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1. EPO and EUIPO renew their co-operation

**EPO AND EUIPO
HAVE SIGNED A
NEW MOU RENEWING
THEIR COMMITMENT TO
A COMPREHENSIVE
RENEW THEIR CO-
OPERATION**

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The European Patent Office (EPO) and the European Union Intellectual Property Office (EUIPO) have signed a new Memorandum of Understanding (MoU), renewing their commitment to a comprehensive co-operation framework to further improve services for companies, researchers and inventors in Europe and worldwide. "This agreement opens a new chapter in a long tradition of co-operation between our two offices," said EPO President António Campinos. "It aims to enhance the effectiveness of the European IP system, improve its accessibility for users and promote a modern IP culture in Europe. As two organisations administering pan-European IP rights, and with many of the same member states and users, we have... [Read more](#)

2. EUIPO's Christian Archambeau on Globalization, EUTM Trends, and Brexit

**THE EXECUTIVE
DIRECTOR OF THE
EUIPO, WHO SPOKE TO
THE MEDIA DURING THE
INTA ANNUAL MEETING
IN BOSTON LAST
MONTH.**

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"EUTM applications at EUIPO continue to grow, having increased by 4% to over 150,000 in 2018, while applications for registered Community designs (RCDs) fell by 2%—a trend that continued in the first quarter of 2019." IP rights face "a challenging future," according to Christian Archambeau, the Executive Director of the EUIPO, who spoke to the media during the INTA Annual Meeting in Boston last month. In particular, he cited the challenges posed by Brexit, international cooperation, artificial intelligence (AI) tools and Blockchain, working in multiple languages, and the volume of applications. EUIPO (formerly OHIM) is the Office responsible for registering EU trade marks (EUTMs).... [Read more](#)

3. World's five largest patent offices agree on joint task force for emerging technologies and AI

**THE HEADS
OF THE FIVE LARGEST
PATENT OFFICES
HELD THEIR ANNUAL
MEETING ON 13 JUNE
IN INCHEON, KOREA**

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The heads of the five largest patent offices held their annual meeting on 13 June in Incheon, Korea. The five offices, known as the IP5, are the Korean Intellectual Property Office (KIPO), European Patent Office (EPO), Japan Patent Office (JPO), China National Intellectual Property Administration (CNIPA) and United States Patent and Trademark Office (USPTO). The IP5 together handle around 85 percent of the world's patent applications. The meeting was chaired by KIPO Commissioner Park Wonjoo, and was attended by EPO President António Campinos, JPO Commissioner Naoko Munakata, CNIPA Commissioner Shen Changyu, and USPTO Director and Under Secretary ... [Read more](#)

4. Amendments to the PCT Regulations and to PCT Forms

**NEW/UPDATED
PCT RESOURCES" FOR
INFORMATION ON THE
AVAILABILITY OF A
POWERPOINTPRESENTA
TION DESCRIBING THESE
AMENDMENTS**

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It is recalled that the Assembly of the PCT Union, during its 50th session which was held in Geneva from 24 September to 2 October 2018, adopted an amendment to [PCT Rule 69.1\(a\)](#) which will enter into force on 1 July 2019. For further information, please see the "Practical Advice" in this issue, as well as "New/updated PCT Resources" for information on the availability of a PowerPoint presentation describing these amendments. Consequential modifications have been made to the demand form (PCT/IPEA/401) and notes to the demand form. The request form (PCT/RO/101) and the following forms relating to the International Searching Authority and the Authority specified for Supplementary International Search have also been... [Read more](#)

5. PCT Patent Prosecution Highway (PCT-PPH) Pilots

**A NEW ONE-WAY
PCT-PPH PILOT
PROGRAM WILL START
BETWEEN THE INPI
(ARGENTINA) AND THE
US PATENT AND
TRADEMARK OFFICE**

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New one-way PCT-PPH pilot program (Argentina and the United States of America) On 3 June 2019, a new one-way PCT-PPH pilot program will start between the National Institute of Industrial Property (INPI) (Argentina)¹ and the United States Patent and Trademark Office (USPTO). Under this program, accelerated processing of a national (Paris route) filing before INPI is available on the basis of a PCT application with a positive written opinion from either the International Searching Authority (ISA) or the International Preliminary Examining Authority (IPEA), or a positive international preliminary report on patentability (IPRP) (Chapter II), issued by the USPTO in its capacity as.... [Read more](#)

6. Rwanda Takes the Lead in Joining the Arusha Protocol for the Protection of New Varieties of Plants

**RWANDA TAKES
THE LEAD IN JOINING
THE ARUSHA PROTOCOL
FOR THE PROTECTION
OF NEW VARIETIES OF
PLANTS WITHIN THE
FRAMEWORK OF ARIPO**

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ARUSHA - The ARIPO Office announced in a press release that it has received the Instrument of Accession of the Republic of Rwanda to the Arusha Protocol for the Protection of New Varieties of Plants within the framework of ARIPO. This makes Rwanda the first ARIPO Member State to become party to the Protocol that was adopted by a Diplomatic Conference of ARIPO Member States held to that end in Arusha, Tanzania on July 6, 2015. Pursuant to Article 40 of the Protocol, any State which is a member of ARIPO or any State to which membership is open may become party to this Protocol either by signature followed by deposit of an instrument of ratification or by deposit of an instrument of accession. When the Arusha Protocol ... [Read more](#)

7. Small companies with patents more likely to grow rapidly than those without

**SMES THAT
APPLY FOR PATENTS,
TRADE MARKS OR
DESIGNS ARE MORE
LIKELY TO GROW
QUICKLY**

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Small and medium-sized enterprises (SMEs) that apply for patents, trade marks or designs are more likely to grow quickly and succeed than those without, new research has shown. A study produced jointly by the European Patent Office (EPO) and the European Union Intellectual Property Office (EUIPO) showed that SMEs which have filed at least one intellectual property (IP) right are 21% more likely to experience a growth period afterwards and are 10% more likely to become a high-growth firm (HGF) than firms without IP rights applications. HGFs are defined as those which see a three year average growth rate in employment of at least 20%, with at least 10 employees at the start of... [Read more](#)

8. Estonia Becomes the Second Baltic Country to Offer Madrid E-Filing to its Applicants

**MADRID E-FILING
IN THE LITHUANIAN IP
OFFICE IN FEBRUARY,
THE IP OFFICE OF
ESTONIA BECOMES
THE SECOND BALTIC**

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Following the launch of Madrid e-filing in the Lithuanian IP Office in February, the IP Office of Estonia becomes the second Baltic State and the third Member this year to offer Madrid e-filing to its trademark community. Joining on June 10, 2019, the Estonian Patent Office can now experience a range of additional benefits – not least a far simpler and reassuringly secure online application process. About 80% of Estonian applicants already use electronic filing for national trademark applications. They will now be able to secure protection of their marks internationally more quickly, and widen their geographical scope more effectively, through the Madrid System. The translation tool for goods and services (into the defined filing language), and compliance checks... [Read more](#)

9. India Joins Three Key WIPO International Classification Treaties

**INDIA HAS
JOINED THREE WIPO
TREATIES DESIGNED TO
EASE THE SEARCH FOR
TRADEMARKS AND
INDUSTRIAL DESIGNS**

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India has joined three WIPO treaties designed to ease the search for trademarks and industrial designs, helping brand owners and designers in their efforts to obtain protection for their own work. The accessions underline India's strong multilateral engagement with the World Intellectual Property Organization, WIPO Director General Francis Gurry said. Mr. Gurry received on June 7, 2019, India's instruments of accession to the Nice Agreement, Vienna Agreement and the Locarno Agreement from Ambassador Rajiv K. Chander, Permanent Representative of India to the United Nations and other International Organizations in Geneva. The treaties will enter into force for India on September... [Read more](#)

10. Welcoming Canada to the Madrid System and E-Filing on the same day

**CIPO WILL BE
THE FIRST IN THE
HISTORY OF THE
MADRID PROTOCOL TO
INVITE TRADEMARK
APPLICANTS TO USE
MADRID E-FILING**

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Canada is all set to release the Madrid e-filing service to its trademark community, on the same day the Madrid System comes into effect. On June 17, 2019, the Canadian Intellectual Property Office (CIPO) will be the first in the history of the Madrid Protocol to invite trademark applicants to use Madrid e-filing for their international trademark applications from day one. In preparation, applicants have been experimenting with the service – adding comments and providing feedback through a special test environment – in advance of the big day. The test environment also ensures the CIPO has everything in place for this significant step forward for intellectual property (IP) across the provinces. With Madrid e-filing, Canadian users join a global... [Read more](#)