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WORLD INTELLECTUAL PROPERTY ORGANIZATION

Convention Establishing WIPO**Application of the Transitional Provisions
(Five-Year Privilege)****MEXICO**

The Director General of the World Intellectual Property Organization has notified the Governments of the countries invited to the Stockholm Conference of the notification deposited by the Government of Mexico in which that Government indicates its desire to avail itself of the provisions of Arti-

cle 21(2) of the Convention Establishing the World Intellectual Property Organization (WIPO).

This notification entered into force on the date of its receipt, that is, on June 13, 1972.

Pursuant to the said Article, Mexico, which is a member of the Paris Union and of the Berne Union but has not yet become party to the WIPO Convention, may, until the expiration of five years from the date of entry into force of the said Convention, that is to say until April 26, 1975, exercise the same rights as if it had become party.

WIPO Notification No 39, of June 20, 1972.

INTERNATIONAL UNIONS

Paris Convention**Application of the Transitional Provisions
(Five-Year Privilege) of the Stockholm Act****MEXICO**

The Director General of the World Intellectual Property Organization has notified the Governments of the member countries of the Paris Union of the notification deposited by the Government of Mexico in which that Government indicates its desire to avail itself of the provisions of Article 30(2) of the Stockholm Act of the Paris Convention for the Protection of Industrial Property.

This notification entered into force on the date of its receipt, that is, on June 13, 1972.

Pursuant to the provisions of the said Article, Mexico, which is a member of the Paris Union, may, until the expiration of five years from the date of entry into force of the WIPO Convention, that is to say until April 26, 1975, exercise the rights provided under Articles 13 to 17 of the Stockholm Act of the Paris Convention, as if it were bound by those Articles.

Paris Notification No. 39, of June 20, 1972.

Madrid Agreement (Marks)**Declarations under Article 3^{bis} of the Nice Act****LIECHTENSTEIN**

The Swiss Federal Political Department addressed the following notification to the Governments of the member countries of the Paris Union:

"By a note dated June 20, 1972, received the same day, the Embassy of the Principality of Liechtenstein in Berne informed the Federal Political Department of a declaration according to which the Principality of Liechtenstein invokes the benefits of Article 3^{bis}, paragraph (1) of the Madrid Agreement Concerning the International Registration of Marks of April 14, 1891, as revised at Nice on June 15, 1957.

"In conformity with Article 3^{bis}, paragraph (2) of the said Agreement, the declaration of Liechtenstein will take effect on January 1, 1973.

(Translation)

Berne, July 1, 1972."

SWITZERLAND

The Swiss Federal Political Department addressed the following notification to the Governments of the member countries of the Paris Union:

"In compliance with Article 3^{bis}, paragraph (2) of the Madrid Agreement Concerning the International Registration of Marks of April 14, 1891, as revised at Nice on June 15, 1957, the Federal Political Department notifies that according to a decision of the Federal Council dated June 13, 1972, Switzerland invokes the benefits of Article 3^{bis}, paragraph (1) of the aforesaid Agreement.

"In conformity with Article 3^{bis}, paragraph (2) of the said Agreement, the declaration of Switzerland will take effect on January 1, 1973.

(Translation)

Berne, July 1, 1972."

Declarations under Article 3^{bis} of the Stockholm Act

LIECHTENSTEIN

The Director General of the World Intellectual Property Organization has notified the Governments of the member countries of the Madrid Union that the Government of Liechtenstein, referring to Article 3^{bis} of the Stockholm Act of the

Madrid Agreement Concerning the International Registration of Marks, deposited, on June 21, 1972, a declaration under which the protection resulting from the international registration shall extend to Liechtenstein only at the express request of the proprietor of the mark.

Pursuant to the provisions of paragraph (2) of Article 3^{bis}, this declaration will take effect six months after the date of this notification, that is, on January 1, 1973.

Madrid (Marks) Notification No. 16, of July 1, 1972.

SWITZERLAND

The Director General of the World Intellectual Property Organization has notified the Governments of the member countries of the Madrid Union that the Government of Switzerland, referring to Article 3^{bis} of the Stockholm Act of the Madrid Agreement (Marks), deposited, on June 20, 1972, a declaration under which the protection resulting from the international registration shall extend to Switzerland only at the express request of the proprietor of the mark.

Pursuant to the provisions of paragraph (2) of Article 3^{bis}, this declaration will take effect six months after the date of this notification, that is, on January 1, 1973.

Madrid (Marks) Notification No. 15, of July 1, 1972.

WIPO MEETINGS

Paris Union

Sub-Working Group for the Mechanization of Trademark Searches

(Geneva, June 22 and 23, 1972)

Note*

At the invitation of the Director General of WIPO, the Sub-Working Group for the Mechanization of Trademark Searches, set up by the Working Group which met from May 16 to 18, 1972¹, met at the headquarters of WIPO.

The following States and one Organization had been invited: Belgium, France, Germany (Federal Republic), Netherlands, Spain and the Benelux Trademark Office. With the

exception of Belgium and Spain, the States and the organization were all represented. The United Kingdom and the United States of America also took part in the meeting by providing consultants. A list of participants follows this Note.

In regard to the first series of tests which the three new American firms that had been invited by the Working Group to take part in the tests were to be asked to carry out, the Sub-Working Group decided — in order to speed up the work — to submit to the firms the same search material as had been submitted to the three European firms which have already carried out a first series of tests. The material consists of about a hundred marks, which will be the subject of searches among about a thousand other marks resembling them to a greater or lesser degree.

After it has noted the results of the first series of tests, the Sub-Working Group will meet again, probably toward the end of this year, with a view to the preparation of tests on a larger scale involving searches among a much greater volume of marks.

* This Note has been prepared by the International Bureau on the basis of the documents of the session.

¹ See *Industrial Property*, 1972, p. 174.

List of Participants*

I. States

France: J. Norguet. Germany (Federal Republic): K. K. Fischer; K. H. Bolz. Netherlands: H. de Vries.

II. Intergovernmental Organization

Benelux Trademark Office: G. J. Verweij.

* A list containing the titles and functions of the participants may be obtained from the International Bureau upon request.

III. Consultants

United Kingdom: V. A. Scola. United States of America: P. Davis (Mrs.).

IV. Officers

Chairman: L. Egger (WIPO); Vice-Chairman: J. Norguet (France); Secretary: Ch. Leder (WIPO).

V. WIPO

L. Egger (*Counsellor, Head, International Registrations Division*); Ch. Leder (*Head, Trademark Search Section, International Registrations Division*).

PROGRESS REPORTS

ICIREPAT

First Ten Years of Activity

Historical Background

1. In 1961, in connection with the 125th anniversary celebrations for the United States Patent Act of 1836, an International Patent Office Workshop on Information Retrieval was held in Washington to examine the problems of organizing in an effective manner the technical literature used by patent examiners in carrying out novelty searches. The Patent Offices of ten countries and other interested circles were represented.

2. The experts present concluded that the existing classification tools used by Patent Offices were inadequate to cope with the increased volume and complexity of the patent applications being filed and with the document files to be searched. It was also clear that advantage should be taken of new techniques in automatic data processing to develop new solutions to the problems of organization, storage and retrieval of technical information. An organizational meeting held in Munich in 1962 formally established the Committee for International Cooperation in Information Retrieval among Examining Patent Offices (ICIREPAT).

3. Between 1962 and 1967 a number of additional Patent Offices joined ICIREPAT; BIRPI and the Council of Europe participated as observers. Until the end of 1968 ICIREPAT

was headed by a Steering Committee, and four Standing Committees were established to deal with different aspects of information retrieval.

The New ICIREPAT

4. Under a decision taken by the Conference of Representatives of the Paris Union¹, the Committee for International Cooperation in Information Retrieval among Examining Patent Offices was transformed in September 1968 into a Committee of Experts of the Paris Union with the name "Paris Union Committee for International Cooperation in Information Retrieval among Patent Offices." BIRPI, as part of its responsibility for administering the Paris Union, acted as the Secretariat of ICIREPAT, and this responsibility was subsequently transferred to the International Bureau of WIPO. According to Article 3 of the Organizational Rules of ICIREPAT, the objective of the Committee is to promote international cooperation in the field of the storage and retrieval of technical information particularly in connection with the searching or examination of applications for patents, inventors' certificates, or similar titles. "Storage and retrieval of technical information" is understood in its widest sense and includes all supporting operations and all activities facilitating it, including in particular: abstracting, indexing, classification, translation, standardization of the form of documents and of search tools and the processing, communication and exchange of documents.

¹ *Industrial Property*, 1968, p. 16.

5. In its revised status as a Committee of Experts of the Paris Union, ICIREPAT now has 20 participating countries (Austria, Canada, Czechoslovakia, Denmark, Finland, France, Germany (Federal Republic), Hungary, Ireland, Israel, Japan, Netherlands, Norway, Romania, Soviet Union, Spain, Sweden, Switzerland, United Kingdom, United States of America). Pending the conclusion of a working agreement defining the role which the International Patent Institute can assume in the work of ICIREPAT, the Institute participates in this work, its status being defined by Article 16 of the revised Organizational Rules.

Organization

6. The highest executive body of ICIREPAT is constituted by the Plenary Committee. This Committee, inter alia, approves at its annual meeting the report on the activities of the preceding year and makes suggestions for the program of the following year. The Technical Coordination Committee, which consists of representatives from six major Offices and two coopted Offices, supervises and coordinates the work of the different Technical Committees. It also proposes a draft program for the following year, based on suggestions and recommendations of the Technical Committees and of the members of the Plenary Committee. On the basis of this draft proposal, the Director General of WIPO elaborates the program of ICIREPAT to be established by the competent organs of the Paris Union.

7. There were, initially, six Technical Committees, dealing with the various aspects of the day-to-day work in the information retrieval field. At the end of 1970 these were reorganized to form the three following new Technical Committees, whose mandates could be generally defined as follows:

- Technical Committee for Computerization:
to study both short and long-range problems of computer applications in information storage, manipulation and retrieval;
- Technical Committee for Shared Systems:
to study matters relating to the design, development, testing, implementation and use of manual, mechanized and combined manual and mechanized information storage, search and retrieval systems for international use in patent searching, particularly those within the framework of the shared systems and like programs but excluding conventional classification systems;
- Technical Committee for Standardization:
to study problems relating to the establishment of standards for patent and like documents, official gazettes, indexes and microforms, and to investigate matters relating to printing techniques and microforms.

8. Finally, an Advisory Board for Cooperative Systems deals with the problems evolving from the *shared systems program*, which is explained below in more detail. This Advisory Board is independent of the Technical Committees but, like the latter, is supervised by the Technical Coordination Committee.

Standardization of Documentation

9. Standards have been formulated by ICIREPAT for many aspects of the documentation activities of Patent Offices. These include standardization of the size of patent specifications (now adopted by eighteen countries), the designation of calendar dates using the Gregorian Calendar, and a two letter code for designating countries, organizations and the like (thought to be used in at least 15 million machine-readable records — 80-column cards, aperture cards and magnetic tape). A series of codes ("INID" Codes) for identifying the most important elements of bibliographic data appearing on the first pages of patent and like documents and in entries in official gazettes has recently been revised. The codes have already been used by ten countries and are expected to be used shortly by several more. An important advantage of these codes is that they enable particular elements of bibliographic data to be quickly and accurately identified, even by relatively low-grade clerical staff, for example for inputting into a computer memory. Non-Patent Office circles, including the International Organization for Standardization, have also shown interest in the INID Codes. Recently, a new series of codes (Document Description Codes or "DD" Codes) have been formulated for identifying kinds of patent and like documents. Through the DD Codes it is possible to determine whether, at the date of publication of the document considered, any documentary search, examination or grant had taken place in respect of the document.

10. The Technical Committee for Standardization is at present engaged in preparatory work for the formulation of standards in respect of physical requirements for published patent and like documents, and for patent and like applications. The latter project is related to the need to ensure that applications filed are suitable for offset reproduction and/or microfilming. A study is also being carried out to compare the costs incurred as a result of offset printing methods with those stemming from various typesetting methods — not only the cost of actual reproduction but that of storage must be considered. The possibility of recommending a minimum of indexes to be published in official gazettes is under active consideration.

Microforms

11. One of the matters with which the Technical Committee for Standardization concerns itself is the use of microforms by Patent Offices. The type of microform containing a single document record, used for exchange within ICIREPAT, is the 8-up aperture card — a punched card of 80-column format having an aperture containing a piece of film carrying eight images — the characteristics of which are standardized. Aperture cards are being produced experimentally or operationally (for internal Office use, sale, or international exchange) by or for at least nine Patent Offices. Several Offices are encouraging or supporting research into and development of optical reader-printers for aperture cards.

12. In addition to aperture cards many Offices also have large collections of 16mm and 35mm roll film, filmstrips in jackets and microfiche, in various formats, and the efforts of

the Technical Committee for Standardization are now directed towards possible standardization in the roll film field. The Committee is also considering the possibility of coordinating the efforts of Offices in the production of all kinds of microform, with a view to avoiding duplication of effort. An up-to-date catalog of microforms used in Patent Offices is now available. As the sheer bulk of paper copies of documents becomes more and more unmanageable, it is clear that microform offers the only feasible alternative for document storage and that this aspect of the work of ICIREPAT is of considerable importance.

The Shared Systems Program

13. One of the factors which, particularly in the smaller Patent Offices, delayed or prevented the introduction of modern methods of information retrieval was the high cost involved in establishing effective information retrieval systems and in implementing them in relatively large document collections. In order to share this cost a "shared systems program" was established according to which several Offices share in the work of indexing documents in a particular field of technology. Of course, it is necessary for Offices which agree to share in work of this nature to be satisfied as to the suitability of an indexing system for shared use; the program therefore incorporates very comprehensive tests during the development of a system. It is, however, also possible for an indexing system already in use in a particular Patent Office to be adopted for shared use, subject to evidence of its suitability. The Advisory Board for Cooperative Systems is closely involved in the development of new systems, and in the development and testing of both new and existing systems, through its members, one of whom is appointed as Monitor for each system. The Monitor advises and supervises the Originating Office (the Office which elects to carry out the major development and testing work on the system) throughout the development and testing procedure.

Subcommittee on Organic Chemistry

14. In 1969 the predecessor of the Technical Committee for Shared Systems decided to set up a subcommittee to examine existing mechanized information retrieval systems in the organic chemistry field and to report on the feasibility of Patent Offices using such systems. This Subcommittee on

Organic Chemistry, which met for the first time towards the end of 1970, is at present preparing to run pilot test searches on a computerized information retrieval system used by a private organization.

Computerization

15. Initially, the shared systems were implemented by means of 80-column punched cards which carried the indexing information. However, as more and more Patent Offices own, or have access to, computers the 80-column card as a data carrier and a search tool is gradually being replaced by magnetic tape. The standardization efforts of the Technical Committee for Computerization, and its predecessor, have resulted in a magnetic tape format enabling the exchange of the indexing and other information formerly contained in 80-column cards. The Committee is preparing a catalog of computer programs in use in various Patent Offices and this catalog will be regularly updated. Information on computer characteristics and capabilities and other matters of general interest is freely exchanged through the Committee. The use of computers by Patent Offices is still in its infancy but there is no doubt that this is a field of enormous scope and that development will proceed at an accelerating pace.

Meetings

16. Normally, the Technical Committees meet for one week each in April and October; the Technical Coordination Committee meets for three-day sessions in July and December, and the Plenary Committee meets for a three-day session in September, shortly before the Executive Committee of the Paris Union. All the meetings normally take place in Geneva. The Advisory Board for Cooperative Systems at present conducts its business through correspondence but it can, if necessary, meet informally during a session of the Technical Committee for Shared Systems. The Subcommittee on Organic Chemistry meets at intervals as necessary.

Conclusion

17. This first Progress Report summarizes the activities and achievements of ICIREPAT to date. Information on its continuing program will be found in the reports on sessions of the Plenary Committee and of the Technical Coordination Committee appearing in this review from time to time.

GENERAL STUDIES

Assignment of Trademarks and Antitrust Law

**The Sirena Case of the Court of Justice
of the European Communities**

By Stephen P. LADAS *

**Drift Away from the “Vendible Product” Doctrine
in Canada**

**with special reference to computer programming
and methods of testing**

By Peter KIRBY * and Charles P. CURPHEY **



NEWS ITEMS

HUNGARY

Vice-President of the National Office of Inventions

We have been informed that Dr. Zoltán Szilvássy has been appointed Vice-President of the National Office of Inventions. He succeeds Mr. André Kiss.

We take this opportunity of congratulating Dr. Szilvássy on his appointment.

JAPAN

Director General of the Patent Office

We have been informed that Mr. Yukio Miyake has been appointed Director General of the Patent Office. He succeeds Mr. T. Izuchi.

We take this opportunity of congratulating Mr. Miyake on his appointment.

MEXICO*Director General of Industrial Property*

We have been informed that Mr. José Sandoval Ulloa has been appointed Director General of Industrial Property in the Secretariat of Industry and Trade. He succeeds Mr. Arturo González Cosío.

We take this opportunity of congratulating Mr. Sandoval Ulloa on his appointment.

YUGOSLAVIA*Director of the Federal Patent Office*

We have been informed that Mr. Dragutin Bošković has been appointed Director of the Federal Patent Office. He succeeds Mr. Stojan Pretnar.

We take this opportunity of congratulating Mr. Bošković on his appointment.

REPUBLIC OF KOREA*Director of the Patent Office*

We have been informed that Mr. Ki Sang Moon has been appointed Director of the Patent Office. He succeeds Mr. Sang Suh Lee.

We take this opportunity of congratulating Mr. Ki Sang Moon on his appointment.

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CALENDAR

WIPO Meetings

- August 29 to September 8, 1972 (London) — International Patent Classification (IPC) — Working Group II of the Joint ad hoc Committee
- September 11 to 15, 1972 (London) — International Patent Classification (IPC) — Working Group V of the Joint ad hoc Committee
- September 20 to 22, 1972 (Geneva) — ICIREPAT — Plenary Committee
- September 21 and 22, 1972 (Geneva) — Intergovernmental Committee Established by the Rome Convention (Neighboring Rights) — Extraordinary Session
Object: Consideration of various questions concerning neighboring rights — *Invitations:* Brazil, Denmark, Germany (Fed. Rep.), Mexico, Niger, United Kingdom — *Observers:* Congo, Costa Rica, Czechoslovakia, Ecuador, Fiji, Paraguay, Sweden; intergovernmental and international non-governmental organizations concerned — *Note:* Meeting convened jointly with the International Labour Office and Unesco
- September 25 to 30, 1972 (Geneva) — Coordination Committee of WIPO, Executive Committees of the Paris and Berne Unions, Assemblies of the Madrid, Lisbon and Locarno Unions
- September 26 to October 6, 1972 (Berne) — International Patent Classification (IPC) — Working Group IV of the Joint ad hoc Committee
- October 2 to 9, 1972 (Geneva) — Patent Cooperation Treaty (PCT) — Interim Committees and Standing Subcommittee of the Interim Committee for Technical Cooperation
Members of the Interim Committees: Signatory States of the PCT — *Observers:* Intergovernmental organizations and international non-governmental organizations concerned; *Members of the Standing Subcommittee:* Austria, Germany (Fed. Rep.), Japan, Netherlands, Soviet Union, Sweden, United Kingdom, United States of America, International Patent Institute — *Observer:* Brazil
- October 9 to 13, 1972 (Munich) — ICIREPAT — Technical Committee for Standardization
- October 16 to 20, 1972 (Nairobi) — African Seminar on Intellectual Property
- October 16 to 20, 1972 (Geneva) — ICIREPAT — Technical Committee for Computerization
- October 23 to 27, 1972 (Geneva) — ICIREPAT — Technical Committee for Shared Systems
- October 23 to 27, 1972 (Geneva) — ICIREPAT — Advisory Board for Cooperative Systems
- October 30 to November 3, 1972 (Geneva) — Committee of Experts on a Patent Licensing Convention
Object: Study of problems concerning the transfer of technology to developing countries and patent licensing — *Invitations:* Algeria, Argentina, Brazil, Chile, Colombia, Czechoslovakia, Egypt, France, Germany (Fed. Rep.), India, Indonesia, Iran, Japan, Kenya, Mexico, Pakistan, Philippines, Senegal, Soviet Union, Spain, Sudan, Sweden, Switzerland, Thailand, United Kingdom, United States of America, Venezuela, Zaire — *Observers:* Intergovernmental and international non-governmental organizations concerned
- November 20 to 25, 1972 (Munich) — International Patent Classification (IPC) — Bureau of the Joint ad hoc Committee
- November 28 to December 1, 1972 (Munich) — International Patent Classification (IPC) — Joint ad hoc Committee
- December 13 to 15, 1972 (Geneva) — ICIREPAT — Technical Coordination Committee
- February 12 to 16, 1973 (London) — International Patent Classification (IPC) — Working Group V of the Joint ad hoc Committee
- March 20 to 30, 1973 (*) — International Patent Classification (IPC) — Bureau of the Joint ad hoc Committee
- April 2 to 6, 1973 (*) — International Patent Classification (IPC) — Joint ad hoc Committee
- April 9 to 13, 1973 (Geneva) — Committee of Experts on a Model Law for Developing Countries on Appellations of Origin
Object: To study a Draft Model Law — *Invitations:* Developing countries members of the United Nations — *Observers:* Intergovernmental and international non-governmental organizations concerned
- May 7 to June 2, 1973 (Vienna) — Diplomatic Conference on: (a) the International Registration of Marks, (b) the International Classification of the Figurative Elements of Marks, (c) the Protection of Type Faces
- June 4 to 8, 1973 (*) — International Patent Classification (IPC) — Working Group I of the Joint ad hoc Committee
- June 18 to 22, 1973 (*) — International Patent Classification (IPC) — Working Group II of the Joint ad hoc Committee
- July 2 to 6, 1973 (*) — International Patent Classification (IPC) — Working Group III of the Joint ad hoc Committee
- July 9 to 13, 1973 (*) — International Patent Classification (IPC) — Working Group IV of the Joint ad hoc Committee
- September 10 to 14, 1973 (*) — International Patent Classification (IPC) — Working Group V of the Joint ad hoc Committee
- September 24 to October 2, 1973 (Geneva) — Administrative Bodies of WIPO (General Assembly, Conference, Coordination Committee) and of the Paris, Berne, Nice and Lisbon Unions (Assemblies, Conferences of Representatives, Executive Committees)
- October 29 to November 2, 1973 (*) — International Patent Classification (IPC) — Bureau of the Joint ad hoc Committee
- November 5 to 9, 1973 (*) — International Patent Classification (IPC) — Joint ad hoc Committee

* Place to be notified later.

UPOV Meetings

- October 10 and 11, 1972 (Aarslev) — Technical Working Party for Vegetables
 November 7 to 10, 1972 (Geneva) — Diplomatic Conference
Object: Amendment of the Convention
 November 8 and 9, 1972 (Geneva) — Council
 December 5 to 7, 1972 (Geneva) — Working Group on Variety Denominations
 March 13 and 14, 1973 (Geneva) — Technical Steering Committee
 July 2 to 6, 1973 (London/Cambridge) — Symposium on Plant Breeders' Rights

Meetings of Other International Organizations concerned with Intellectual Property

- October 9 to 11, 1972 (The Hague) — International Patent Institute — Administrative Council
 October 13 to 21, 1972 (Mexico) — International Confederation of Societies of Authors and Composers — Congress
 October 16 to 27, 1972 (Brussels) — European Economic Community — "Community Patent" Working Party
 November 12 to 18, 1972 (Mexico) — International Association for the Protection of Industrial Property — Congress
 December 11 to 15, 1972 (The Hague) — International Patent Institute — Administrative Council
 February 13 to 23, 1973 (Brussels) — European Economic Community — "Community Patent" Working Party
 May 20 to 26, 1973 (Rio de Janeiro) — International Chamber of Commerce — Congress

VACANCIES IN WIPO

Applications are invited for the following posts:

Competition No. 184

Head, PCT Section

(Industrial Property Division)

Category and grade: P. 4/P. 5, according to qualifications and experience of the incumbent.

Principal duties:

Under the supervision of the Head of the Industrial Property Division, the incumbent will be responsible for directing the activities of the PCT Section in the definition and carrying out of the WIPO program in relation to the implementation and execution of the Patent Cooperation Treaty*. The principal duties of the post may be summarized as follows:

- (a) participation in the development of the program and in the preparation of proposals for consideration in WIPO and by the various committees of the PCT and the administrative bodies of WIPO;

- (b) implementation and follow-up of such program and proposals, when approved, including studies, drafting of documents, preparation of meetings and representation of WIPO therein, and preparation of reports of such meetings;
 (c) maintaining relations with governmental and non-governmental organizations, consultants and experts dealing with matters of interest to the PCT.

Qualifications required:

- (a) University degree in law or equivalent qualification.
 (b) Wide experience in industrial property including its international aspects as well as a thorough knowledge of the procedures in different countries concerning industrial property rights (in particular patent procedures).
 (c) Ability to supervise and direct a group of highly-qualified officials of different nationalities and to coordinate efficiently their activities.
 (d) Capacity for critical analysis and for the preparation of documents relating to industrial property rights.
 (e) Ability to act as a representative of WIPO in international meetings.
 (f) Excellent knowledge of either English or French and a good knowledge of the other. Ability to work in other languages would be an advantage.

* See annex below.

Closing date: October 15, 1972.

ANNEX

Main items in the WIPO PCT program:

- (i) surveys and studies in the fields of documentation and searching and examination techniques intended to facilitate the completion and maintenance of the required patent collections of the prospective International Searching and International Preliminary Examining Authorities, to coordinate the efforts of abstracting and translating services of interest to those Authorities, and to harmonize the working methods of such Authorities;
- (ii) studies and drafting model provisions with a view to facilitating the implementation of the PCT by national legislations or regional organizations of the Contracting States;
- (iii) drafting Administrative Instructions and forms necessary for the efficient processing of international applications in the International Bureau and for facilitating communications between the international applicants, receiving, designated and elected Offices, International Searching and International Preliminary Examining Authorities, and the International Bureau;
- (iv) surveys, studies and elaboration of measures as provided under Chapter IV of the PCT, particularly with a view to organizing technical assistance to developing countries in the fields of patent legislation and administration, establishment and operation of patent documentation centers;
- (v) preparation of documents for and servicing of meetings of various PCT committees in connection with the above activities, as well as preparation of documents pertaining to the PCT activities for the purposes of the administrative bodies of the Paris Union and WIPO.

Competition No. 187

Technical Counsellor — ICIREPAT Section
(Industrial Property Division)

Category and grade: P. 4

Principal duties:

The incumbent will assist the Head of the ICIREPAT Section in the implementation of WIPO's technical program in the field of patent documentation and information retrieval within the framework of the program of the Paris Union Committee for International Cooperation in Information Retrieval among Patent Offices (ICIREPAT).

His particular duties will include:

- (a) participation in the preparation of WIPO's program in the above-mentioned field, consisting at present of the following items:
 - (i) establishment of magnetic tape standards for international exchange of data among Patent Offices;
 - (ii) study of the usefulness of various computerized or computer-aided storage and retrieval systems with respect to patent documents;
 - (iii) coordination of the indexing work being done under the "shared systems" program;
 - (iv) establishment of recommendations on the physical layout of patent and like documents;
 - (v) maintenance and updating of a survey of existing and planned production of microforms;
 - (vi) establishment of microform standards;
 - (vii) study of requirements for recording texts and bibliographic data of patent documents in machine-sensible form for phototypesetting or photocomposition.
- (b) preparation of meetings organized by WIPO, especially by preparing documents for and reports on such meetings;
- (c) preparation of reports on the work performed and planned in the above-mentioned field of activity;
- (d) assistance in coordinating the work of the International Patent Institute and of the Patent Offices which participate in the technical program relating to the above-mentioned fields;

- (e) participation in the meetings of other international organizations dealing with patent documents and information retrieval.

Qualifications required:

- (a) University degree in a relevant field of science or technology or qualifications equivalent to such degree.
 - (b) Thorough knowledge and practical experience in the use of ADP equipment for information retrieval.
 - (c) Excellent knowledge of either English or French and a good knowledge of the other.
- Practical experience in dealing with documentation problems in the patent field would be an advantage.

Closing date: October 23, 1972.

Competition No. 188

Technical Assistant — ICIREPAT Section
(Industrial Property Division)

Category and grade: P. 3

Principal duties:

The incumbent will assist in the implementation of WIPO's technical program in the field of patent documentation and information retrieval within the framework of the program of the Paris Union Committee for International Cooperation in Information Retrieval among Patent Offices (ICIREPAT).

His particular duties will include:

- (a) assistance in the preparation of WIPO's program in the above-mentioned fields, consisting at present of the following items:
 - (i) establishment of magnetic tape standards for international exchange of data among Patent Offices;
 - (ii) study of the usefulness of various computerized or computer-aided storage and retrieval systems with respect to patent documents;
 - (iii) coordination of the indexing work being done under the "shared systems" program;
 - (iv) establishment of recommendations on the physical layout of patent and like documents;
 - (v) maintenance and updating of a survey of existing and planned production of microforms;
 - (vi) establishment of microform standards;
 - (vii) study of requirements for recording texts and bibliographic data of patent documents in machine-sensible form for phototypesetting or photocomposition.
- (b) assistance in the preparation of meetings organized by WIPO, especially by preparing documents for and reports on such meetings;
- (c) assistance in the preparation of reports on the work performed and planned in the above-mentioned field of activity;
- (d) assistance in coordinating the work of the International Patent Institute and of the Patent Offices which participate in the technical program relating to the above-mentioned fields.

Qualifications required:

- (a) University degree in a relevant field of science or technology or qualifications equivalent to such degree.
- (b) Good knowledge and experience in the field of information retrieval.
- (c) Excellent knowledge of either English or French and a good knowledge of the other.

Practical experience in the processing of patent applications, especially as a patent examiner, and in dealing with documentation problems in the patent field, would be an advantage.

Closing date: October 23, 1972.

Competition No. 189

**Head of the International Trademark Registration Section
— in Charge of Classifications
(International Registrations Division)**

Category and grade: P.1/P.2 according to the qualifications and experience of the incumbent.

Principal duties:

- (a) In his capacity of Head of the Section, the incumbent will perform, in particular, the following tasks:
- (i) organization of the work of the Section;
 - (ii) training of new staff members assigned to the Section;
 - (iii) supervision and, according to the needs of the Section, participation in the work relating to the examination of applications for registration of trademarks and requests for renewal as to their conformity with the provisions of the Madrid Agreement and its Regulations; correspondence with national administrations, owners of trademarks or their agents when the application or request does not meet the required conditions;
 - (iv) drafting of written instructions concerning the interpretation of the applicable Agreements and the carrying out of the work of the Section; drawing up or revising the forms used for the requirements of the service; instructions concerning the establishment of the annual tables relating to registrations, renewals and modifications, as well as of the statistics for international registrations and renewals;
 - (v) contacts with national administrations and individuals requesting information on the international registration of trademarks.
- (b) As the person in charge of classifications, the incumbent will perform the following tasks:
- (i) taking decisions on the classification of goods and services, particularly in the case of disagreement with a national administration;
 - (ii) preparation of working documents and reports concerning the work of the Committee of Experts on the international classification of goods and services for the purposes of the registration of marks, and of the Committee of Experts on the international classification for industrial designs;
 - (iii) collaboration in the working out of proposals relating to the application or revision of the Madrid, Nice and Locarno Agreements;
 - (iv) replacing the Head of the International Register of Trademarks Section in the latter's absence;
 - (v) other tasks of a similar nature as instructed by the Head of the Division.

Qualifications required:

- (a) University degree in a relevant field (preferably in law) or qualifications equivalent to such a degree.
- (b) Very good knowledge of French and a good knowledge of English. Additional linguistic qualifications (especially in German and Spanish) would be a great advantage.
- (c) Ability in drafting documents and correspondence.
- (d) Analytical sense and methodical approach.
- (e) Ability to supervise a specialized service (at present comprising five persons).
- (f) To accomplish the above-mentioned tasks, the incumbent must have a thorough knowledge of the relevant texts (Paris Convention; Madrid Agreement Concerning the International Registration of Marks and its Regulations; Nice Agreement Concerning the International Classification of Goods and Services for the Purposes of the Registration of Marks; Locarno Agreement Establishing an International Classification for Industrial Designs) as well as of the Classifications established by the last two Agreements.

Closing date: October 23, 1972.

With regard to the posts mentioned above:

Nationality:

Candidates must be nationals of one of the Member States of WIPO or of the Paris or Berne Unions. Qualifications being equal, preference will be given to candidates who are nationals of States of which no national is on the staff of WIPO.

Age limit:

Candidates must be less than 50 years of age at date of appointment. (Competition No. 184: age limit applicable for appointment on probationary basis: grade P. 5, less than 55 years of age at date of appointment; grade P. 4, less than 50 years of age at date of appointment.)

Date of entry on duty:

To be agreed.

Applications:

Application forms and full information regarding the *conditions of employment* may be obtained from the Head of the Administrative Division, WIPO, 32, chemin des Colombettes, 1211 Geneva, Switzerland. Please refer to the number of the competition.