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## **New Release of ePCT – Pilot System Now Available to all PCT Users**

On 12 December 2011, a major new release of the ePCT system was deployed at:

<https://pct.wipo.int/ePCT>

Although the system remains a pilot to the extent that a 24/7 systems operation plan is not yet in place, any applicant who wishes to use the pilot system to access their live international applications online is now welcome to do so. This new version (version 2.3) is a significant milestone as it opens up participation in the ePCT production pilot for all types of international applications. You may recall that participation in the ePCT pilot system had previously been limited to unpublished international applications filed electronically at the International Bureau as receiving Office (RO/IB) with a WIPO digital certificate (see *PCT Newsletter* No. 01/2011) and for which there had been no changes recorded under PCT Rule 92*bis* before online access was first granted to the international application. However, the new version now enables all PCT users to participate in the pilot. Specifically, it allows applicants to obtain secure online access to any of their international applications filed as of 1 January 2009, including those which were filed without any digital certificate (for example, paper filings) or filed with certificates which are not yet supported by the system (the certificates currently supported in ePCT version 2.3 are: WIPO digital certificates and European Patent Office smart cards, as well as certificates issued by the Korean Intellectual Property Office for the electronic filing of international applications with it as receiving Office).

Since requests in the ePCT system for secure online access to international applications that were filed without any certificate (including those filed electronically but using non-supported certificates, for example, EFS-Web filings at the United States Patent and Trademark Office as receiving Office) cannot be matched and validated automatically by the system, the user will be prompted to provide the necessary pieces of information to prove his/her right to online access and an action will be triggered for authorized staff within the Processing Teams at the International Bureau (IB) to validate the request. Note that the ePCT user credentials of the person making the request must match the details of one of the following: applicant, common representative, agent or address for correspondence on record for the international application.

Other features that have been added in ePCT version 2.3 are:

- improved user interface for functional commands using tabs and text labels instead of pictorial icons;
- improved timeline function to follow key time limits for each international application;
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- the possibility to set notification preferences to receive reminder alerts for certain events in respect of your international applications, for example, approaching publication date, priority documents still outstanding, soon-to-expire time limits for certain actions such as submitting PCT Article 19 amendments and entry into the national phase.

For more details about the ePCT system, please go to the ePCT homepage (<https://pct.wipo.int/ePCT>), where you will find a comprehensive User Guide and a document containing frequently asked questions. If you wish to try out the ePCT system in demo mode before using it on your live applications, there is also a fully functional demonstration version of the system at <https://pctdemo.wipo.int/ePCT>, which you can use by first making a “demo mode” electronic filing to RO/IB (for instructions, see *PCT Newsletter* No. 10/2011).

Some of the features which we expect to add in the next few months include:

- online “actions” whereby, instead of submitting a letter, you can directly specify online the changes that you would like to make, such as corrections to priority claims, withdrawal of the international application or changes to persons, names and addresses under PCT Rule 92*bis*;
- filters to find specific applications or sets of applications, for example, “applications with at least one applicant having a name beginning with ‘Smith’” or “applications with priority documents outstanding”; and
- the ability to specify a WIPO account in PCT-SAFE which will automatically enable the account holder to view the file of the international application online as soon as the IB receives and starts to process it.

In addition, the IB is developing an ePCT web filing system and will be discussing with national Offices (in their various PCT capacities) improvements to electronic communications so that it should become possible to manage all aspects of the international phase through a single online portal, irrespective of whether a particular action is the responsibility of the IB or of a national Office acting as a PCT receiving Office or a PCT International Authority.

As always, we are interested in your feedback on this new version in particular, and on ePCT in general – you are invited to try it out and use the “Contact us” link within the ePCT system to submit your comments.

## **Denunciation of the Eurasian Patent Convention by the Republic of Moldova**

On 26 October 2011, the Republic of Moldova deposited a notification of denunciation of the Eurasian Patent Convention, which will take effect on 26 April 2012.

This denunciation will not affect granted Eurasian patents or PCT applications filed before 26 April 2012 containing the designation of the Republic of Moldova for a Eurasian patent; these patents and applications will continue to have full effect. However, as a result of the denunciation, any international application filed on or after 26 April 2012 will contain the designation of the Republic of Moldova only for a national patent, and will not include the designation of that State for a Eurasian patent.

Furthermore, as from 26 April 2012, the Eurasian Patent Office will no longer be a competent receiving Office for international applications filed by nationals and residents of the Republic of Moldova. The remaining competent receiving Offices will be the State Agency on Intellectual

Property (Republic of Moldova) or the International Bureau of WIPO, at the choice of the applicant.

## **PCT Information Update**

### **ES Spain (institutions with which deposits of microorganisms and other biological material may be made)**

The address of the Colección Española de Cultivos Tipo (CECT), an international depositary authority under the Budapest Treaty on the International Recognition of the Deposit of Microorganisms for the Purposes of Patent Procedure, has changed, as follows:

Colección Española de Cultivos Tipo (CECT)  
 Edificio 3 CUE. Parc Científic Universitat de Valencia  
 Catedrático Agustín Escardino, 9  
 46980 Paterna (Valencia)  
 Spain

(Updating of *PCT Applicant's Guide*, Annex L)

### **KE Kenya (location; telephone and fax numbers; e-mail and Internet addresses)**

The location, the telephone and fax numbers, and the e-mail and Internet addresses of the Kenya Industrial Property Institute have changed, as follows:

Location:	Weights and Measures Building Popo Road, off Mombasa Road Nairobi Kenya
Mailing address:	[No change]
Telephone:	(254-2) 600 22 10, 600 22 11, 238 62 20
Fax:	(254-2) 600 63 12
E-mail:	info@kipi.go.ke
Internet:	www.kipi.go.ke

(Updating of *PCT Applicant's Guide*, Annex B1 (KE))

### **MX Mexico (telephone number; filing of PCT-EASY requests together with PCT-EASY physical media; criterion applicable for requests for restoration of the right of priority; fees)**

One of the telephone numbers of the Mexican Institute of Industrial Property has changed. The telephone numbers to be used are now as follows:

Telephone: (52-5) 334 07 24, 334 07 00 (ext. 10025, 10095)

For the purposes of filing PCT-EASY requests together with PCT-EASY physical media, the Office has notified the International Bureau (IB) that it accepts the following PCT-EASY physical medium: CD-ROM.

The Office has also notified the IB under PCT Rule 26bis.3(i) that, in respect of requests for the restoration of the right of priority, it applies the “unintentional” criterion, and that there is no fee for requesting the restoration of the right of priority.

The amounts of the following national fees, payable to the Office as designated (or elected) Office, have changed:

For patent:

Filing fee: .....MXP 5,711.14<sup>1</sup>

.....MXP 3,737.75<sup>2</sup>

For utility model:

Filing fee: .....MXP 2,074.99<sup>1</sup>

.....MXP 1,213.76<sup>2</sup>

(Updating of *PCT Applicant’s Guide*, Annex B1 (MX), Annex C (MX) and National Chapter, Summary (MX), and the table of “Restoration of the right of priority”)

### NZ New Zealand (fees)

As from 1 January 2012, the Intellectual Property Office of New Zealand has established a fee for the priority document payable to it as receiving Office, as follows:

Fee for priority document:..... NZD 30<sup>3</sup>

(Updating of *PCT Applicant’s Guide*, Annex C (NZ))

### OA African Intellectual Property Organization (telephone and fax numbers; e-mail and Internet addresses)

The telephone and fax numbers of the African Intellectual Property Organization (OAPI) have changed, and the Office has notified its e-mail and Internet addresses, as follows:

Telephone: (237-2) 220 39 11, 220 57 00

Fax: (237-2) 220 18 44, 220 57 27

E-mail: oapi@oapi.int

Internet: www.oapi.int

<sup>1</sup> Payable where the national phase is entered under PCT Article 22. This fee includes a 25% reduction based on the establishment of an international search report.

<sup>2</sup> Payable where the national phase is entered under PCT Article 39(1). This fee includes a 50% reduction based on the establishment of an international preliminary examination report.

<sup>3</sup> Plus Goods and Services Tax for New Zealand residents.

The amounts of the following national fees, payable to the Office as designated (or elected) Office, have changed:

	<i>Patent</i>	<i>Utility Model</i>
Filing fee: .....	XAF 225,000	XAF 20,000
Fee for priority claims, per priority: .....	XAF 63,000	XAF 25,000
Publication fee: .....	XAF 365,000	XAF 30,000
Claim fee for each claim in excess of 10: .....	XAF 45,000	XAF 40,000
Fee for acceptance of description and drawings:		
– for 11 to 20 sheets .....	XAF 120,000	None
– for 21 to 30 sheets .....	XAF 300,000	None
– for 31 to 40 sheets .....	XAF 600,000	None
– after 40 for each set of 10 sheets.....	XAF 80,000	None
Annual fee for the second year: .....	XAF 220,000	XAF 20,000
Annual fee for the third year: .....	XAF 220,000	XAF 35,000

(Updating of *PCT Applicant's Guide*, Annex B2 (OA) and National Chapter, Summary (OA))

### **PE Peru (competent International Searching and Preliminary Examining Authorities)**

The National Institute for the Defense of Competition and Intellectual Property Protection (Peru) has specified, with effect from 1 January 2012, the Korean Intellectual Property Office, in addition to the Austrian Patent Office, European Patent Office, Spanish Patent and Trademark Office and United States Patent and Trademark Office, as competent International Searching and Preliminary Examining Authority for international applications filed by nationals and residents of Peru with the National Institute for the Defense of Competition and Intellectual Property Protection as receiving Office.

(Updating of *PCT Applicant's Guide*, Annex C (PE))

### **SE Sweden (filing of PCT-EASY requests together with PCT-EASY physical media; fees)**

For the purposes of filing PCT-EASY requests together with PCT-EASY physical media, the Swedish Patent and Registration Office has notified the IB that it accepts the following PCT-EASY physical medium: 3.5 inch diskette.

There has been a change, with effect from 1 January 2010, in the fee for restoration of the right of priority payable to the Office as receiving Office, as follows:

Fee for requesting restoration of the right of priority: .....	SEK	1,000
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The amount of the following national fee has also changed with effect from 1 January 2010 (other fees not indicated have not changed):

Annual fee for the first three years:.....	SEK	1,200
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(Updating of *PCT Applicant's Guide*, Annex C (SE) and National Chapter, Summary (SE), and of the table of "Restoration of the right of priority")

### **SG Singapore (location and mailing address; means of telecommunication; fees)**

The location and mailing address of the Intellectual Property Office of Singapore has changed, as follows:

Location and mailing address:	51 Bras Basah Road 04-01, Manulife Centre Singapore 189554
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The Office has informed the IB of changes concerning the filing of documents by means of telecommunication – only documents that do not require payment of any official fees may now be transmitted by fax.

The amount of the following national fee, payable to the Office as designated (or elected) Office, has changed:

National (filing) fee.....	SGD	200
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(Updating of *PCT Applicant's Guide*, Annex B1 (SG) and National Chapter, Summary (SG))

### **SI Slovenia (telephone and fax numbers; fees)**

The telephone and fax numbers of the Slovenian Intellectual Property Office have changed, as follows:

Telephone:	(386-1) 620 31 00
Fax:	(386-1) 620 31 11

The amount of the fee for the priority document payable to the Office as receiving Office has changed, as follows:

Fee for priority document.....	EUR	14.28
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(Updating of *PCT Applicant's Guide*, Annex B1 (SI) and Annex C (SI))

### **US United States of America (competent International Searching and Preliminary Examining Authorities)**

The United States Patent and Trademark Office (USPTO) has, with effect from 10 January 2012, specified the Federal Service for Intellectual Property, Patents and Trademarks (Rospatent), in addition to the Australian Patent Office, the European Patent Office, the Korean Intellectual Property Office and the USPTO, as competent International Searching and Preliminary Examining Authority for international applications filed by nationals and residents of the United States of America with the USPTO as receiving Office.

(Updating of *PCT Applicant's Guide*, Annex C (US))

## Search fee (Swedish Patent and Registration Office (*corrigendum*))

Please note that the equivalent amount payable in CHF for an international search carried out by the Swedish Patent and Registration Office was erroneously indicated in *PCT Newsletter* No. 12/2011 (in the Fee Table dated 1 December 2011) as CHF 2,182. The correct amount, applicable from 1 November 2011 until 31 December 2011, was CHF 2,022.

## PCT-SAFE Update

### Release of new version of the PCT-SAFE Client software

Further to the information that was published in *PCT Newsletter* No. 12/2011, the new version of the PCT-SAFE Client software (version 3.51.053.229, dated 1 January 2012) may now be downloaded from the PCT-SAFE website at:

[http://www.wipo.int/pct-safe/en/download/download\\_client.html](http://www.wipo.int/pct-safe/en/download/download_client.html)

This version ("build 229") includes the following changes:

- The implementation of fully electronic filing to the Norwegian Industrial Property Office as receiving Office (RO/NO) on 2 January 2012. It also takes into account the fact that, as of 2 February 2012, RO/NO will no longer accept PCT-EASY type filings.
- As of 1 December 2011, the Netherlands Patent Office (RO/NL) no longer accepts PCT-EASY type filings.
- The possibility to request the International Bureau to retrieve a priority document filed with the Danish Patent and Trademark Office (national and international applications) or the Swedish Patent and Registration Office (national applications) via the Priority Document Access Service (DAS) (requests can be made for both Offices with effect from 1 November 2011).
- The Firebird database used by the software has been upgraded to a more recent version. It is now possible to use PCT-SAFE and eOLF on the same computer.
- All fee schedules have been updated.
- Other minor functionality and graphic user interface enhancements and other PCT updates have been made.

Further details are available on the PCT-SAFE website at:

[www.wipo.int/pct-safe/en/index.html](http://www.wipo.int/pct-safe/en/index.html)

## New/Updated PCT Resources on the Internet (<http://www.wipo.int/pct/en>)

### IP Offices' closing dates in 2012

The International Bureau (IB) has published the closing dates for a number of intellectual property Offices in 2012. The full collection, which includes all years back to 2008, may be consulted at:

<http://www.wipo.int/pct/en/closeddates/index.html>



This collection is continually being expanded and updated with information as it is received by the IB from the Offices concerned.

### Materials for the European Qualifying Examination (EQE)

In order to assist candidates in the preparation of materials for the European Qualifying Examination (EQE) for prospective European patent attorneys, the IB, with the agreement of the Examination Board for the EQE, has made available on the website four PDF files for the *PCT Applicant's Guide*, the International Phase and the National Phase as of 31 December 2011, in English and French at, respectively:

[http://www.wipo.int/pct/en/seminar/eqe\\_collection\\_ip.pdf](http://www.wipo.int/pct/en/seminar/eqe_collection_ip.pdf)

[http://www.wipo.int/pct/en/seminar/eqe\\_collection\\_np.pdf](http://www.wipo.int/pct/en/seminar/eqe_collection_np.pdf)

[http://www.wipo.int/pct/fr/seminar/eqe\\_collection\\_ip.pdf](http://www.wipo.int/pct/fr/seminar/eqe_collection_ip.pdf)

[http://www.wipo.int/pct/fr/seminar/eqe\\_collection\\_np.pdf](http://www.wipo.int/pct/fr/seminar/eqe_collection_np.pdf)

For printing purposes, please be warned that these PDF files are large – the complete collection in either language requires nearly 900 sheets of paper when printed recto verso – and may be difficult to download over a slow Internet connection. To avoid printing difficulties select “Fit to Printable Area” in the “Page Scaling” options when printing.

### PCT Forms

PCT Form PCT/IB/382 (“Request for Indication of Availability for Licensing Purposes”) is now available in Portuguese, in editable PDF format, at:

[http://www.wipo.int/pct/pt/forms/ib/editable/ed\\_ib382.pdf](http://www.wipo.int/pct/pt/forms/ib/editable/ed_ib382.pdf)

### Resources in Chinese

The list of PCT Contracting States is now available in Chinese at:

[http://www.wipo.int/pct/zh/pct\\_contracting\\_states.html](http://www.wipo.int/pct/zh/pct_contracting_states.html)

and the PCT Resources page in Chinese has been updated to include the PCT map at:

<http://www.wipo.int/pct/zh/>

### Highlighting Updated Information in the *PCT Applicant's Guide*

Since July 2001 the *PCT Applicant's Guide* (the *Guide*) has been regularly updated (now weekly) with information received by the International Bureau. From January 2012, in order to emphasize the latest updates only, the updated information will be highlighted in blue and accompanied by a vertical line in the margin.

In the past, vertical lines in the margin indicated where information had been updated in the *Guide* since the last major update or edition of the *Guide*. Margin marks were accumulated with each update between editions making it difficult after a few updates to identify the latest information. Users of the *Guide* who wish to see when any information was last updated can check the date printed at the foot of that page. Each page in the *Guide* is dated in this way.



Note that this applies only to the English and French versions of the *Guide*, which are available at, respectively:

<http://www.wipo.int/pct/en/appguide/index.jsp>

<http://www.wipo.int/pct/fr/appguide/index.jsp>

The Japanese and Russian versions do not follow the same weekly updating schedule nor do they include the described highlighting, but each page is dated in the same way with the date printed at the foot of that page. They are available at, respectively:

<http://www.wipo.int/pct/ja/appguide/index.jsp>

<http://www.wipo.int/pct/ru/appguide/index.jsp>

## **Warning About Requests for Payment of Fees**

### **New invitation**

Further to the many warnings that have been published in the *PCT Newsletter* about invitations to PCT applicants and agents to pay fees that do not come from the International Bureau of WIPO and are unrelated to the processing of international applications under the PCT, a new invitation has been identified originating from “IOPR – Intellectual Office Property Register”.

To view an example of the invitation, as well as the many other examples which have been brought to the attention of WIPO by PCT users, and for further information on such requests in general, see: [http://www.wipo.int/pct/en/warning/pct\\_warning.html](http://www.wipo.int/pct/en/warning/pct_warning.html)

PCT applicants and agents should note that it is the International Bureau of WIPO alone which publishes all PCT applications promptly after the expiration of 18 months from the priority date (see PCT Article 21(2)(a)); there is no separate fee for such international publication, and the legal effects of international publication are set out in PCT Article 29.

If they have not already done so, PCT applicants and agents are advised to bring this information to the attention of the people responsible for handling payments of fees within their organizations, as well as to the attention of inventors who might also receive such requests. In case of doubt in relation to any such invitation, please do not hesitate to contact the International Bureau:

Telephone: (41–22) 338 83 38

Fax: (41–22) 338 83 39

E-mail: [pct.infoline@wipo.int](mailto:pct.infoline@wipo.int)

Note that a link to a notice published by the Office for Harmonization in the Internal Market (OHIM) (Trade Marks and Designs) has been added to the list of other industrial property Offices which have made similar warnings – see the bottom of the above-mentioned PCT page concerning requests for Payment of Fees.

## **Changes regarding Australian Patent Register**

IP Australia has notified WIPO that, with effect from 30 January 2012, a new Personal Properties Securities (PPS) scheme will commence, and the IP Australia's Patent Register will

no longer be a legal securities register. Information on the consequences of this change and the action to be taken by interested parties is available at:

<http://www.ipaustralia.gov.au/about-us/news-and-media/official-notices-listing/?doc=securities-register&view=Detail>

## Practical Advice

### The benefits of requesting supplementary international search

*Q: I have seen that it is possible to request that a supplementary international search be carried out on an international application, in addition to the main international search. Before I decide whether or not to incur the additional expense that requesting this service would entail, please could you let me know what the benefits of requesting such a search are?*

A: You will need to weigh the benefits of the additional information which you may obtain from one or more supplementary searches against the extra cost that would be incurred. Some of the potential advantages of supplementary search are outlined below.

Even though the main international search is of high quality and covers not only the PCT minimum documentation but also all the additional documentation which would be searched by the International Searching Authority (ISA) in its role as a national Office, a supplementary search should further reduce the risk of new prior art being cited in the national phase for it includes all documentation that the Authority specified for supplementary search (SISA) would search in its role as national or regional Office, enabling you to be better informed about the chances of obtaining a patent before you incur national phase expenses. (Note that the time limit for establishing the supplementary international search report is 28 months from the priority date, and so you should receive it before you have to make a decision about whether or not to enter the national phase in a particular country.)

A growing problem in finding relevant prior art is that the range of languages in which original technical disclosures are made is constantly increasing, and even though machine translation can be used to a certain extent to translate disclosures, this is not as reliable as having access to the results of a search carried out by an examiner who understands the original language. Therefore, given that no single Office is capable of searching the whole of the PCT minimum documentation in its original language (nor indeed the large volume of other patent and non-patent literature containing original disclosures), supplementary search permits the applicant to have a search carried out by an ISA which specializes in documents in a particular language or languages. For example, if the main international search has been carried out by the Japan Patent Office, but there are a large number of patent documents in Russian which cover the technology relevant to the international application, it may be useful to request that the Federal Service for Intellectual Property, Patents and Trademarks (Rospatent) (SISA/RU) carry out a supplementary search.

One advantage of the supplementary search system is that, unlike the requirements for the choice of ISA, the choice of SISA is not limited to a specific International Authority (or Authorities) which has been specified by the receiving Office – the applicant is free to request any of the International Authorities which carry out supplementary searches. The following Offices offer supplementary search in respect of international applications filed in, or translated into, the languages indicated:

Austrian Patent Office	English, French, German
European Patent Office	English, French, German
National Board of Patents and Registration of Finland	English, Finnish, Swedish
Federal Service for Intellectual Property, Patents and Trademarks (Rospatent)	English, Russian
Swedish Patent and Registration Office	Danish, English, Norwegian, Swedish
Nordic Patent Institute	Danish, English, Icelandic, Norwegian, Swedish

You will need to think carefully about which SISA you wish to request to carry out the supplementary search. This decision may be based on the scope of the supplementary search as well as the cost of the search. It is up to the individual Authorities offering supplementary search to define the scope of the service which they are offering, and for the applicant to decide which (if any) of those services meets the needs of the particular application (for information on the scope of the supplementary search before each SISA, see the relevant Annex SISA in the *PCT Applicant's Guide* (<http://www.wipo.int/pct/en/appguide/index.jsp>). Some SISAs may offer a search which is focused on documentation in languages in which they specialize, while others may offer a full search, covering their entire documentation as they would do if they were conducting a main international search. Note also that, although the supplementary search handling fee, payable for the benefit of the International Bureau (IB), is the same in the case of all SISAs (200 Swiss francs), each SISA sets its own supplementary search fee for the service, therefore some may be more expensive than others (see the PCT fee tables in this issue for details about the fees payable in respect of the different SISAs). You may also incur translation costs where the international application is not available in a language in which that Authority will carry out supplementary search.

The amount you are willing to spend on obtaining a comprehensive search before entry into the national phase may also depend on the commercial viability of a particular application, and the number of countries in which you would like your invention to be protected. The more countries in which you wish to have protection, the more you may be willing to spend on obtaining complete search results before incurring the relatively high costs of entering the national phase in each country. Furthermore, whether or not you decide to request supplementary search may depend on whether you already have results from other searches which may already have been made by national or regional patent Offices, independent search services or your own search efforts.

Note that once the international application has been published, and the supplementary international search report has been received, it is made available for public inspection by the IB on PATENTSCOPE (<http://www.wipo.int/patentscope/search/en/structuredSearch.jsf>).

It is not expected that supplementary search be requested routinely, but strategically after consideration of the results of the main international search, the commercial importance of the particular application and the amount of prior art in the particular technical field which is known to be published in a language in which the main ISA is not skilled, or which does not fall within the scope of the ISA concerned. It is a way of providing extra information where the additional expense in the international phase is worthwhile.

<b>PCT Seminar Calendar</b> ( <a href="http://www.wipo.int/pct/en/seminar/seminar.pdf">http://www.wipo.int/pct/en/seminar/seminar.pdf</a> ) (situation on 1 January 2012)			
<b>Dates and location</b>	<b>Language of seminar</b>	<b>Nature of seminar; WIPO speakers (and others where known)</b>	<b>Organizer and contact numbers</b>
<b>20 January 2012 Rome (IT)</b>	English	PCT presentation WIPO speaker: Mr. Sim	Centre d'études internationales de la propriété industrielle (CEIPI) (Ms. Christiane Melz) E-mail: <a href="mailto:christiane.melz@ceipi.edu">christiane.melz@ceipi.edu</a>
<b>26 January 2012 San Diego, CA (US)</b>	English	Advanced PCT seminar WIPO speaker: Ms. Bidwell Other speaker: Mr. Smith (PCT Learning Center)	PCT Learning Center (Ms. Frimmel Smith) Tel: (1-571) 212 38 68 Fax: (1-703) 636 89 74 E-mail: <a href="mailto:contact@pctlearningcenter.org">contact@pctlearningcenter.org</a> Internet: <a href="http://www.pctlearningcenter.org">www.pctlearningcenter.org</a>
<b>31 January–1 February 2012 Munich (DE)</b>	German	Basic PCT course	IP for IP GmbH
<i>[moved to "PCT Events Without WIPO Speakers", below, and location changed to Dusseldorf (DE)]</i>			
<b>1 February 2012 Ecully (FR)</b>	French	PCT seminar WIPO speaker: Ms. Bonvallet	Centre Paul Roubier Tel: (33-4) 78 33 07 08 Fax: (33-4) 78 33 58 96
<b>1–2 February 2012 Espoo (FI)</b>	English/ Finnish	Seminar for patent administrators on the PCT and e-filing WIPO speaker: Ms. Metcalfe	Aalto University Professional Development (Mrs. Arja Andsten) Tel: (358-50) 352 46 69 Fax: (358-9) 47 02 40 60 E-mail: <a href="mailto:arja.andsten@aalto.fi">arja.andsten@aalto.fi</a> Internet: <a href="http://www.aalto.fi">www.aalto.fi</a>
<b>8–9 February 2012 Munich (DE)</b>	German	Advanced PCT course WIPO speaker: Mr. Reischle	IP for IP GmbH (Ms. Monika Huppertz and Ms. Annette Kapeller) Tel: (49-6201) 844 37 30 Fax: (49-6201) 98 62 10 E-mail: <a href="mailto:info@ipforip.de">info@ipforip.de</a> Internet: <a href="http://www.ipforip.de">www.ipforip.de</a>
<b>6 March 2012 London (GB)</b>	English	"WIPO Patents Symposium" (previously entitled: "WIPO British Day for Patents") – An opportunity for UK patent attorneys and other PCT users to discuss practice and policy concerning the PCT and related areas with a WIPO representative WIPO speaker: Mr. Richardson	United Kingdom Intellectual Property Office (an operating name of the Patent Office) Advance registration is required. Requests for registration, which must be received by 20 January 2012, should be sent to Mr. Lee Deakin at: E-mail: <a href="mailto:Lee.Deakin@ipo.gov.uk">Lee.Deakin@ipo.gov.uk</a> Tel: (44-1633) 81 38 07
<b>3–4 April 2012 Lille (FR)</b>	French	PCT seminar WIPO speaker: Ms. Bonvallet	Institut national de la propriété industrielle (INPI) (Ms. Françoise Chauvin) Tel: (33-1) 53 04 55 76 Fax: (33-1) 53 04 52 52 E-mail: <a href="mailto:fchauvin@inpi.fr">fchauvin@inpi.fr</a>
<b>16–17 April 2012 Austin, TX (US)</b>	English	Comprehensive PCT seminar WIPO speakers: Ms. Bidwell and Mr. Reed	PCT Learning Center (Ms. Frimmel Smith) Tel: (1-571) 212 38 68 Fax: (1-703) 636 89 74 E-mail: <a href="mailto:contact@pctlearningcenter.org">contact@pctlearningcenter.org</a> Internet: <a href="http://www.pctlearningcenter.org">www.pctlearningcenter.org</a>

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<b>PCT Seminar Calendar [continued]</b>			
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<b>Dates and location</b>	<b>Language of seminar</b>	<b>Nature of seminar; WIPO speakers (and others where known)</b>	<b>Organizer and contact numbers</b>
<b>18 April 2012 Houston, TX (US)</b>	English	Advanced PCT seminar WIPO speaker: Ms. Bidwell Other speaker: Mr. Smith (PCT Learning Center)	PCT Learning Center (Ms. Frimmel Smith) Tel: (1-571) 212 38 68 Fax: (1-703) 636 89 74 E-mail: contact@pctlearningcenter.org Internet: www.pctlearningcenter.org
<b>26–27 April 2012 London (GB)</b>	English	Basic PCT formalities seminar WIPO speakers: Mr. Sim and Ms. Gateau	Management Forum Ltd Tel: (44-1483) 73 00 71 Fax: (44-1483) 73 00 08 E-mail: josephine.leak@management-forum.co.uk
<b>3–4 May 2012 Paris (FR)</b>	French	PCT seminar WIPO speaker: Ms. Bonvallet	Institut national de la propriété industrielle (INPI) (Ms. Françoise Chauvin) Tel: (33-1) 53 04 55 76 Fax: (33-1) 53 04 52 52 E-mail: fchauvin@inpi.fr
<b>22 May 2012 [date(s) to be confirmed] Bucharest (RO)</b>	English	PCT seminar in the framework of the epi-CEIPI Basic Training WIPO speakers: to be confirmed	Institute of Professional Representatives before the European Patent Office (epi) and Centre d'études internationales de la propriété industrielle (CEIPI) (Ms. Teodorescu) E-mail: mteodorescu@rominvent.ro
<b>22 June 2012 Paris (FR)</b> <i>[previously indicated as 31 May 2012]</i>	French	Presentation on the PCT WIPO speaker: Ms. Bonvallet	Fédération Nationale pour le Droit de l'Entreprise (FNDE) (Mrs. Heuzé) Tel: (33-1) 42 66 18 19 Fax : (33-1) 42 66 17 37 E-mail: pheuze@fnde.asso.fr
<b>12 October 2012 London (GB)</b>	English	PCT presentation in the framework of the 11 <sup>th</sup> Annual Conference for Senior Patent Administrators WIPO speaker: to be announced	Management Forum Ltd (see London, above)
<b>4–5 December 2012 Lille (FR)</b>	French	PCT seminar WIPO speaker: Ms. Bonvallet	Institut national de la propriété industrielle (INPI) (Ms. Françoise Chauvin) Tel: (33-1) 53 04 55 76 Fax: (33-1) 53 04 52 52 E-mail: fchauvin@inpi.fr
<b>6 December 2012 Paris (FR)</b>	French	PCT seminar WIPO speaker: Ms. Bonvallet	Institut national de la propriété industrielle (INPI) (see Lille, above)
<b>6–7 December 2012 London (GB)</b>	English	Advanced PCT formalities seminar WIPO speaker: to be announced	Management Forum Ltd (see London, above)

<b>PCT Webinars</b>			
<b>Date and time</b>	<b>Language of webinar</b>	<b>Nature of webinar; WIPO speakers</b>	<b>Registration</b>
<b>30 January 2012</b> 9.30 am to 10.30 am, New York time (3.30 pm to 4.30 pm, central European time)	English	“PCT-SAFE for USPTO filings” for PCT applicants with little or no PCT-SAFE experience who file electronically with the USPTO using EFS-Web WIPO speaker: Ms. Lombardi	<a href="https://www2.gotomeeting.com/register/830602818">https://www2.gotomeeting.com/register/830602818</a>

<b>PCT Events Without WIPO speakers</b>			
<b>Dates and location</b>	<b>Language of event</b>	<b>Nature of seminar; Speakers</b>	<b>Organizer and contact numbers</b>
<b>31 January–1 February 2012</b> <b>Dusseldorf (DE)</b>	German	Basic PCT course Speaker: Ms. Coeckelbergs (PCT Consultant)	IP for IP GmbH (Ms. Monika Huppertz and Ms. Annette Kapeller) Tel: (49-6201) 844 37 30 Fax: (49-6201) 98 62 10 E-mail: <a href="mailto:info@ipforip.de">info@ipforip.de</a> Internet: <a href="http://www.ipforip.de">www.ipforip.de</a>

## PCT Fee Tables (amounts on 1 January 2012, unless otherwise indicated)

The following Tables show the amounts and currencies of the main PCT fees which are payable to the receiving Offices (ROs) and the International Preliminary Examining Authorities (IPEAs) during the international phase under Chapter I (Tables I(a) and I(b)) and under Chapter II (Table II). Fees which are payable only in particular circumstances are not shown; nor are details of certain reductions and refunds which may be available; such information can be found in the *PCT Applicant's Guide*, Annexes C, D and E. Note that all amounts are subject to change due to variations in the fees themselves or fluctuations in exchange rates. The international filing fee may be reduced by CHF 100, 200 or 300 where the international application, or part of the international application, is filed in electronic form, as prescribed under Item 4(a), (b), (c) and (d) of the Schedule of Fees (annexed to the Regulations under the PCT) and the *PCT Applicant's Guide*, paragraph 5.189. A 90% reduction in the international filing fee (including the fee per sheet over 30) and the handling fee, as well as an exemption from the transmittal fee payable to the International Bureau as receiving Office, is also available to applicants from certain States—see footnotes 2 and 15. (Note that if the CHF 100, 200 or 300 reduction, as the case may be, and the 90% reduction are applicable, the 90% reduction is calculated **after** the CHF 100, 200 or 300 reduction.) The footnotes to the Fee Tables follow Table II.

*Key to abbreviations used in fee tables:*

eq	equivalent of –	BHD	Bahraini dinar	HRK	Croatian kuna	MKD	Macedonian denar	SGD	Singapore dollar
IPEA	International Preliminary Examining Authority	BRL	Brazilian real	HUF	Hungarian forint	MWK	Malawian kwacha	SKK	Slovak koruna
ISA	International Searching Authority	BYR	Belarussian rouble	IDR	Indonesian rupiah	MXN	Mexican peso	THB	Baht
RO	receiving Office	BZD	Belize dollar	ILS	New Israeli sheqel	MYR	Malaysian ringgit	TJS	Tajik somoni
		CAD	Canadian dollar	INR	Indian rupee	NOK	Norwegian krone	TND	Tunisian dinar
		CHF	Swiss franc	ISK	Icelandic krona	NZD	New Zealand dollar	TTD	Trinidad and Tobago dollar
		CLP	Chilean peso	JPY	Japanese yen	PEN	Nuevo sol		
		CNY	Yuan renminbi	KES	Kenyan shilling	PGK	Kina	UAH	Ukrainian hryvnia
		COP	Colombian peso	KGS	Kyrgyz som	PHP	Philippine peso	USD	US dollar
AED	United Arab Emirates dirham	CUC	Cuban convertible peso	KPW	KP won	PLN	Polish zloty	VND	Vietnamese dong
ALL	Albanian lek	CZK	Czech koruna	KRW	KR won	QAR	Qatar riyal	XAF	CFA franc BEAC
AMD	Armenian dram	DKK	Danish krone	KZT	Kazakh tenge	ROL	Romanian leu	ZAR	South African rand
AUD	Australian dollar	DZD	Algerian dinar	LSL	Lesotho loti	RSD	Serbian dinar	ZWD	Zimbabwe dollar
AZN	Azerbaijani manat	EUR	Euro	LTL	Lithuanian litas	RUB	Russian rouble		
BAM	Convertible mark	GBP	Pound sterling	LVL	Latvian lat	RWF	Rwanda franc		
BGN	Bulgarian lev	GHS	Ghanaian cedi	LYD	Libyan dinar	SDG	Sudanese pound		
		GTC	Quetzal	MAD	Moroccan dirham	SEK	Swedish krona		

**Table I(a) — Transmittal and international filing fees**  
(amounts on 1 January 2012, unless otherwise indicated)

RO	Transmittal fee <sup>1</sup>		International filing fee <sup>1, 2</sup> (CHF 1,330)		Fee per sheet over 30 <sup>1, 2, 3</sup> (CHF 15)		E-filing reductions according to Schedule of Fees:			Competent ISA(s) <sup>4</sup>
							Item 4(a) <sup>5</sup> and (b) <sup>6</sup> (CHF 100)	Item 4(c) <sup>7</sup> (CHF 200)	Item 4(d) <sup>8</sup> (CHF 300)	
AG	Information not yet available									CA
AL	ALL	9,000	CHF	1,330	15	–	–	–	–	EP
AM	AMD	32,000	USD	1,453	16	109	–	–	–	EP RU
AP	USD	50	USD	1,453	16	109	–	–	–	AT EP SE
AT	EUR	50	EUR	1,094	12	82	165	247	–	EP
AU	AUD	150	AUD	1,507	17	113	227	340	–	AU KR
AZ	AZN	10	USD	1,453	16	–	–	–	–	EP RU
BA	BAM	50	EUR	1,094	12	82	–	–	–	EP
BE	EUR	40	EUR	1,094	12	82	–	–	–	EP
BG	BGN	80	BGN eq CHF	1,330	eq CHF 15	eq CHF 100	–	–	–	EP RU
BH	BHD	70	USD	1,453	16	–	–	–	–	AT EP US
BR	BRL <sup>9</sup>	200	BRL eq CHF	1,330	eq CHF 15	eq CHF 100	–	–	–	AT BR EP SE US
BW	USD <sup>10</sup>	–	USD	1,453	16	109	–	–	–	EP
BY	BYR eq USD	70	USD	1,453	16	–	–	–	–	EP RU
BZ	BZD	300	USD	1,453	16	109	–	–	–	CA EP
CA	CAD	300	CAD	1,518	17	114	228	342	–	CA
CH	CHF	100	CHF	1,330	15	100	–	–	–	EP
CL	CLP eq USD <sup>11</sup>	130	CLP eq USD <sup>11</sup>	1,453	eq USD <sup>11</sup> 16	eq USD <sup>11</sup> 109	–	–	–	EP ES KR US
CN	CNY	500	CNY eq CHF	1,330	eq CHF 15	eq CHF 100	eq CHF 200	eq CHF 300	–	CN
CO	COP	812,000 <sup>12</sup>	COP eq CHF	1,330	eq CHF 15	eq CHF 100	–	–	–	AT, EP, ES, RU

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**Table I(a) — Transmittal and international filing fees [continued]**

(amounts on 1 January 2012, unless otherwise indicated)

RO	Transmittal fee <sup>1</sup>		International filing fee <sup>1,2</sup>		Fee per sheet over 30 <sup>1,2,3</sup>	E-filing reductions according to Schedule of Fees:			Competent ISA(s) <sup>4</sup>
						Items 4(a) <sup>5</sup> and (b) <sup>6</sup>	Item 4(c) <sup>7</sup>	Item 4(d) <sup>8</sup>	
CR	USD	250	USD	1,453	16	109	–	–	EP ES
CU	CUC	200	CUC	1,453	16	109	–	–	AT EP ES RU
CY	EUR	128.15	EUR	1,094	12	–	–	–	EP
CZ	CZK	1,500	EUR	1,094	12	82	–	–	EP
DE	EUR	90	EUR	1,094	12	82	165	247	EP
DK	DKK	1,500	DKK	8,150	90	610	1,220	1,840	EP SE XN
DM	Information not yet available								
DO	USD	275	USD	1,453	16	109	–	–	EP ES US
DZ	DZD	None	CHF	1,330	15	100	–	–	AT EP
EA	RUB	1,600	USD	1,453	16	109	–	–	EP RU
EC	USD <sup>10</sup>	–	USD	1,453	16	109	–	–	EP ES
EE	EUR	115.04	EUR	1,094	12	82	–	–	EP
EG	USD	142	USD	1,453	16	109	–	–	AT EP US
EP	EUR	115	EUR	1,094	12	–	165	247	EP
ES	EUR	72.06	EUR	1,094	12	82	165	247	EP ES
FI	EUR	135	EUR	1,094	12	–	165	247	EP FI SE
FR	EUR	60	EUR	1,094	12	82	165	247	EP
GB	GBP	75	GBP	939	11	–	141	212	EP
GD	Information not yet available								
GE	USD <sup>13</sup>	100	USD	1,453	16	109	–	–	EP RU
GH	GHS <sup>14</sup>	2,500 or 5,000	USD	1,453	16	–	–	–	AT AU CN EP SE
GR	EUR	115	EUR	1,094	12	82	–	–	EP
GT	GTQ eq USD	250	USD	1,453	16	109	–	–	AT BR EP ES US
HN	USD	200	USD	1,453	16	109	–	–	EP ES
HR	HRK	200	HRK eq CHF	1,330	eq CHF 15	eq CHF 100	–	–	EP
HU	HUF	10,700	HUF eq CHF	1,330	eq CHF 15	eq CHF 100	–	–	EP RU
IB	CHF <sup>15</sup>	100	CHF	1,330	15	100	200	300	See footnote 16
	or EUR <sup>15</sup>	82	or EUR	1,094	12	82	165	247	
	or USD <sup>15</sup>	109	or USD	1,453	16	109	219	328	
ID	IDR	1,000,000	IDR eq CHF	1,330	eq CHF 15	eq CHF 100	–	–	AU EP KR RU
IE	EUR	76	EUR	1,094	12	82	–	–	EP
IL	ILS	561	USD	1,453	16	109	219	328	EP US
IN	INR	8,000 (filing by indiv: 2,000)	USD	1,453	16	109	–	–	AT AU CN EP SE US
IS	ISK	15,000	ISK	171,800	1,900	12,900	25,800	38,700	EP SE XN
IT	EUR	30.99	EUR	1,094	12	–	–	–	EP
JP	JPY	13,000	JPY	111,400	1,300	8,400	–	25,100	EP JP
KE	USD 250 (or KES equiv) plus cost of mailing		USD	1,453	16	109	–	–	AT AU CN EP SE
KG	KGS eq USD	100	USD	1,453	16	109	–	–	EP RU
KM	Information not yet available								
KN	Information not yet available								
KP	KPW eq CHF	50	KPW eq CHF	1,330	eq CHF 15	eq CHF 100	–	–	AT CN RU
KR	KRW	45,000	KRW	1,716,000	19,000	129,000	–	387,000	AT AU JP <sup>17</sup> KR
KZ	KZT	8,243 <sup>18</sup>	USD	1,453	16	109	–	–	EP RU
LR	USD	45	USD	1,453	16	–	–	–	AT AU CN EP SE
LS	LSL <sup>10</sup>	–	LSL eq CHF	1,330	eq CHF 15	–	–	–	AT EP
LT	LTL	320	EUR	1,094	12	82	–	–	EP RU
LU	EUR	19	EUR	1,094	12	–	–	–	EP

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**Table I(a) — Transmittal and international filing fees [continued]**

(amounts on 1 January 2012, unless otherwise indicated)

RO	Transmittal fee <sup>1</sup>		International filing fee <sup>1,2</sup>		Fee per sheet over 30 <sup>1,2,3</sup>	E-filing reductions according to Schedule of Fees:			Competent ISA(s) <sup>4</sup>
						Items 4(a) <sup>5</sup> and (b) <sup>6</sup>	Item 4(c) <sup>7</sup>	Item 4(d) <sup>8</sup>	
LV	LVL	48.80	EUR	1,094	12	82	–	–	EP RU
LY	LYD <sup>10</sup>	–	CHF	1,330	15	100	–	–	AT EP
MA	MAD	600 <sup>19</sup>	CHF	1,330	15	–	–	–	AT EP RU SE
MC	EUR	54 <sup>20</sup>	EUR	1,094	12	–	–	–	EP
MD	EUR	100	USD	1,453	16	109	–	–	EP RU
MK	MKD	2,700	MKD eq CHF	1,330	eq CHF 15	eq CHF 100	–	–	EP
MN		None	CHF	1,330	15	100	–	–	EP KR RU
MT	EUR	55	EUR	1,094	12	82	–	–	EP
MW	MWK	6,000	MWK	238,300	2,700	17,900	–	–	EP
MX	MXN eq USD	323.70 <sup>21</sup>	MXN eq CHF	1,330	eq CHF 15	eq CHF 100	–	–	EP ES SE US
MY	MYR 500 (e-filing) <sup>22</sup> 550 (paper filing) <sup>22</sup>		MYR eq CHF	1,330	eq CHF 15	–	eq CHF 200	eq CHF 300	AU EP KR
NI	USD	200	USD	1,453	16	109	–	–	EP ES
NL	EUR	50	EUR	1,094	12	–	165	247	EP
NO	NOK	750	NOK	8,520 (from 2.2.12: 8,520)	100 (100)	640 (–)	1,280 (1,280)	1,920 (1,920)	EP SE XN
NZ	NZD	180 <sup>23</sup>	NZD	1,907	22	143	–	–	AU EP KR US
OA	XAF <sup>10</sup>	–	XAF eq CHF	1,330	eq CHF 15	–	–	–	AT EP RU SE
PE	PEN	233.35	PEN eq USD	1,453	eq USD 16	eq USD 109	–	–	AT EP ES KR US
PG	PGK	250	USD	1,453	16	109	–	–	AU
PH	PHP	3,500	USD	1,453	16	109	219	328	AU EP JP KR US
PL	PLN	300	PLN eq CHF	1,330	eq CHF 15	–	eq CHF 200	eq CHF 300	EP
PT	EUR	20.28	EUR	1,094	12	82	–	–	EP
QA	Information not yet available								
RO	ROL	360	CHF	1,330	15	100	200	300	EP RU
RS	RSD	6,100 <sup>24</sup>	RSD eq CHF	1,330	eq CHF 15	eq CHF 100	–	–	EP
RU	RUB	600	USD	1,453	16	109	–	–	EP RU
RW	Information not yet available								
SC	USD <sup>10</sup>	–	USD	1,453	16	–	–	–	EP
SD	SDG	50	SDG eq CHF	1,330	eq CHF 15	–	–	–	EP
SE	SEK	1,200	SEK	9,970	110	750	1,500	2,250	EP SE
SG	SGD	150	SGD	1,905	21	143	–	–	AT AU EP KR
SI	EUR	91	EUR	1,094	12	82	–	–	EP
SK	EUR	66 <sup>25</sup>	EUR	1,094	12	82	165	247	EP
SM	EUR	50	EUR	1,094	12	–	–	–	EP
SV	USD	200	USD	1,453	16	109	–	–	EP ES
SY	USD <sup>10</sup>	–	USD	1,453	16	109	–	–	AT EP RU
TH	THB	3,000	THB eq CHF	1,330	eq CHF 15	eq CHF 100	–	–	CN EP JP KR US
TJ	TJS <sup>10</sup>	–	USD	1,453	16	–	–	–	EP RU
TM	USD <sup>10</sup>	–	USD	1,453	16	109	–	–	EP RU
TN	TND <sup>10</sup>	–	CHF	1,330	15	–	–	–	EP
TR		None	CHF	1,330	15	100	–	–	EP
TT	TTD	750	USD	1,453	16	109	–	–	AT EP SE US
UA	UAH or eq EUR or USD <sup>26</sup>	1,300	USD (or eq UAH or EUR)	1,453	16	109	–	–	EP RU
US	USD	240 <sup>27</sup>	USD	1,453	16	109	219	–	AU EP KR US (from 10.1.12: RU)
UZ	USD <sup>10</sup>	–	USD	1,453	16	109	–	–	EP RU
VN	VND eq USD	150	VND eq CHF	1,330	eq CHF 15	–	–	–	AT AU EP KR RU SE
ZA	ZAR	500	ZAR	11,910	130	900	–	–	AT AU EP US
ZM	USD	50	USD	1,453	16	–	–	–	AT SE
ZW	ZWD	6,000	ZWD eq USD	1,453	eq USD 16	eq USD 109	–	–	AT AU CN EP RU

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**Table I(b) — Search fees**

(amounts on 1 January 2012, unless otherwise indicated)

ISA	Search fee <sup>1</sup>											
AT <sup>28</sup>	EUR	1,785	CHF	2,169	KRW	2,799,000	SGD	3,110	USD	2,370	ZAR	19,430
AU	AUD	1,900	CHF	1,677	EUR	1,380	KRW	2,165,000	NZD	2,404	SGD	2,400
	USD	1,833	ZAR	15,020								
BR <sup>29</sup>	BRL	1,900	CHF	922	EUR	759	USD	1,007				
CA	CAD	1,600	CHF	1,402	EUR	1,154	USD	1,532				
CN	CNY	2,100	CHF	301	EUR	248	USD	329				
EP <sup>30</sup>	EUR	1,785	CHF	2,169	DKK	13,280	GBP	1,532	ISK	280,000	JPY	181,700
	MWK	389,000	NOK	13,890	NZD	3,109	SEK	16,250	SGD	3,110	USD	2,370
	ZAR	19,430										
ES <sup>30</sup>	EUR	1,785	CHF	2,169	USD	2,370						
FI	EUR	1,785	CHF	2,169	USD	2,370						
JP	JPY	97,000	CHF	1,158	EUR	953	KRW	1,494,000	USD	1,265		
KR	For searches carried out in English:											
	KRW	1,300,000	AUD	1,141	CHF	1,007	EUR	829	NZD	1,444	SGD	1,440
	USD	1,101										
KR	For searches carried out in Korean:											
	KRW	450,000	AUD	395	CHF	349	EUR	287	NZD	500	SGD	500
	USD	381										
RU	RUB	13,500	CHF	380	EUR	313	USD	415				
SE	SEK	16,250	CHF	2,169	DKK	13,280	EUR	1,785	ISK	280,000	NOK	13,890
	USD	2,370										
US	USD	2,080	CHF	1,904	EUR	1,566	NZD	2,730	ZAR	17,050		
XN	DKK	13,310	CHF	2,169	EUR	1,785	ISK	280,000	NOK	13,890	USD	2,370

**Table I(c) — Supplementary search fees**

(amounts on 1 January 2012, unless otherwise indicated)

ISA	Supplementary search fee	Supplementary search handling fee
AT	– for a search of the German-language documentation: CHF 1,033	CHF 200
	– for a search of the European and North American documentation: CHF 1,446	
	– for a search of the PCT minimum documentation: CHF 2,066	
EP	CHF 2,169	CHF 200
FI	CHF 2,169	CHF 200
RU	eq in CHF of RUB <sup>31</sup> 9,450 (13,500) <sup>32</sup>	CHF 200
SE	CHF 2,169	CHF 200
XN	CHF 2,169	CHF 200

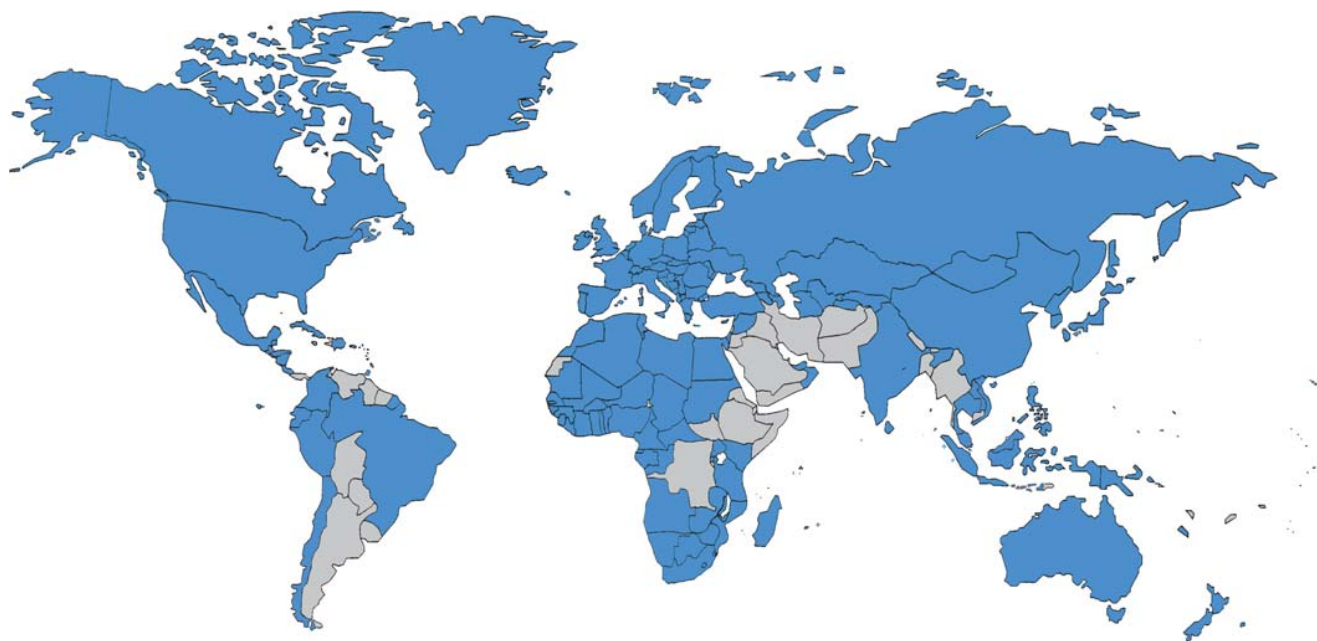
**Table II — Preliminary examination fees**  
(amounts on 1 January 2012, unless otherwise indicated)

IPEA	Preliminary examination fee <sup>33</sup>		Handling fee <sup>2, 33</sup> (CHF 200)
AT <sup>28</sup>	EUR	1,675	EUR 165
AU	AUD	550 780 <sup>34</sup>	AUD 227
BR <sup>29</sup>	BRL	710	BRL 412
CA	CAD	800	CAD 228
CN	CNY	1,500	CNY eq CHF 200
EP <sup>30</sup>	EUR	1,760	EUR 165
ES	EUR	566.49	EUR 165
FI	EUR	600	EUR 165
JP	JPY	36,000	JPY 16,800
KR	KRW	450,000	KRW 258,000
RU	RUB	5,400 <sup>35</sup> 8,100 <sup>36</sup>	USD 219
SE	SEK	5,000	SEK 1,500
US	USD	600 750 <sup>37</sup>	USD 219
XN	DKK	5,000	DKK 1,220

*Footnotes to fee tables:*

- 1 Payable to the receiving Office in the currency or one of the currencies prescribed by it.
- 2 This fee is reduced by 90% where the applicant or, if there are two or more applicants, each applicant fulfills the criteria indicated on the PCT Resources page at: [www.wipo.int/pct/en/fees/fee\\_reduction.pdf](http://www.wipo.int/pct/en/fees/fee_reduction.pdf)
- 3 Where the international application contains a sequence listing as a separate part of the description, this should preferably be furnished in accordance with Annex C, paragraph 40, of the Administrative Instructions under the PCT, that is, in compliance with WIPO Standard ST.25 text format; no additional fees are due for sequence listings filed in this format. Where, however, such sequence listings are filed in the form of an image file (e.g. PDF), fees are due for each page (see *PCT Newsletter* No. 06/2009, page 2 at: [http://www.wipo.int/pct/en/newslett/2009/newslett\\_09.pdf](http://www.wipo.int/pct/en/newslett/2009/newslett_09.pdf)).
- 4 For the search fee payable to the receiving Office, consult the entry in Table I(b) for the competent International Searching Authority.
- 5 If the international application is filed on paper together with a copy in electronic form, in character coded format, of the request and the abstract.
- 6 If the international application is filed in electronic form, the request not being in character coded format.
- 7 If the international application is filed in electronic form, the request being in character coded format.
- 8 If the international application is filed in electronic form, the request, description, claims and abstract being in character coded format.
- 9 This fee is reduced by 60% where the international application is filed by a natural person, a small or medium-sized enterprise, a cooperative, an academic institution, a non-profit-making entity or a public institution. For further details, see Official Resolution of the National Institute of Industrial Property No. 211/09 of 14 May 2009.
- 10 The amounts are not yet known or, where known, are subject to periodical revision. The Office or the agent should be consulted for the latest applicable schedule of fees.
- 11 When calculating the USD equivalent amount in CLP, applicants should use the exchange rate fixed by the Central Bank of Chile on the day before the date of payment.
- 12 This fee is reduced by 25% if the applicant is a natural person, a small or medium enterprise, a public or private university recognized by the National Ministry or a non-profit entity promoting the development of scientific and technological research.
- 13 This fee is reduced by 70% where the applicant is a natural person.
- 14 The first amount of the transmittal fee is applicable to individuals or entities employing less than 25 persons. The second amount is applicable to entities employing 25 persons or more.
- 15 This fee is not payable in respect of international applications filed by applicants fulfilling the conditions indicated on the PCT Resources page at: [www.wipo.int/pct/en/fees/fee\\_reduction.pdf](http://www.wipo.int/pct/en/fees/fee_reduction.pdf)
- 16 The competent International Searching Authority(ies) for an international application filed with the International Bureau as receiving Office is (are) the Authority(ies) which would have been competent if the international application had been filed with the receiving Office of, or acting for, the Contracting State of which the applicant (or any of the applicants) is a resident or national. See also *PCT Applicant's Guide*, Annex C (IB).
- 17 The Japan Patent Office is competent only for international applications in Japanese.
- 18 This fee is subject to value added tax (VAT). Applicants may consult the receiving Office or a registered patent attorney for the latest applicable VAT rate.
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- 20 Plus EUR 1.50 for the preparation of additional copies, for each page and each copy.
- 21 This fee is subject to a national tax of 16%.
- 22 Plus MYR 60 for each sheet in excess of 30 for electronic filings, and MYR 70 for each sheet in excess of 30 for paper filings.
- 23 Plus Goods and Services Tax for New Zealand residents.
- 24 This fee is reduced by 50% where the applicant is a natural person.
- 25 This fee is reduced by 50% if the international application is filed in fully-electronic form.
- 26 This fee is reduced by 95% where all applicants are also inventors and by 90% where all applicants are also non-profitable institutions and/or organizations. When the fee is payable with relation to an application made by both types of applicant, and all applicants are either also inventors, or non-profitable institutions and/or organizations, the fee is reduced by 90%.
- 27 Plus non-electronic filing fee portion for international applications filed on or after 15 November 2011 other than by the Office electronic filing system of USD 400, or in the case of filings by small entities: USD 200.
- 28 The fee will be reduced by 75% where the applicant, or if there are two or more applicants, each applicant is a natural person and is a national of and resides in a State for which the Austrian Patent Office is an International Searching Authority (in the case of the search fee)/International Preliminary Examining Authority (in the case of the preliminary examination fee).
- 29 This fee is reduced by 60% where the international application is filed by a natural person, a small or medium enterprise or an academic institution.
- 30 The search fee payable to the EPO and the Spanish Patent and Trademark Office, as well as the preliminary examination fee payable to the EPO, are reduced by 75% under certain conditions. For further information, see the relevant footnote in the *PCT Applicant's Guide*, Annexes D (EP and ES) and E (EP) at: <http://www.wipo.int/pct/guide/en/index.html>
- 31 The amount payable is the equivalent amount in Swiss francs, at the exchange rate of the Central Bank of the Russian Federation, applicable on the date of payment.
- 32 This fee applies where a declaration referred to in PCT Article 17(2)(a) has been made by the International Searching Authority because of subject matter referred to in PCT Rule 39.1(iv) (methods of treatment).
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- 34 Payable when the international search report was not issued by the Australian Patent Office.
- 35 Payable when the international search report was established by the Federal Service for Intellectual Property, Patents and Trademarks (Russian Federation).
- 36 In all cases where footnote 35 does not apply.
- 37 Payable when the international search was not carried out by the United States Patent and Trademark Office (USPTO) (provided that the USPTO is a competent International Preliminary Examining Authority in the particular case—see *PCT Applicant's Guide*, Annex C (US)).

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AM Armenia (EA)	DE Germany (EP)	KE Kenya (AP)	MW Malawi (AP)	ST Sao Tome and Principe
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1 Only international applications filed on or after 1 May 2010 include the designation of this State for a European patent.

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4 Only international applications filed on or after 24 March 2010 include the designation of this State for an ARIPO patent.

5 Only international applications filed before 26 April 2012 include the designation of this State for a Eurasian patent.

6 Only international applications filed on or after 1 October 2010 include the designation of this State for a European patent.

7 Only international applications filed on or after 24 September 2011 include the designation of this State for an ARIPO patent.

8 Only international applications filed on or after 1 July 2009 include the designation of this State for a European patent.

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