

Authority File Portal

CWS/8 Item 8(d): Update of Authority File Web Portal

Authority File Portal

- An authority file is a complete list of patent documents published by an IP Office.
- WIPO ST.37 is the Standard which defines which data elements should form part of an authority file in one of two recommended formats : text and XML.
- The Authority File Portal is available on the WIPO website as part of the WIPO Handbook [Part 7.14] at: https://www.wipo.int/standards/en/authority_file.html

Progress on Authority File Portal

- WIPO ST.37 revision approved at CWS/7 was published in December 2019: changes to the XML schema/DTD.
- Two updates to the portal provided since CWS/7: April and October 2020.
- The majority of participant Offices still provide their authority file data in TXT but five Offices provide in XML.
- Offices who have indicated they are in the process of providing their authority file are indicated on slide five.
- As the PCT Minimum Documentation task force intends to use ST.37 as the basis of describing their patent collection, the 6 missing PCT International Authorities have been contacted to submit their authority files.

Current list of participants (21)



OEPM

five IP offices

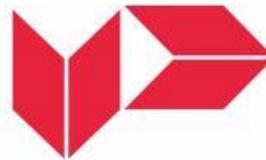
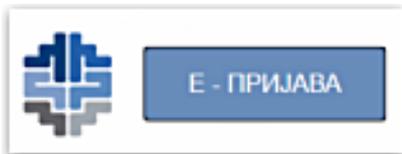
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Planned future participants (10)



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Next Steps

- Update frequency: International Bureau proposal to have Offices provide annual update in March each year.
- Data coverage and remarks column: each entry on the portal will be standardized in the next release.
- Reminder (1): Some Offices, whose data is published in the AF portal, have not updated their authority files since their first submission. These should be updated at least annually.
- Reminder (2): Offices, which host their own authority file data, are encouraged to provide update-to-data coverage information and remark columns.

Questions?

- Any questions on WIPO Standard ST.37 or the Authority File portal can sent to WIPO via: standards@wipo.int