the EPO need to do to have CPC?

• Scheme housekeeping
  – ECLA
  – Indexing Codes (ICO)
  – Controlled Keywords

• Documenting classification and search practice (CPC Definitions) in cooperation with the USPTO

• Change in-house revision practice to joint collaborative revisions

• Offer training and feedback

• Invest in IT resources
II. EPO's CPC User Day

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EPO's CPC User Day - Agenda

- Introduction and background
- CPC scheme
- CPC revisions
- Scheme properties & services
- CPC Definitions
- CPC Database
- CPC in Espacenet
- CPC in Raw Data Products
- CPC Training
- CPC Outreach Activities
- Implementation Timeline
- Discussion
Streaming of EPO's CPC User Day

• Available by end of July at:

http://www.cpcinfo.org
Thank You!