

Challenges and opportunities of the global patent system

Rapidly growing volumes of prior art, particularly from Asia

Increasing complexity, especially in IT and biotech

Growing patent examination workload

Public expectation of highest possible patent examination quality

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The IP5 cooperation is a response to the challenges

A cooperation programme between the world's 5 biggest patent offices

• EPO, JPO, KIPO, SIPO, USPTO

The IP5 cooperation was initiated in 2007 to address the <u>issue</u> <u>of growing backlogs and rapidly increasing filings</u>.

- Work-sharing considered to be main tool for addressing this issue
- <u>Timeliness</u> and <u>Quality</u> key drivers

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Launched in 2011 by Trilateral Offices (EPO, JPO, USPTO)

Full IP5 participation

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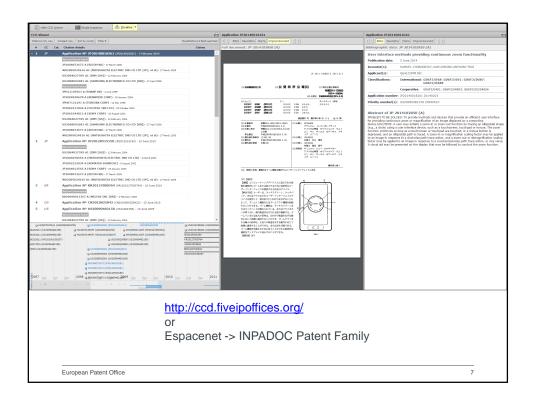
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 29 million publications
 238 million patent citations
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UNITED STATES OF AMERICA	04-02-1947	11 268 073	162 529 586	26 032 623
JAPAN	09-11-1965	4 998 564	19 419 702	474 261
WIPO	19-10-1978	3 232 375	15 943 237	4 242 836
CHINA	02-06-2010	2 762 837	13 263 632	1 619 868
EUROPEAN PATENT OFFICE	20-12-1978	2 551 651	10 132 434	3 282 645
GERMANY	18-09-1943	1 802 189	6 823 444	746 389
KOREA	07-01-2006	906 834	2 766 120	81 367
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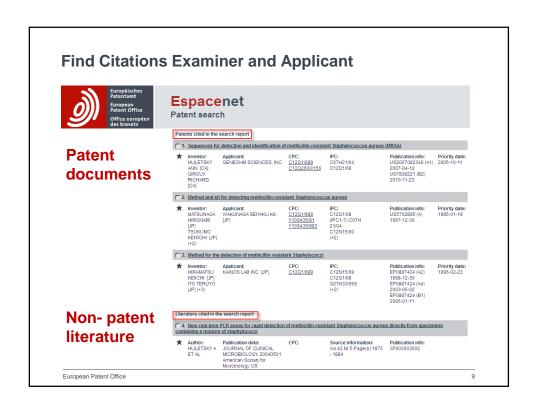
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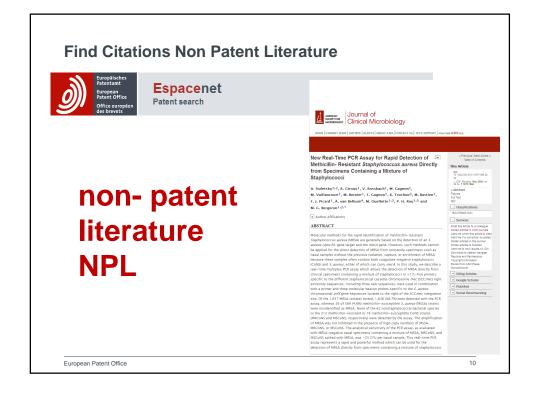
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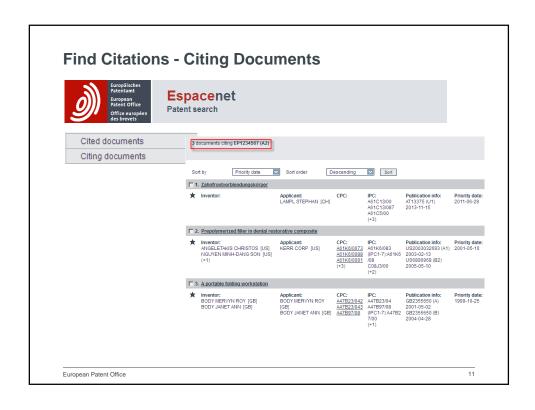
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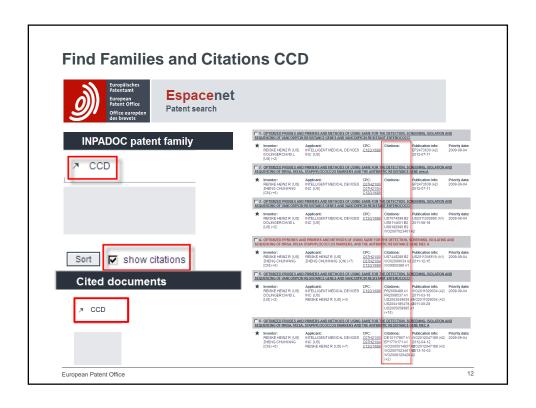
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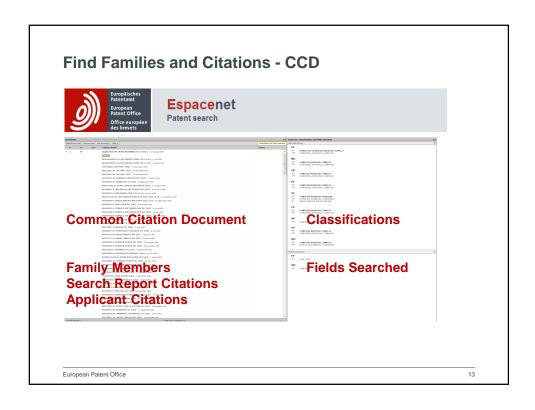
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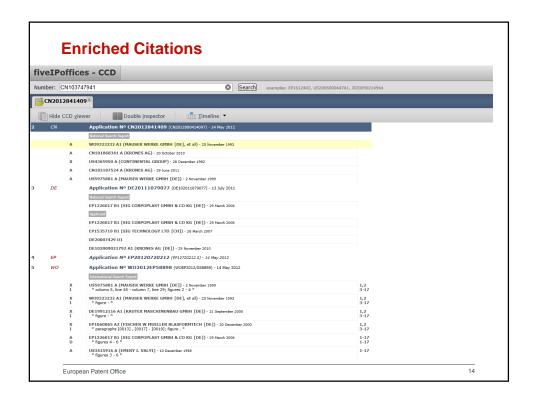


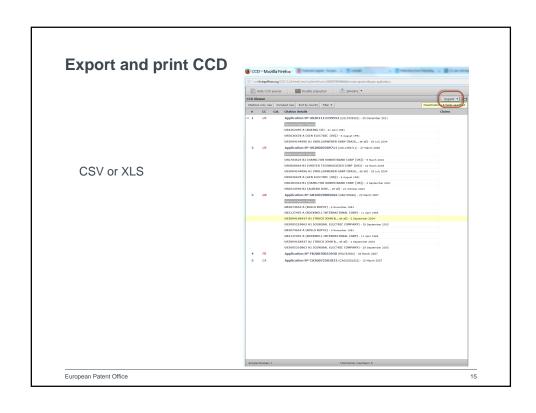














On-going developments

- USPTO: unpublished classification and citation provision
- SIPO, JPO, KIPO: Provision of enriched citations
- USPTO: 2001-2011 "A" publication citations were included in 2015
 2 million citing documents

40 million us publications cited 20% increase in US collection

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Conclusion

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CH20110001010 enriched citations CH no gd

WO2012176802 JP prio all IP5 office family members (steel)

JP20140018261 US Priority all IP5 offices touchscreen

CN103438635 CN only GD, Enriched (HVAC)

CN103747941 Blow moulding CN,US,EP (Enriched)
CN103804472 Biotech CN only enriched, NPL

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