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1. The New PATENTSCOPE Interface

**NEW
PATENTSCOPE
INTERFACE WAS
RELEASED AT THE SAME
TIME AS WIPO
LAUNCHED ITS NEW IP
PORTAL**

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On September 17, 2019, the new PATENTSCOPE interface was released at the same time as WIPO launched its new IP Portal. It is a one-stop shop to the Organization's full range of online intellectual property (IP) services. For users of WIPO's IP services for patents, trademarks and industrial designs, the IP Portal will provide greater consistency in how they interact with WIPO, while maintaining the underlying business processes. In order to provide a consistent experience in the WIPO IP Portal, the new PATENTSCOPE interface was developed. It is still a beta version because some of the features have not yet been made available. For those features, there is a link to the current interface. Both the current and the new interfaces will be available for.... [Read more](#)

2. India Intellectual Property Office Reports Significant Improvements

**CONTROLLER
GENERAL OF PATENTS,
DESIGNS & TRADE
MARKS PUBLISHED ITS
ANNUAL REPORT FOR
2017-2018**

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The intellectual property (IP) ecosystem in India under the aegis of the Office of the Controller General of Patents, Designs, Trademarks and Geographical Indications (CGPDTM) is undergoing a remarkable transformation. Given the pace of development of research and technology, along with India's commitment to become a viable hub for foreign investment, the CGPDTM's Office has taken several affirmative steps to reduce pendency and increase efficiencies. On July 17, the CGPDTM published its Annual Report for 2017-2018, bringing attention to the Office's key developments and initiatives during that period. According to the report, the total number of trademark applications filed from 2017 to 2018 was 272,974.... [Read more](#)

3. Draft amendment to the Geographical Indications of Goods (Registration & Protection) Rules, 2002

**DRAFT
AMENDMENT TO THE
GI OF GOODS
(REGISTRATION &
PROTECTION) RULES,
2002**

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G.S.R. 645(E).-The following draft of certain Rules to amend the Geographical Indications of Goods (Registration and Protection) Rules, 2002 which the Central Government proposes to make in exercise of the powers conferred by Section 87 of the Geographical Indications of Goods (Registration and Protection) Act, 1999 (48 of 1999), is hereby published, as required by sub-section (3) of the said section, for the information of all persons likely to be affected thereby; and notice is hereby given that the said draft shall be taken into consideration on or after the expiry of a period of thirty days from the date on which the Official Gazette, containing the notification, are made available to the public; [Read more](#)

4. New in PATENTSCOPE: Chemical Sub-Structure Search

**NEW SEARCH
FEATURE IN WIPO'S
PATENTSCOPE
DATABASE PERMITS A
SEARCH FOR CHEMICAL
SUB-STRUCTURES**

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Understanding the chemical structure of molecules is critical for success in the world of chemistry, with this type of knowledge serving as a springboard for further innovations in healthcare, engineering, environmental protection and other fields. To support the development of important new products, WIPO has developed a new tool to facilitate chemical searches. The new search feature in WIPO's PATENTSCOPE database permits a search for chemical sub-structures, allowing researchers to more-easily find molecules containing a sought-after fragment.

New and improved search functionality - Previously, PATENTSCOPE was limited to a search for full structures, but researchers may now enter a drawn sub-structure.... [Read more](#)

5. IPO Issues Notice for Disposal of Cases Pending in Opposition/ Rectification and which have been Settled Amicably

**TM REGISTRY
HAS ISSUED A PUBLIC
NOTICE FOR DISPOSAL
OF CASES PENDING IN
OPPOSITION/
RECTIFICATION**

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In a welcome move, the Trade Marks Registry has issued a Public Notice dated September 19, 2019 so as to expedite the conclusion of such opposition/rectification matters which, though have been amicably resolved by the concerned parties, have not been subjected to closure vide a final order by the Registry. The reason cited for the delay in passing final orders is 'Lack of Information' in respect of the pending matters with the Trade Marks Registry. In view of the same, the Registry has directed parties concerned in such opposition/rectification matters, to bring the said matters to the notice of the concerned officers of the respective branches of the Trade Marks Registry, and to provide them with... [Read more](#)

6. WIPO Conversation on Intellectual Property and Artificial Intelligence

**WIPO CONVERSATION
ON INTELLECTUAL
PROPERTY AND
ARTIFICIAL
INTELLIGENCE
SEPTEMBER 2019**

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The growth of artificial intelligence (AI) across a range of technical fields is posing a number of policy questions with respect to intellectual property (IP). As part of its efforts to engage with member states on these questions, WIPO has convened a meeting – WIPO Conversation on Intellectual Property and Artificial Intelligence – to provide member states with an opportunity to exchange views on various topics regarding AI and the IP system. The meeting will focus on the impact of AI on IP systems, IP policies, IP rights management, and international cooperation on IP matters. Artificial intelligence is raising a broad and multi-disciplinary range of policy questions. [Read more](#)

7. Extension of SIPP Scheme to applicants filing applications through TISCs

**EXTENSION
OF SIPP SCHEME TO
APPLICANTS FILING
APPLICATIONS
THROUGH TISCs**

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WIPO's Technology and Innovation Support Centers (TISCs) have been established in India by way of mutual co-operation agreement between Department for Promotion of Industry and Internal Trade (DPIIT), Govt. of India and WIPO so as to help Indian innovators and entrepreneurs to exploit their innovative potential and to create. Protect and manage their Intellectual Property Rights (IPRs). Further to promote and protect innovations and to utilize the services of TISCs established in India. it has been decided by Govt. of India to extend the benefits of Start-up Intellectual Property Protection (SIPP) scheme to all the applicants using the services of the TISCs established in India. [Read more](#)

8. EPO meets with users and IP offices in Sweden, Finland and Denmark

**EPO PRESIDENT
CAMPINOS ADDRESSES
USERS IN STOCKHOLM
AT AN EVENT
ORGANISED BY THE
SWEDISH PATENT AND
REGISTRATION OFFICE**

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Led by President António Campinos, an EPO delegation which included Nellie Simon, Vice-President Corporate Services, and Christoph Ernst, Vice-President for Legal and International Affairs, visited Sweden, Finland and Denmark. In all three countries, the EPO delegation met with the national intellectual property (IP) offices and key stakeholders, including major applicants, patent law firms, research institutions and business associations. The EPO President used the opportunity offered by these meetings to present the main features of the EPO's Strategic Plan 2023 and to gather feedback from users on how they think the patent system should develop in the future. Among the topics addressed were the quality, timeliness and flexibility of the patent... [Read more](#)

9. TM's E-filing in Full Swing with Relevant Regulations in Effect

**TRADEMARKS
FORMULATED BY
CNIPA WENT INTO
EFFECT, USHERING IN AN
ERA OF E-FILING OF
TRADEMARKS**

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On September 1, Regulations on Electronic Application of Trademarks formulated by China National Intellectual Property Administration (CNIPA) went into effect, ushering in an era of E-filing of trademarks. "To apply for a trademark registration electronically is no doubt an important symbol and progress of trademark system modernization in China. It is of much significance to execute the measure considering the rapid development of information network technology and the surging number of trademark registrations," said Feng Xiaoqing, a professor and director of Institute of Intellectual Property Law of China University of Political Science and Law, adding.. [Read more](#)

10. Chinese designs step closer to protection under Hague system

**WIPO ON CHINA
JOINING THE HAGUE
AGREEMENT, WHICH IS A
TREATY THAT HELPS
INTERNATIONAL
REGISTRATIONS OF
INDUSTRIAL DESIGNS**

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China is ramping up the pace to protect industrial designs, said experts during the China Intellectual Property Annual Conference last week. The appearance of a product, namely its industrial design, is expected to be protected from the top down, said Lyu Guoliang, former director of the international cooperation department of the National Intellectual Property Administration. He spoke at a session on discovering the value and power of industrial design on Sept 3. The World Intellectual Property Report 2017 estimates that intangible assets - branding, technology and design - account for about one-third of production value worldwide. The report was released by the World Intellectual Property Organization. From 2007-17, the number of.. [Read more](#)

11. Notice for applicants w.r.t. deposit of microorganisms in the Japanese depository institutions for the Purposes of Patent Procedure

**BUDAPEST TREATY
ON THE INTERNATIONAL
RECOGNITION OF THE
DEPOSIT OF
MICROORGANISMS FOR
THE PURPOSES OF
PATENT PROCEDURE**

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Communication by the Government of Japan Regarding Changes in the Schedule of Fees Charged by the International Patent Organism Depository (IPOD), National Institute of Technology and Evaluation (NITE), and by the National Institute of Technology and Evaluation, Patent Microorganisms Depository (NPMD).

The Director General of the World Intellectual Property Organization (WIPO) presents his compliments to the Minister for Foreign Affairs and has the honor to notify the receipt, on July 16, 2019, of a communication dated July 11, 2019, from the Government of Japan regarding changes in the schedule of fees charged by the International Patent Organism Depository (IPOD), National Institute of Technology and Evaluation (NITE), and by the National Institute of Technology and Evaluation, Patent Microorganisms Depository (NPMD), international depository authorities under the Budapest Treaty on the International Recognition of the Deposit of Microorganisms for the Purposes of Patent Procedure (Budapest Treaty), done at Budapest on April 28, 1977, and amended on September 26, 1980 (see Budapest Notification No. 15 of March 31, 1981 and Budapest Notification No. 215 of April 1, 2004, respectively). According to Rule 12.2(c) of the Regulations under the Budapest Treaty, the fees set forth in the said communication for storage, the issuance of an attestation under Rule 8.2 of the Regulations under the Budapest Treaty, the issuance of a viability statement, furnishing of... [Read more](#)