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Re: Correction Procedures in Patent Offices (SDWG Task No. 35)

Madam,
Sir,

The Standards and Documentation Working Group (SDWG), at its seventh session, in May/June 2006, considered a first Survey concerning Correction Procedures in Patent Offices and approved the conclusions thereof.

The SDWG agreed that WIPO Standard ST.50 (*Corrections, alterations and supplements relating to patent information*) met the needs of the offices and that no changes were recommended at that moment. The SDWG also agreed that a further review of the Standard should, however, be conducted in 2009, and should take into account possible changes to WIPO Standard ST.50 to reflect the offices' experiences with online Internet publications. (See paragraphs 21 to 24, and 54, Task No. 35, of document SCIT/SDWG/7/9.)

The survey and WIPO Standard ST.50 referred to above are available in the WIPO *Handbook on Industrial Property Information and Documentation* published at <http://www.wipo.int/standards/en/pdf/07-04-02.pdf> and at <http://www.wipo.int/standards/en/pdf/03-50-01.pdf> respectively.

To follow-up on the agreement reached by the SDWG, I would like to invite your Office to participate in a new survey relating to Correction Procedures in Patent Offices. The objective is to consider if the current WIPO Standard ST.50 meets the needs of industrial property offices and patent information users. The content of the survey has been prepared by the Correction Procedures Task Force.

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An electronic form in Microsoft Word format containing the survey is being sent to you along with the electronic copy of this Circular. The form can also be downloaded from <http://www.wipo.int/scit/en/mailbox/circ09.html>.

The results of the survey will be presented to the SDWG at its next session in October 2009, for consideration. As in the past, the completed individual surveys will be made available in the SCIT related area of WIPO's website (<http://www.wipo.int/scit/en/mailbox/circ09.html>).

Any questions or other feedback that you might have concerning the survey should be emailed to *SCIT.mail@wipo.int*.

It would be appreciated if your Office could complete and return to the International Bureau, by May 1, 2009, the form containing the survey, by e-mail to *SCIT.mail@wipo.int*. Please refer to this SCIT Circular number in your reply.

Yours sincerely,



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