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1. EPO and Mexico launch reinforced partnership

**EPO PRESIDENT
ANTÓNIO CAMPINOS
AND IMPI DIRECTOR
GENERAL JUAN LOZANO
AGREED TO ENHANCE
THE PARTNERSHIP
BETWEEN THEIR OFFICES**

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The EPO has signed a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) on Reinforced Partnership with the Mexican Institute of Industrial Property (IMPI), further strengthening the longstanding co-operation between Europe and Mexico in the area of patents. The MoU was signed on Monday in Mexico City by EPO President António Campinos and IMPI Director General Juan Lozano. "Mexico is a very important partner for us, and our offices have already worked together to support innovation for 25 years" said EPO President Campinos. "Through our joint projects on the Cooperative Patent Classification, the EPO's online patent search tool EPOQUE Net, comprehensive data exchange and judicial training we have brought our patenting procedures... [Read more](#)

2. European patents help SMEs commercialise high-potential inventions, new study shows

**EPO PATENT
OFFICE HAS TODAY
RELEASED A NEW STUDY
ENTITLED "MARKET
SUCCESS FOR
INVENTIONS - PATENT
COMMERCIALISATION
SCOREBOARD**

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A new study published today by the European Patent Office (EPO) finds that small and medium enterprises (SMEs) rely on European patents to protect their high-potential inventions and that two thirds of these inventions are commercially exploited. The study, entitled "Market success for inventions – Patent commercialisation scoreboard: European SMEs", finds that SMEs depend heavily on partnerships with domestic or foreign partners. The report shows that half of all commercialised inventions protected either by a European patent application or a granted European patent are exploited in collaboration with an external partner via a licencing agreement (62% of the respondents), co-operation (49%) or spin-off (32%). Moreover, the partner is usually from ano... [Read more](#)

3. World Intellectual Property Report 2019 – Local Hotspots, Global Networks: Innovative Activity Is Increasingly Collaborative and International

**WIPO REPORT 2019
LOCAL HOTSPOTS,
GLOBAL NETWORKS
INNOVATIVE ACTIVITY
IS INCREASINGLY
COLLABORATIVE AND
INTERNATIONAL**

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The 2019 edition of WIPO's World Intellectual Property Report analyzed millions of patent and scientific publication records across several decades to conclude that innovative activity has grown increasingly collaborative and transnational, while originating in a few large clusters located in a small number of countries. Some 30 metropolitan hotspots alone accounted for 69 percent of patents and 48 percent of scientific activity during the 2015-2017 period. They are mostly located in five countries – China, Germany, Japan, the Republic of Korea and the United States of America (U.S.). The 2019 edition documents how the geography of innovation has evolved over the past... [Read more](#)

4. Cabinet approves Patent Prosecution Highway programme

**CABINET
APPROVES
PPH PROGRAMME BY
THE IPO WITH PATENT
OFFICES OF VARIOUS
OTHER COUNTRIES OR
REGIONS**

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New Delhi, Nov 20 () The Cabinet on Wednesday cleared a proposal for adoption of Patent Prosecution Highway (PPH) programme by the Indian Patent Office (IPO) with patent offices of various other countries or regions. The said programme will initially commence between Japan Patent Office (JPO) and Indian Patent Office, under the Controller General of Patents, Designs and Trade Marks (CGPDTM), on pilot basis for a period of three years only, an official statement said. Under this pilot programme, the Indian Patent Office may receive patent applications in certain specified technical fields only, namely, electrical, electronics, computer science, information techno.... [Read more](#)

5. Securing USPTO online access

**STARTING
THIS WEEKEND:
INCREASED SECURITY
MEASURES FOR
PRIVATE PAIR**

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Earlier this year, Commissioner for Trademarks Mary Boney Denison reported to the House Subcommittee on Courts, Intellectual Property, and the Internet Committee on the Judiciary that "the USPTO is aggressively taking steps to combat the various threats to our trademark system." In a recent blog post, we announced new ways to enhance trademark security, and we added new filing features for trademark users. On October 26, 2019, mirroring our requirements for patent users, we deployed security measures that now require trademark users to log in using a USPTO.gov account with two-step authentication in order to access the Trademark Electronic Application Sys.... [Read more](#)

6. European Patent Office launches new Espacenet, improving access to world's largest free collection of patent documents

**EPO RELEASED
THE ESPACENET,
A SUBSTANTIALLY
REVISED AND IMPROVED
VERSION OF THE
OFFICE'S PATENT INFO.
SEARCH TOOL**

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The European Patent Office (EPO) has today released the new Espacenet, a substantially revised and improved version of the Office's patent information search tool. New Espacenet's state-of-the-art features and enhanced functionality will make it even easier for users to conduct patent searches and access over 110 million patent documents from all over the world free-of-charge. "Patent information is an incredible resource for everyone involved in IP and with the launch of new Espacenet today, we're delivering on our commitment to making that resource more accessible," says EPO President António Campinos. "New Espacenet means inventors can better assess the state of the art, businesses can make more informed strategic IP dec... [Read more](#)

7. CNIPA Administration Improves Trademark Examination Procedures: Deputy Commissioner Zhao Gang

**DEPUTY COMM.
OF THE CNIPA, ZHAO
GANG HAS
SPEARHEADED A NO. OF
MEASURES TO IMPROVE
TM EXAMINATION
PROCEDURES**

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As Deputy Commissioner of the China National Intellectual Property Administration (CNIPA), Zhao Gang has spearheaded a number of measures to improve the efficiency and quality of trademark examinations in China. Here, he explains how these initiatives are helping to enhance and support intellectual property (IP) rights in China. China is the largest filer of trademarks in the world and that volume is expected to continue to increase. What measures has CNIPA implemented to bring about more effective and efficient trademark examination? As requested by the State Council of the People's Republic of China, CNIPA has been proactively taking a number of eff... [Read more](#)

8. PCT Roving Seminars in India from 25th November 2019 to 2nd December, 2019

**WIPO-IPO PCT
ROVING SEMINARS
BEING ORGANISED BY
OFFICE OF THE
CONTROLLER GENERAL
OF PATENTS, DESIGNS
AND TRADEMARKS**

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Indian Patent Office in collaboration with the WIPO and in association with Industry Associations, ASSOCHAM & CII is organizing four Roving Seminars in India as part of WIPO's ongoing support, to promote the awareness in respect of protecting the intellectual property and innovations globally through Patent Cooperation Treaty (PCT). The Patent Cooperation Treaty (PCT) assists applicants in seeking patent protection internationally for their inventions and facilitates public access to a wealth of technical information relating to those inventions. The PCT makes it easier and more cost-effective for companies and inventors to seek patent protection for their inventions in multiple countries. A single international patent application... [Read more](#)

9. WIPO Director General Opens Symposium on Trade Secrets and Innovation

**WIPO
DIRECTOR GENERAL
OPENS SYMPOSIUM
ON TRADE SECRETS
AND INNOVATION**

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Trade secrets may warrant greater international policy attention as they support modern business relationships and, paradoxically, facilitate the sharing of confidential information, WIPO Director General Francis Gurry said in opening a symposium on the subject. "Trade secret protection plays, as we know, a very fundamental role in any collaborative business relationship, whether it's the relationship of employer or employee, contractor or subcontractor, university research with an outside enterprise, global value chains – they all depend upon the sharing of information," said Mr. Gurry as he welcomed participants to the WIPO Symposium on Trade Secrets and Innovation. [Read more](#)

10. Safeguarding attorney information from improper use in trademark filings

**WE RECOMMEND
THAT ATTORNEYS
PROACTIVELY MONITOR
OUR DATABASE FOR TM
FILINGS THAT USE THEIR
NAMES, SIGNATURES
AND CONTACT INFO.**

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To help the United States Patent and Trademark Office (USPTO) maintain the integrity of the trademark filing process, we recommend that attorneys proactively monitor our database for trademark filings that use their names, signatures, and contact information without their knowledge or consent.

We're actively monitoring and addressing this issue, which appears to involve a relatively small number of filings. Still, we recommend attorneys regularly check the filing database for use of their information.

Monitor your information in filings :- *To search for records in which you are designated as the attorney-of-record, use the Trademark Electronic Search System (TESS): ... [Read more](#)*

11. Division of international registrations designating Australia deferred

**IP AUSTRALIA
SOUGHT PUBLIC
COMMENT ON THE
EXPOSURE DRAFT OF
REGULATIONS TO
AMEND THE TM
REGULATIONS 1995..**

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Earlier in 2019, IP Australia sought public comment on the exposure draft of regulations to amend the Trade Marks Regulations 1995 to allow division of International Registrations Designating Australia ("Division of IRDAs"). Noting that there is currently no international requirement to make this change now, IP Australia is not intending to seek the making of the amending regulations in the near future. We consider that it would be better to consider the issue of division of IRDAs as part of a broader holistic consideration of trade mark timeframes which we propose to conduct in the future. We will continue to keep stakeholders informed on any activities concerning the division... [Read more](#)

12. TURKEY- Assessment of the Individual Character of Design Applications

**TURKISH IP CODE
NO. 6769 GRANTS
PROTECTION THROUGH
REGISTRATION FOR THE
APPEARANCE OF A
PRODUCT OR A PART
THEREOF**

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The Turkish Industrial Property Code no. 6769 (IP Code) grants protection through registration for the appearance of a product or a part thereof. According to the IP Code, the protection is applied to the appearance of the whole or a part of a product or its ornamentation resulting from features such as lines, shape, form, color, material or surface texture that fulfill the novelty and individual character criteria. In other words, designs which lack novelty and individual character do not fulfill protection requirements. The requirement for novelty acknowledges that no identical design should have been made available to the public anywhere in the world before the date of reference. The assessment of the individual character however, di... [Read more](#)

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13. EPO and INPI Brazil launch technical and strategic partnership

**EPO AND INPI
BRAZIL HAVE SIGNED
A MEMORANDUM OF
UNDERSTANDING ON A
REINFORCED TECHNICAL
AND STRATEGIC
PARTNERSHIP TO
ENHANCE CO-
OPERATION BETWEEN
EUROPE AND BRAZIL IN
THE AREA OF PATENTS**

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The European Patent Office (EPO) and the National Institute of Industrial Property of Brazil (INPI) have signed a Memorandum of Understanding on a Reinforced Technical and Strategic Partnership to enhance co-operation between Europe and Brazil in the area of patents. The MoU was signed by EPO President António Campinos and INPI President Cláudio Vilar Furtado today in Rio de Janeiro.

The agreement between the EPO and Latin America's biggest patent office is aimed at strengthening the patent systems in Brazil and Europe in order to support innovation and economic development, and foster bilateral trade and investment between the two regions.

"Brazil is a key partner for the EPO and an important market for European companies," said EPO President Campinos. "This agreement is a milestone in our co-operation and is testament to the economic importance of close ties between our regions. Our co-operation aims to ensure efficient patent examination and the granting of high-quality patents. It should thus benefit both local innovators and international patent applicants, who can increasingly expect to find similar conditions for protecting their inventions around the world."

INPI President, Cláudio Vilar Furtado, highlighted the importance of the agreement to stimulate investment in innovation and industrial property, focusing on the generation of new patents, especially in partnership. "In this agreement betwee... [Read more](#)