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## Change Concerning Senior PCT Staff Member at WIPO

### Departure of Jay Erstling

After four years as Director of the Office of the PCT at WIPO and a year as Director-Adviser in the Office of the Director General, Dr. Kamil Idris, Mr. Jay Erstling recently left WIPO and returned to the United States of America to pursue other interests in the field of intellectual property.



Jay Erstling

As Director of the Office of the PCT, Mr. Erstling was responsible for PCT operations and administration and the PCT legal divisions. Mr. Erstling had also worked in a legal capacity in the Industrial Property Division of WIPO from 1976 to 1986.

Mr. Erstling has become Professor of Law at the William Mitchell College of Law in St. Paul, Minnesota, and is Of Counsel at the intellectual property firm of Patterson, Thunte, Skaar and Christensen in Minneapolis, Minnesota.

We would like to thank Mr. Erstling for his valued work in the Office of the PCT, which he carried out with dedication and professionalism, and wish him luck in his future professional endeavors.

### Information on the Upcoming Session of the PCT Assembly

The thirty-sixth session of the Assembly of the PCT Union will be held in Geneva from 24 September to 3 October 2007, as part of the meetings of the Assemblies of the Member States of WIPO.

The Assembly is invited to adopt proposed amendments to the Regulations under the PCT (document PCT/A/36/2) which, if adopted, would generally enter into force on 1 July 2008, relating to:

- international search: the use of the results of earlier searches by an Office other than the Office acting as International Searching Authority;
- restoration of the right of priority: extension of the time period for the applicant to pay to the receiving Office the fee for requesting restoration of the right of priority;
- international applications considered withdrawn: clarification that international publication can only be reliably prevented by way of an express withdrawal under PCT Rule 90*bis*.1 received by the International Bureau prior to completion of technical preparations for international publication.

In addition, the Assembly will also discuss the following proposals:

- a proposal by Brazil (document PCT/A/36/6) to appoint the Brazilian

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National Institute of Industrial Property, and a proposal by India (document PCT/A/36/10) to appoint the Indian Patent Office, as International Searching and Preliminary Examining Authorities under the PCT;

- a proposal by Brazil (document PCT/A/36/9) to add Portuguese, and a proposal by the Republic of Korea (document PCT/A/36/8) to add Korean, to the list of languages referred to in PCT Rule 48.3(a) in which international applications may be published;

- a proposal by France (document PCT/A/36/7), based on a proposal discussed at length during the Working Group on PCT Reform, to adopt proposed amendments to the Regulations under the PCT introducing a supplementary international search system (the text of possible appropriate amendments of the Regulations is set out in Annex II of document PCT/A/36/1);

- a proposal by the United States of America and Japan (document PCT/A/36/11) to amend the PCT Schedule of Fees so as to reduce by 15 % the amount of the current international filing fee and handling fee.

Furthermore, the Assembly is invited to approve the revision of a "flexibility formula" which allows for the number of posts for staff to be varied in response to unbudgeted variations in the number of PCT international applications received at the International

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**Reminder**

The national Offices of the following States do not yet apply the 30-month time limit for entering the national phase under Chapter I as fixed in PCT Article 22(1) (as modified with effect from 1 April 2002). Note, however, that in respect of the **regional** designation of all those States, the time limit under PCT Article 22(3) of 31 months applies.

CH Switzerland  
LU Luxembourg  
TZ United Republic of Tanzania  
UG Uganda

A list of time limits applicable for each designated/elected Office for entering the national phase under Chapters I and II of the PCT is available at:

[www.wipo.int/pct/en/texts/pdf/time\\_limits.pdf](http://www.wipo.int/pct/en/texts/pdf/time_limits.pdf)

Bureau (document PCT/A/36/5); to note the status of various aspects of the work being undertaken in connection with reform of the PCT, including the results of the latest session of the Working Group on Reform of the PCT (document PCT/A/36/1); to take note of a report on the quality management systems set up by the International Authorities under the PCT (document PCT/A/36/3); and to extend the appointment of the existing International Searching and Preliminary Examining Authorities under the PCT for a period of 10 years (document PCT/A/36/4).

All documents submitted to the PCT Assembly for discussion at its next session are available at:

[www.wipo.int/meetings/en/details.jsp?meeting\\_id=13306](http://www.wipo.int/meetings/en/details.jsp?meeting_id=13306)

Information on the outcome of the meetings will be published in the October issue of the *PCT Newsletter* (No. 10/2007).

## **Electronic Transfer of Priority Documents from the USPTO to the IB**

The United States Patent and Trademark Office (USPTO) has announced that, with effect from 31 August 2007, it has updated its electronic system that supports the administrative processing of international applications. That update includes an enhancement enabling the USPTO to electronically transfer certified copies of US priority documents to the International Bureau (IB) where the applicant has made a request in accordance with PCT Rule 17.1(b).

Furthermore, given that such electronic transfer of US priority documents is now highly automated, the USPTO no longer requires a fee for transmitting the priority document in respect of international applications filed with the USPTO as receiving Office (RO/US) on or after 31 August 2007.

Therefore, if an applicant files an international application with RO/US on or after 31 August 2007, and checks the box in the request form (PCT/RO/101) requesting the RO/US to transmit a certified copy of a priority document to the IB ("Transmit certified copy" under Box No. VI "Priority Claim") (or, if using the PCT-SAFE software, checks the corresponding box on the Priority page), the USPTO will electronically transmit a copy of the US priority document to the IB free-of-charge, regardless of whether the application was filed on paper or electronically. Note that the \$20 "fee for priority document" will continue to be required for the transmittal of a US priority document to the IB

in accordance with PCT Rule 17.1(b) for international applications filed prior to 31 August 2007.

For further information, see the USPTO's announcement about this change at:

[www.uspto.gov/web/offices/pac/dapp/opla/preognotice/e\\_pd\\_ib.pdf](http://www.uspto.gov/web/offices/pac/dapp/opla/preognotice/e_pd_ib.pdf)

## **PCT Information Update**

### **Fees payable in US dollars (various Offices)**

As from 15 November 2007, there will be a change in the equivalent amounts of the international filing fee and the fee per sheet over 30, payable in USD to various receiving Offices (see below), as well as a change in the equivalent amounts in USD of the electronic filing fee reductions listed in item 3 of the Schedule of Fees, as indicated in Table I(a).

(Updating of *PCT Applicant's Guide*, Annex C (AM, AP, AZ, BW, BY, BZ, CO, CR, CU, EA, EC, EG, GE, GH, IB, IL, IN, KE, KG, KZ, LR, MD, NI, PG, PH, RU, SC, SY, TJ, TM, TT, UA, US, UZ, ZM and ZW))

### **DO Dominican Republic (competent International Searching and Preliminary Examining Authorities)**

The National Office of Industrial Property of Dominican Republic, in its capacity as receiving Office, has specified the European Patent Office and the Spanish Patent and Trademark Office as competent International Searching and Preliminary Examining Authorities.

### **ME Montenegro (competent receiving Office)**

The Government of the Republic of Montenegro has notified the International Bureau that, until its intellectual property office becomes fully operational, it is delegating the functions of receiving Office under the PCT, in relation to international applications filed by nationals or residents of Montenegro under PCT 19.1(b), to the International Bureau of WIPO in its capacity as receiving Office under the PCT.

### **US United States of America (fees)**

See "Fees payable in US dollars," above.

### **Search fee and other fees related to the international search (Australian Patent Office, European Patent Office, United States Patent and Trademark Office)**

As from 15 October 2007, there will be a change in the equivalent amount payable in SGD for an interna-

tional search carried out by the Australian Patent Office, and there will be a change in the equivalent amount (of the lower amount – the higher amount remains unchanged) payable in NZD for an international search carried out by the United States Patent and Trademark Office.

As from 1 November 2007, there will be a change in the equivalent amount payable in NZD for an international search carried out by the European Patent Office.

The above-mentioned changes are indicated in Table I(b).

The European Patent Office has notified that the search fee paid for an earlier search with a written opinion on a national application, made on behalf of the Office of France, the Netherlands or Turkey and refunded when the Authority benefits from that search in carrying out an international search, shall be refunded to the same extent in the case of national applications filed as from 1 January 2007 when the earlier search is made on behalf of the Office of Belgium or Luxembourg.

(Updating of *PCT Applicant's Guide*, Annex D (AU), (EP) and (US))

## **New/Updated PCT Resources on the Internet**

([www.wipo.int/pct/en/](http://www.wipo.int/pct/en/))

### **Documents for PCT Assembly**

See "Information on the upcoming session of the PCT Assembly" on the cover page.

### ***PCT Applicant's Guide***

The following parts of the *PCT Applicant's Guide* have been updated to take into account the PCT Rule changes that entered into force on 1 April 2007:

- Introduction to the International Phase
- Index to the International Phase
- Introduction to the National Phase

and have been published on the PCT Resources page of PatentScope at:

[www.wipo.int/pct/guide/en/](http://www.wipo.int/pct/guide/en/)

The French translation is under preparation.

It is recalled that all *Guide* users may subscribe to an e-mail update service at the above-mentioned Inter-

net address, which will provide them with a weekly e-mail informing them which *Guide* information has been updated that week and containing links to those updated elements.

### **PCT legal text index**

The PCT legal text index has been updated to take into account the April 2007 changes to the PCT system. The index is a useful tool to help PCT users find the relevant provisions in all of the PCT legal texts (the Treaty, Regulations, Administrative Instructions, Forms and the various Guidelines) corresponding to a particular topic, and is available at:

[www.wipo.int/pct/en/texts/pdf/legal\\_index07.pdf](http://www.wipo.int/pct/en/texts/pdf/legal_index07.pdf)

### **Warning About Requests for Payment of Fees (Reminder)**

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 (IB) of WIPO and are unrelated to the processing of international applications under the PCT, a new invitation has been identified originating from "IOIP - Organization for Intellectual Property".

To view an example of the new invitation, as well as the many other examples which have been brought to the attention of the IB by PCT users, and for further information on such requests in general, see:

[www.wipo.int/pct/en/warning/pct\\_warning.htm](http://www.wipo.int/pct/en/warning/pct_warning.htm)

PCT applicants and agents should note that it is the IB 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.

### **States Party to the PCT and the Paris Convention and Members of the WTO**

It is recalled that under PCT Rule 4.10(a), it is possible to claim in an international application the priority of one or more earlier applications filed in, or for, any country party to the Paris Convention for the Protection of Industrial Property or in, or for, any Member of the World Trade Organization (WTO) that is not party to that Convention.

The table on pages 7 to 9, which lists the Contracting States of the PCT, together with the States party to the Paris Convention and Members of the WTO, up-

dates the table which was published in *PCT Newsletter* No. 08/2006. The table has also been updated on the WIPO website at:

[www.wipo.int/pct/en/texts/pdf/pct\\_paris\\_wto.pdf](http://www.wipo.int/pct/en/texts/pdf/pct_paris_wto.pdf)

## Budapest Treaty

### List of States party to the Budapest Treaty; list of intergovernmental industrial property organizations having filed a declaration of acceptance under Article 9(1)(a) of that Treaty

It is recalled that the Budapest Treaty on the International Recognition of the Deposit of Microorganisms for the Purposes of Patent Procedure permits the disclosure of an invention involving a microorganism, or the use of a microorganism or other biological material, by effecting a deposit of a sample of the microorganism with a specialized institution. It thus eliminates, before the national patent Offices of the Contracting States of the Budapest Treaty and the regional Offices that have filed a declaration of acceptance under Article 9(1)(a) of the Treaty, the need to deposit such a sample in each country in which protection is sought.

Several changes have been made, since its publication in *PCT Newsletter* No. 09/2006, to the table setting out the States party to that Treaty and the intergovernmental industrial property organizations which have filed a declaration of acceptance under Article 9(1)(a) of the Treaty. An update of the table appears on page 10.

## Practical Advice

### Late transmittal of the priority document

*Q: I have filed, on behalf of my client, an international application claiming the priority of an earlier filed national application. Since the applicant lived in a different country when he filed the earlier application, the receiving Office with which the international application was filed is not the same as the Office with which the earlier application was filed. I was therefore unable to make use of the facility in the request form for requesting the receiving Office to prepare and transmit to the International Bureau a certified copy of the earlier application. The time limit for transmitting the certified copy to the International Bureau of 16 months from the priority date has nearly expired and I have still not received it from the national Office in question. What will be the consequences for the priority claim if I am unable to submit the certified copy to the International Bureau in time?*

A: In general, the priority document (copy of an earlier application certified by the authority with which it was filed) must be furnished to the International Bureau (IB) within 16 months from the priority date (PCT Rule 17.1). However, if you are unable to transmit it to the IB before the expiration of that time limit, you may in fact have more time as the IB will consider the priority document to have been received by it on the last day of that 16-month period if it reaches it before the date of international publication of the international application (which is, according to PCT Article 21(2)(a), usually as soon as possible after the expiration of 18 months from the priority date, unless you have requested early publication under PCT Article 21(2)(b)). Although PCT Rule 17.1 states that the priority document should be submitted by the applicant to the IB or to the receiving Office, when it is transmitted after the filing of the international application, it is advisable to send it **directly to the IB**.

If the IB does receive the priority document in time, or for cases where the applicant is in a position to request the receiving Office to furnish the priority document to the IB under PCT Rule 17.1(b)\*, the IB furnishes, at the specific request of a designated Office (but only after the international publication of the international application) a copy of the priority document to that Office, together with information about when the priority document was received (or considered received, as the case may be). In such cases, no designated Office may ask the applicant himself to furnish it with a copy (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

You should make every effort to ensure that the IB receives the priority document in time in order to avoid any extra work in the national phase. Even if the priority document is not submitted to the IB within the time limit under PCT Rule 17.1(a) (and PCT Rule 17.1(b) is not complied with\*), please note the following:

- the IB will still transmit the priority document to the designated Offices but with an indication that it was received outside the applicable time limit – any designated Office may, nevertheless, request a new certified copy from the applicant;

\* It is recalled that where the Office with which the earlier application was filed is the same Office as the receiving Office, the applicant may, instead of submitting the priority document, request the receiving Office, before the expiration of 16 months from the priority date, to prepare and transmit the priority document to the IB, preferably by checking the "Transmit certified copy" box under Box No. VI "Priority claim" of the request form (PCT/RO/101), or, if using the PCT-SAFE software, by checking the corresponding box on the Priority page.

- no designated Office should disregard the priority claim before giving the applicant an opportunity to furnish the priority document within a reasonable time limit (PCT Rule 17.1(c)); and
- no designated Office should disregard the priority claim if the earlier application was filed with it in its capacity as national Office (PCT Rule 17.1(d)).

Note that in 2004, PCT Rule 17.1(b-*bis*) was adopted to enable applicants to request receiving Offices or the IB to obtain the priority document from digital libraries. Although this new Rule is not yet in operation, priority documents will in the future be made avail-

able, in accordance with the Administrative Instructions under the PCT (as yet to be modified accordingly), to the receiving Office or to the IB from a digital library. Thus, instead of submitting the priority document, you will be able to request the authority concerned, not later than 16 months after the priority date, to obtain the priority document from that digital library, and, in the case of the receiving Office, request it to transmit it to the IB. Furthermore, no designated Office will be able to disregard the priority claim if the priority document is, in accordance with the Administrative Instructions, available to it from a digital library (PCT Rule 17(d)).

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and Members of the World Trade Organization**  
(status on 1 September 2007)

States/Members	PCT (137)	Paris (171)	WTO (151)	States/Members	PCT	Paris	WTO
Albania (AL)	X	X	X	Canada (CA)	X	X	X
Algeria (DZ)	X	X	–	Central African Republic (CF)	X	X	X
Andorra (AD)	–	X	–	Chad (TD)	X	X	X
Angola (AO)	–	–	X	Chile (CL)	–	X	X
Antigua and Barbuda (AG)	X	X	X	China (CN)	X <sup>1</sup>	X <sup>1,2</sup>	X
Argentina (AR)	–	X	X	Colombia (CO)	X	X	X
Armenia (AM)	X	X	X	Comoros (KM)	X	X	–
Australia (AU)	X	X	X	Congo (CG)	X	X	X
Austria (AT)	X	X	X	Costa Rica (CR)	X	X	X
Azerbaijan (AZ)	X	X	–	Côte d'Ivoire (CI)	X	X	X
Bahamas (BS)	–	X	–	Croatia (HR)	X	X	X
Bahrain (BH)	X	X	X	Cuba (CU)	X	X	X
Bangladesh (BD)	–	X	X	Cyprus (CY)	X	X	X
Barbados (BB)	X	X	X	Czech Republic (CZ)	X	X	X
Belarus (BY)	X	X	–	Democratic People's Republic of Korea (KP)	X	X	–
Belgium (BE)	X	X	X	Democratic Republic of the Congo (CD)	–	X	X
Belize (BZ)	X	X	X	Denmark (DK)	X	X	X
Benin (BJ)	X	X	X	Djibouti (DJ)	–	X	X
Bhutan (BT)	–	X	–	Dominica (DM)	X	X	X
Bolivia (BO)	–	X	X	Dominican Republic (DO)	X	X	X
Bosnia and Herzegovina (BA)	X	X	–	Ecuador (EC)	X	X	X
Botswana (BW)	X	X	X	Egypt (EG)	X	X	X
Brazil (BR)	X	X	X	El Salvador (SV)	X	X	X
Brunei Darussalam (BN)	–	–	X	Equatorial Guinea (GQ)	X	X	–
Bulgaria (BG)	X	X	X	Estonia (EE)	X	X	X
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Burundi (BI)	–	X	X	Fiji (FJ)	–	–	X
Cambodia (KH)	–	X	X	Finland (FI)	X	X	X
Cameroon (CM)	X	X	X	France (FR)	X	X	X

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Gambia (GM)	X	X	X	Lebanon (LB)	–	X	–
Georgia (GE)	X	X	X	Lesotho (LS)	X	X	X
Germany (DE)	X	X	X	Liberia (LR)	X	X	–
Ghana (GH)	X	X	X	Libyan Arab Jamahiriya (LY)	X	X	–
Greece (GR)	X	X	X	Liechtenstein (LI)	X	X	X
Grenada (GD)	X	X	X	Lithuania (LT)	X	X	X
Guatemala (GT)	X	X	X	Luxembourg (LU)	X	X	X
Guinea (GN)	X	X	X	Macao, China (MO)	–	– <sup>2</sup>	X
Guinea–Bissau (GW)	X	X	X	Madagascar (MG)	X	X	X
Guyana (GY)	–	X	X	Malawi (MW)	X	X	X
Haiti (HT)	–	X	X	Malaysia (MY)	X	X	X
Holy See (VA)	–	X	–	Maldives (MV)	–	–	X
Honduras (HN)	X	X	X	Mali (ML)	X	X	X
Hong Kong, China (HK)	– <sup>1</sup>	– <sup>1</sup>	X	Malta (MT)	X	X	X
Hungary (HU)	X	X	X	Mauritania (MR)	X	X	X
Iceland (IS)	X	X	X	Mauritius (MU)	–	X	X
India (IN)	X	X	X	Mexico (MX)	X	X	X
Indonesia (ID)	X	X	X	Moldova (MD)	X	X	X
Iran (Islamic Republic of) (IR)	–	X	–	Monaco (MC)	X	X	–
Iraq (IQ)	–	X	–	Mongolia (MN)	X	X	X
Ireland (IE)	X	X	X	Montenegro (ME)	X	X	–
Israel (IL)	X	X	X	Morocco (MA)	X	X	X
Italy (IT)	X	X	X	Mozambique (MZ)	X	X	X
Jamaica (JM)	–	X	X	Myanmar (MM)	–	–	X
Japan (JP)	X	X	X	Namibia (NA)	X	X	X
Jordan (JO)	–	X	X	Nepal (NP)	–	X	X
Kazakhstan (KZ)	X	X	–	Netherlands (NL)	X	X	X
Kenya (KE)	X	X	X	New Zealand (NZ)	X	X	X
Kuwait (KW)	–	–	X	Nicaragua (NI)	X	X	X
Kyrgyzstan (KG)	X	X	X	Niger (NE)	X	X	X
Lao People's Democratic Republic (LA)	X	X	–	Nigeria (NG)	X	X	X

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Norway (NO)	X	X	X	Sri Lanka (LK)	X	X	X
Oman (OM)	X	X	X	Sudan (SD)	X	X	–
Pakistan (PK)	–	X	X	Suriname (SR)	–	X	X
Panama (PA)	–	X	X	Swaziland (SZ)	X	X	X
Papua New Guinea (PG)	X	X	X	Sweden (SE)	X	X	X
Paraguay (PY)	–	X	X	Switzerland (CH)	X	X	X
Peru (PE)	–	X	X	Syrian Arab Republic (SY)	X	X	–
Philippines (PH)	X	X	X	Taiwan, Province of China (TW) <sup>3</sup>	–	–	X
Poland (PL)	X	X	X	Tajikistan (TJ)	X	X	–
Portugal (PT)	X	X	X	Thailand (TH)	–	–	X
Qatar (QA)	–	X	X	The former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia (MK)	X	X	X
Republic of Korea (KR)	X	X	X	Togo (TG)	X	X	X
Romania (RO)	X	X	X	Tonga (TO)	–	X	X
Russian Federation (RU)	X	X	–	Trinidad and Tobago (TT)	X	X	X
Rwanda (RW)	–	X	X	Tunisia (TN)	X	X	X
Saint Kitts and Nevis (KN)	X	X	X	Turkey (TR)	X	X	X
Saint Lucia (LC)	X	X	X	Turkmenistan (TM)	X	X	–
Saint Vincent and the Grenadines (VC)	X	X	X	Uganda (UG)	X	X	X
San Marino (SM)	X	X	–	Ukraine (UA)	X	X	–
Sao Tome and Principe (ST)	–	X	–	United Arab Emirates (AE)	X	X	X
Saudi Arabia (SA)	–	X	X	United Kingdom (GB)	X	X	X
Senegal (SN)	X	X	X	United Republic of Tanzania (TZ)	X	X	X
Serbia (RS)	X	X	–	United States of America (US)	X	X	X
Seychelles (SC)	X	X	–	Uruguay (UY)	–	X	X
Sierra Leone (SL)	X	X	X	Uzbekistan (UZ)	X	X	–
Singapore (SG)	X	X	X	Venezuela (VE)	–	X	X
Slovakia (SK)	X	X	X	Viet Nam (VN)	X	X	X
Slovenia (SI)	X	X	X	Yemen (YE)	–	X	–
Solomon Islands (SB)	–	–	X	Zambia (ZM)	X	X	X
South Africa (ZA)	X	X	X	Zimbabwe (ZW)	X	X	X
Spain (ES)	X	X	X				

1. China has notified the Director General of WIPO that the PCT and the Paris Convention apply also to the Hong Kong Special Administrative Region.
2. China has notified the Director General of WIPO that the Paris Convention applies also to the Macao Special Administrative Region.
3. Also referred to as “Chinese Taipei” or, within the context of the WTO, as “Separate Customs Territory of Taiwan, Penghu, Kinmen and Matsu.”

**States party to the Budapest Treaty  
(status on 1 September 2007)**

AL Albania	HN Honduras	NL Netherlands
AM Armenia	HR Croatia	NO Norway
AT Austria	HU Hungary	OM Oman <sup>1,2</sup>
AU Australia	IE Ireland	PH Philippines
AZ Azerbaijan	IL Israel	PL Poland
BE Belgium	IN India	PT Portugal
BG Bulgaria	IS Iceland	RO Romania
BY Belarus	IT Italy	RS Serbia
CA Canada	JP Japan	RU Russian Federation
CH Switzerland	KG Kyrgyzstan	SE Sweden
CN China	KP Democratic People's Republic of Korea	SG Singapore
CU Cuba	KR Republic of Korea	SI Slovenia
CZ Czech Republic	KZ Kazakhstan	SK Slovakia
DE Germany	LI Liechtenstein	SV El Salvador
DK Denmark	LT Lithuania	TJ Tajikistan
DO Dominican Republic <sup>1</sup>	LV Latvia	TN Tunisia
EE Estonia	MC Monaco	TR Turkey
ES Spain	MD Moldova	TT Trinidad and Tobago
FI Finland	ME Montenegro	UA Ukraine
FR France	MK The former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia	US United States of America
GB United Kingdom	MX Mexico	UZ Uzbekistan
GE Georgia	NI Nicaragua	ZA South Africa
GR Greece		
GT Guatemala		(Total: 68 States)

**Intergovernmental industrial property organizations having filed a declaration of  
acceptance under Article 9(1)(a) of the Budapest Treaty**

AP	African Regional Intellectual Property Organization (ARIPO)
EA	Eurasian Patent Organization (EAPO)
EP	European Patent Organisation (EPO)

1. New since last publication of this list in *PCT Newsletter* No. 09/2006.
2. Will become party to the Budapest Treaty on 16 October 2007.

<b>PCT Seminar Calendar</b>			
<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>11–12 September 2007 London (GB)</b>	English	Advanced PCT seminar WIPO speakers: Mrs. Coeckelbergs and Ms. Bonvallet	Intellectual Property Administrators Group (IPAG) (Ms. Jacqueline Jones) Tel: (44–207) 539 42 45 E-mail: member@jsjones.fsnet.co.uk
<b>13 September 2007 Toronto (CA)</b>	English	Presentation on recent developments in the PCT WIPO speaker: Mr. Bryan	Center for Innovation Law and Policy, Faculty of Law, University of Toronto (Ms. Jean McNeil) Tel: (1–416) 978 37 24 E-mail: jean.mcneil@utoronto.ca Internet: www.innovationlaw.org
<b>13–14 September 2007 Athens (GR) (CANCELLED)</b>	English	PCT seminar WIPO speaker: Mr. Reischle Other speaker: Mr. Wolff (European Patent Office)	Forum Institut für Management GmbH Tel: (49–6221) 500 500 Fax: (49–6221) 500 505 E-mail: a.kapeller@forum-institut.de
<b>19 September 2007 Dusseldorf (DE)</b>	German	PCT update seminar WIPO speaker: Mrs. Coeckelbergs	Forum Institut für Management GmbH Tel: (49–6221) 500 500 Fax: (49–6221) 500 505 E-mail: a.kapeller@forum-institut.de
<b>20–21 September 2007 Pretoria (ZA)</b>	English	PCT seminar WIPO speaker: Mr. Thomas Plus other speakers from: the Companies and Intellectual Property Registration Office and the European Patent Office	Companies and Intellectual Property Registration Office (CIPRO) and South African Institute of Intellectual Property (SAIPL) (Ms. Letitia Roeloffse (CIPRO) and Mr. Bastiaan Koster (SAIPL)) Tel: (27–12) 394 95 00 Fax: (27–12) 394 95 01 E-mail: LRoeloffse@cipro.gov.za
<b>27–28 September 2007 Ottawa (CA)</b>	English	Comprehensive PCT Seminar for patent lawyers, agents and administrators WIPO speakers: Mrs Bidwell and Mr. Reed	University of Ottawa (Ms. Veronique Larose) Tel: (1–613) 562 58 00 ext. 3278 Fax: (1–613) 562 51 24 E-mail: veronique.larose@uottawa.ca
<b>5–6 October 2007 Riverside, Iowa (US)</b>	English	PCT presentation within the framework of the annual Continuing Legal Education seminar WIPO speaker: Mrs. Bidwell	Iowa Intellectual Property Law Association (IIPLA) (Ms. Wendy Marsh) Tel: (1–515) 288 36 67 Fax: (1–515) 288 13 38 E-mail: marsh@ipmvs.com
<b>8–9 October 2007 Oslo (NO)</b>	English	PCT seminar for consultants WIPO speakers: Mrs. Coeckelbergs and Ms. Bonvallet	Norwegian Patent Office (Vigdis Aaserud) Tel: (47–22) 38 73 14/38 73 00 Fax: (47–22) 38 73 31 E-mail: vaa@patentstyret.no
<b>11–12 October 2007 Helsinki (FI)</b>	English	Advanced PCT seminar WIPO speakers: Mrs. Coeckelbergs and Ms. Bonvallet	National Board of Patents and Registration of Finland (Mr. Illmarinen) Tel: (358–9) 69 39 52 36 Fax: (358–9) 69 39 53 22 E-mail: olli.ilmariinen@prh.fi
<b>12 October 2007 London (GB)</b>	English	PCT presentation at the 6 <sup>th</sup> Annual Conference for Senior Patent Administrators WIPO speaker: Mr. Reischle	Management Forum Ltd Tel: (44–1483) 57 00 99 Fax: (44–1483) 53 64 24 E-mail: josephine.leak@management-forum.co.uk
<b>17–18 October 2007 Dusseldorf (DE)</b>	German	Basic PCT seminar WIPO speakers: Mr. Reischle and Mrs. Lindner	Forum Institut für Management GmbH Tel: (49–6221) 500 500 Fax: (49–6221) 500 505 E-mail: a.kapeller@forum-institut.de

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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>22 October 2007 Troy, Michigan (US)</b>	English	PCT seminar WIPO speaker: Mrs. Bidwell	Michigan State Bar Intellectual Property Section (Ms. Lora Freeman, loraf@mail.icle.org for questions on course content; for registration, see below) Tel: (1-877) 229 43 50 Fax: (1-877) 229 43 51 Internet: www.icle.org
<b>23 October 2007 Grand Rapids, Michigan (US)</b>	English	PCT seminar WIPO speaker: Mrs. Bidwell	(See Troy, Michigan, above)
<b>24–25 October 2007 Paris (FR)</b>	French	PCT seminar: "La demande PCT" WIPO speakers: Mr. Genin and Ms. Bonvallet	Institut national de la propriété industrielle (INPI) (Ms. Marie Vlamynck and Ms. Dominique Antoine) Tel: (33-1) 53 04 53 04 Fax: (33-1) 53 04 52 652 E-mail: mvlamynck@inpi.fr and dantoine@inpi.fr
<b>1–2 November 2007 San Francisco (US)</b>	English	Advanced PCT seminar WIPO speakers: Mr. Reischle and Mrs. Bidwell	Intellectual Property International (Ms. Virginia H. Meyer) Tel: (1-415) 381 26 15 Fax: (1-415) 389 89 38 E-mail: info@ipiseminars.com Internet: www.ipiseminars.com
<b>5–6 November 2007 Chicago (US)</b>	English	Advanced training session on the PCT WIPO speakers: Mr. Reischle and Mrs. Bidwell	The John Marshall Law School Department of Event Management Tel: (1-312) 987 14 20 Fax: (1-312) 427 71 28 E-mail: Events@jmls.edu
<b>7–8 November 2007 Rochester (US)</b>	English	Comprehensive PCT seminar WIPO speaker: Mr. Reed	PatentEducation™ Tel: (1-585) 214 24 05 E-mail: answers@patenteducation.com Internet (for information and registration): www.patenteducation.com
<b>12 November 2007 Hilton Head (US)</b>	English	PCT presentation as part of the annual Corporate Patent Seminar WIPO speaker: Mr. Reed	The Procter & Gamble Company (Mr. Tim Guffey) Tel: (1-513) 534 07 96 Fax: (1-866) 771 93 93 Email: guffey.tb@pg.com Internet: www.corporatepatent.com
<b>21–22 November 2007 Munich (DE)</b>	German	Advanced PCT seminar WIPO speakers: Mrs. Coeckelbergs and Mr. Reischle	Forum Institut für Management GmbH Tel: (49-6221) 500 500 Fax: (49-6221) 500 505 E-mail: a.kapeller@forum-institut.de
<b>22–24 November 2007 Beijing (CN)</b>	English/ Chinese	Conference on the PCT WIPO speakers: Mr. Gurry, Mr. Bryan, Mr. Zhao and Mr. Zhou Other speakers: to be announced	WIPO, State Intellectual Property Office of the People's Republic of China (SIPO) and the Beijing People's Government For interested persons who are not residents of China, contact: Ms. Nathalie Magellan, WIPO Tel: (41-22) 338 98 33 Fax: (41-22) 910 00 30 E-mail: nathalie.magellan@wipo.int Contact person for residents of China: to be announced.

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**PCT Seminar Calendar [continued]**

<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>28–29 November 2007 Boston, Massachusetts (US)</b>	English	PCT seminar WIPO speakers: Mrs. Coeckelbergs and Mrs. Bidwell	Boston Patent Law Association (Mr. Lee Carl Bromberg, President) Tel: (1–617) 443 92 92 Fax: (1–617) 443 00 04 (Attention: Lee Bromberg) E-mail: lbromberg@bromsun.com
<b>4–5 December 2007 Paris (FR)</b>	French	PCT seminar: “La demande PCT module avancé” WIPO speakers: Mr. Genin and Ms. Bonvallet	See “Institut national de la propriété industrielle (INPI)”, above
<b>5 December 2007 London (GB)</b>	English	PCT lecture “The Role of the Patent Cooperation Treaty in the International Patent System” WIPO speakers: Mr. Baron and Mrs. Coeckelbergs	Queen Mary Intellectual Property Research Institute, University of London E-mail (for information and registration): qmipri@qmul.ac.uk Tel: (44–20) 78 82 80 89 Fax: (44–20) 78 82 81 01
<b>6–7 December 2007 London (GB)</b>	English	Advanced PCT Formalities Seminar WIPO speakers: Mr. Baron and Mrs. Coeckelbergs	Management Forum Ltd Tel: (44–1483) 57 00 99 Fax: (44–1483) 53 64 24 E-mail: josephine.leak@management-forum.co.uk

**Other IP events****Strategic Intellectual Property Management Executive Program, Geneva (CH), 17 to 19 September 2007**

Designed for senior executives, this program teaches how intellectual property (IP) can be strategically leveraged to create value and sustain competitive advantage in a rapidly changing business environment. Thought leaders and senior executives from leading business schools, corporate organizations and WIPO reveal unique insights and experiences on strategic IP management using lectures, case studies, best practices and group discussions. Participants will have the opportunity to learn from each other, share experiences, reflect and apply the principles and practices of IP management in their own business environment.

**Strategic Intellectual Property Finance Executive Program, Geneva (CH), 12 to 15 November 2007**

Designed for finance executives, managers and analysts, this program teaches essential concepts and recent developments in the rapidly evolving and complex area of intellectual property (IP) finance

Registration for both programs: please visit [www.wipo.int/academy/en/execed/](http://www.wipo.int/academy/en/execed/). For further information please contact the Research & Executive Program, WIPO Worldwide Academy, World Intellectual Property Organization, 34, chemin des Colombettes, 1211 Geneva 20, Switzerland. E-mail: [execed.academy@wipo.int](mailto:execed.academy@wipo.int); tel: (+41-22) 338 92 40; Fax: (+41-22) 740 14 17

## PCT Fee Tables

(amounts on 1 September 2007, 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 under certain circumstances where the request is prepared using the PCT-EASY features of the PCT-SAFE software or by CHF 200 or 300 where the international application is filed in electronic form, as prescribed; see Item 3(a), (b) and (c) of the Schedule of Fees (annexed to the Regulations under the PCT) and the *PCT Applicant's Guide*, paragraph 202(A). A 75% 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 12. (Note that if the CHF 100, 200 or 300 reduction, as the case may be, and the 75% reduction are applicable, the 75% 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 –	BGL	Bulgarian lev	GEL	Georgian lari	LVL	Latvian lat	SEK	Swedish krona
IPEA	International Preliminary Examining Authority	BRR	Brazilian real	GHC	Ghanaian cedi	LYD	Libyan dinar	SGD	Singapore dollar
		BYR	Belarussian rouble	HRK	Croatian kuna	MAD	Moroccan dirham	SKK	Slovak koruna
ISA	International Searching Authority	BZD	Belize dollar	HUF	Hungarian forint	MKD	Macedonian denar	TJS	Tajik somoni
		CAD	Canadian dollar	IDR	Indonesian rupiah	MWK	Malawian kwacha	TND	Tunisian dinar
RO	receiving Office	CHF	Swiss franc	ILS	New Israel shekel	MXP	Mexican peso	TTD	Trinidad and Tobago dollar
		CNY	Yuan renminbi	INR	Indian rupee	MYR	Malaysian ringgit		
		COP	Colombian peso	ISK	Icelandic krona	NOK	Norwegian krone	UAH	Ukrainian hryvnia
		CUC	Cuban convertible peso	JPY	Japanese yen	NZD	New Zealand dollar	USD	US dollar
AED	United Arab Emirates dirham	CYP	Cyprus pound	KES	Kenyan shilling	PGK	Kina	VND	Vietnamese dong
		CZK	Czech koruna	KGS	Kyrgyz som	PHP	Philippine peso	XAF	CFA franc BEAC
ALL	Albanian lek	DKK	Danish krone	KPW	KP won	PLZ	Polish zloty	ZAR	South African rand
AMD	Armenian dram	DZD	Algerian dinar	KRW	KR won	ROL	Romanian leu	ZWD	Zimbabwe dollar
AUD	Australian dollar	EEK	Estonian kroon	KZT	Kazakh tenge	RSD	Serbian dinar		
AZM	Azerbaijani manat	EUR	Euro	LSL	Lesotho loti	RUR	Russian rouble		
BAM	Convertible mark	GBP	Pound sterling	LTL	Lithuanian litas	SDP	Sudanese pound		

### Table I(a) — Transmittal and international filing fees

(amounts on 1 September 2007, unless otherwise indicated)

RO	Transmittal fee <sup>1</sup>		International filing fee <sup>1,2</sup> (CHF 1,400)	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 3(a) <sup>5</sup> and (b) <sup>6</sup> (CHF 100)	Item 3(c) <sup>7</sup> (CHF 200)	Item 3(d) <sup>8</sup> (CHF 300)	
AG	Information not yet available							
AL	ALL	9,000	CHF 1,400	15	–	–	–	EP
AM	AMD	32,000	USD 1,086 <i>(from 15.11.07: 1,163)</i>	12 <i>(12)</i>	78 <i>(83)</i>	–	–	EP RU
AP	USD (or eq in local currency)	50	USD 1,086 <i>(from 15.11.07: 1,163)</i>	12 <i>(12)</i>	78 <i>(83)</i>	–	–	AT EP SE
AT	EUR	50	EUR 900 <i>(from 1.10.07: 851)</i>	10 <i>(9)</i>	64 <i>(61)</i>	–	–	EP
AU	AUD	150	AUD 1,445 <i>(from 1.10.07: 1,347)</i>	15 <i>(14)</i>	103 <i>(96)</i>	206 <i>(192)</i>	310 <i>(289)</i>	AU
AZ	AZM	55,000	USD 1,086 <i>(from 15.11.07: 1,163)</i>	12 <i>(12)</i>	–	–	–	EP RU
BA	BAM	50	EUR 900 <i>(from 1.10.07: 851)</i>	10 <i>(9)</i>	64 <i>(61)</i>	–	–	EP
BE	EUR	40	EUR 900 <i>(from 1.10.07: 851)</i>	10 <i>(9)</i>	64 <i>(61)</i>	–	–	EP
BG	BGL	80	BGL eq CHF 1,400	eq CHF 15	eq CHF 100	–	–	EP RU

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

(amounts on 1 September 2007, 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 3(a) <sup>5</sup> and (b) <sup>6</sup>	Item 3(c) <sup>7</sup>	Item 3(d) <sup>8</sup>	
BH	Information not yet available									
BR	BRR	236	BRR	eq CHF 1,400	eq CHF 15	eq CHF 100	–	–	–	AT EP SE US
BW	USD <sup>9</sup>	–	USD	1,086 <i>(from 15.11.07: 1,163)</i>	12 <i>(12)</i>	78 <i>(83)</i>	–	–	–	EP
BY	BYR eq USD	70	USD	1,086 <i>(from 15.11.07: 1,163)</i>	12 <i>(12)</i>	–	–	–	–	EP RU
BZ	BZD	300	USD	1,086 <i>(from 15.11.07: 1,163)</i>	12 <i>(12)</i>	78 <i>(83)</i>	–	–	–	CA EP
CA	CAD	300	CAD	1,273	14	91	–	–	–	CA
CH	CHF	100	CHF	1,400	15	100	–	–	–	EP
CN	CNY	500	CNY	eq CHF 1,400	eq CHF 15	eq CHF 100	–	–	–	CN
CO	COP <sup>9</sup>	–	COP	eq USD 1,086 <i>(from 15.11.07: 1,163)</i>	eq USD 12 <i>(12)</i>	eq USD 78 <i>(83)</i>	–	–	–	AT, EP, ES, RU
CR	USD	250	USD	1,086 <i>(from 15.11.07: 1,163)</i>	12 <i>(12)</i>	78 <i>(83)</i>	–	–	–	EP ES
CU	CUC	200	CUC	1,086 <i>(from 15.11.07: 1,163)</i>	12 <i>(12)</i>	78 <i>(83)</i>	–	–	–	AT EP ES RU
CY	CYP	75	CYP	516	6	–	–	–	–	EP
CZ	CZK	1,500	EUR	900 <i>(from 1.10.07: 851)</i>	10 <i>(9)</i>	64 <i>(61)</i>	–	–	–	EP
DE	EUR	90	EUR	900 <i>(from 1.10.07: 851)</i>	10 <i>(9)</i>	64 <i>(61)</i>	129 <i>(122)</i>	193 <i>(182)</i>	–	EP
DK	DKK	1,500	DKK	6,340	70	450	910	1,360	–	EP SE
DM	Information not yet available									
DO	Information not yet available									EP ES
DZ	DZD	None	CHF	1,400	15	100	–	–	–	AT EP
EA	RUR	1,600	USD	1,086 <i>(from 15.11.07: 1,163)</i>	12 <i>(12)</i>	78 <i>(83)</i>	–	–	–	EP RU
EC	USD <sup>9</sup>	–	USD	1,086 <i>(from 15.11.07: 1,163)</i>	12 <i>(12)</i>	78 <i>(83)</i>	–	–	–	EP ES
EE	EEK	1,800	EEK	eq CHF 1,400	eq CHF 15	eq CHF 100	–	–	–	EP
EG	USD	142	USD	1,086 <i>(from 15.11.07: 1,163)</i>	12 <i>(12)</i>	78 <i>(83)</i>	–	–	–	AT EP US
EP	EUR	105	EUR	900 <i>(from 1.10.07: 851)</i>	10 <i>(9)</i>	–	129 <i>(122)</i>	193 <i>(182)</i>	–	EP
ES	EUR	67.89	EUR	900 <i>(from 1.10.07: 851)</i>	10 <i>(9)</i>	64 <i>(61)</i>	129 <i>(122)</i>	193 <i>(182)</i>	–	EP ES
FI	EUR	135	EUR	900 <i>(from 1.10.07: 851)</i>	10 <i>(9)</i>	64 <i>(61)</i>	129 <i>(122)</i>	193 <i>(182)</i>	–	EP FI SE
FR	EUR	60	EUR	900 <i>(from 1.10.07: 851)</i>	10 <i>(9)</i>	64 <i>(61)</i>	129 <i>(122)</i>	193 <i>(182)</i>	–	EP
GB	GBP	55	GBP	574	6	41	82	123	–	EP
GD	Information not yet available									
GE	GEL <sup>10</sup>	10	USD	1,086 <i>(from 15.11.07: 1,163)</i>	12 <i>(12)</i>	78 <i>(83)</i>	–	–	–	EP RU
GH	GHC <sup>11</sup>	2,500 or 5,000	USD	1,086 <i>(from 15.11.07: 1,163)</i>	12 <i>(12)</i>	–	–	–	–	AT AU CN EP SE

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

(amounts on 1 September 2007, 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 3(a) <sup>5</sup> and (b) <sup>6</sup>	Item 3(c) <sup>7</sup>	Item 3(d) <sup>8</sup>	
GR	EUR	115	EUR	900 (from 1.10.07: 851)	10 (9)	64 (61)	–	–	–	EP
GT	Information not yet available									
HN	Information not yet available									
HR	HRK	200	HRK	eq CHF 1,400	eq CHF 15	eq CHF 100	–	–	–	EP
HU	HUF	10,700	HUF	eq CHF 1,400	eq CHF 15	eq CHF 100	–	–	–	EP RU
IB	CHF <sup>12</sup> or EUR <sup>12</sup> or USD <sup>12</sup>	100 64 79	CHF or EUR or USD	1,400 900 1,086 (from 15.11.07: 1,163)	15 10 (9) 12 (12)	100 64 (61) 78 (83)	200 129 (122) 155 (166)	300 193 (182) 233 (249)		See footnote 13
ID	IDR	1,000,000	IDR	eq CHF 1,400	eq CHF 15	eq CHF 100	–	–	–	AU EP KR RU
IE	EUR	76	EUR	900 (from 1.10.07: 851)	10 (9)	64 (61)	–	–	–	EP
IL	ILS	486	USD	1,086 (from 15.11.07 1,163)	12 (12)	78 (83)	–	–	–	EP US
IN	INR	8,000 (filing by indiv: 2,000)	USD	1,086 (from 15.11.07: 1,163)	12 (12)	78 (83)	–	–	–	AT AU CN EP SE US
IS	ISK	6,500	ISK	70,500	800	5,000	–	–	–	EP SE
IT	EUR	30.99	EUR	900 (from 1.10.07: 851)	10 (9)	–	–	–	–	EP
JP	JPY	13,000	JPY	138,200	1,500	9,900	–	29,600	–	EP JP
KE	USD (or KES equiv) plus cost of mailing	250	USD	1,086 (from 15.11.07: 1,163)	12 (12)	78 (83)	–	–	–	AT AU CN EP SE
KG	KGS eq USD	100	USD	1,086 (from 15.11.07: 1,163)	12 (12)	78 (83)	–	–	–	EP RU
KM	Information not yet available									
KN	Information not yet available									
KP	KPW eq CHF	50	KPW	eq CHF 1,400	eq CHF 15	eq CHF 100	–	–	–	AT CN RU
KR	KRW	45,000	KRW	1,096,000	12,000	78,000	–	235,000	–	AT AU JP <sup>14</sup> KR
KZ	KZT	7,360	USD	1,086 (from 15.11.07: 1,163)	12 (12)	78 (83)	–	–	–	EP RU
LA	Information not yet available									
LR	USD	45	USD	1,086 (from 15.11.07: 1,163)	12 (12)	–	–	–	–	AT AU CN EP SE
LS	LSM <sup>9</sup>	–	LSM	eq CHF 1,400	eq CHF 15	–	–	–	–	AT EP
LT	LTL	320	EUR	900 (from 1.10.07: 851)	10 (9)	64 (61)	–	–	–	EP RU
LU	EUR	19	EUR	900 (from 1.10.07: 851)	10 (9)	–	–	–	–	EP
LV	LVL	47.20	EUR	900 (from 1.10.07: 851)	10 (9)	64 (61)	–	–	–	EP RU
LY	LYD <sup>9</sup>	–	CHF	1,400	15	100	–	–	–	AT EP
MA		None	CHF	1,400	15	–	–	–	–	AT EP RU SE
MC	EUR	54 <sup>15</sup>	EUR	900 (from 1.10.07: 851)	10 (9)	–	–	–	–	EP
MD	USD	40	USD	1,086 (from 15.11.07: 1,163)	12 (12)	78 (83)	–	–	–	EP RU

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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 3(a) <sup>5</sup> and (b) <sup>6</sup>	Item 3(c) <sup>7</sup>	Item 3(d) <sup>8</sup>	
MK	MKD	2,700	MKD	eq CHF 1,400	eq CHF 15	eq CHF 100	–	–	–	EP
MN		None	CHF	1,400	15	100	–	–	–	EP RU
MT	Information not yet available									
MW	MWK	6,000	MWK	134,700	1,400	9,600	–	–	–	EP
MX	MXP <sup>2</sup>	eq USD 200	MXP	eq CHF 1,400	eq CHF 15	eq CHF 100	–	–	–	EP ES SE US
MY	MYR	375 <sup>16</sup>	MYR	eq CHF 1,400	eq CHF 15	–	eq CHF 200	eq CHF 300	–	AU EP KR
NI	USD	200	USD	1,086 <i>(from 15.11.07: 1,163)</i>	12 <i>(12)</i>	78 <i>(83)</i>	–	–	–	EP ES
NL	EUR	50	EUR	900 <i>(from 1.10.07: 851)</i>	10 <i>(9)</i>	64 <i>(61)</i>	129 <i>(122)</i>	193 <i>(182)</i>	–	EP
NO	NOK	550	NOK	7,030	80	500	–	–	–	EP SE
NZ	NZD	180 <sup>17</sup>	NZD	1,613 <i>(from 1.10.07: 1,479)</i>	17 <i>(16)</i>	115 <i>(106)</i>	–	–	–	AU EP KR US
OA	XAF <sup>9</sup>	–	XAF	eq CHF 1,400	eq CHF 15	–	–	–	–	AT EP RU SE
OM	Information not yet available									
PG	PGK	250	USD	1,086 <i>(from 15.11.07: 1,163)</i>	12 <i>(12)</i>	78 <i>(83)</i>	–	–	–	AU
PH	PHP	3,500	USD	1,086 <i>(from 15.11.07: 1,163)</i>	12 <i>(12)</i>	78 <i>(83)</i>	155 <i>(166)</i>	233 <i>(249)</i>	–	AU EP JP KR US
PL	PLZ	300	PLZ	eq CHF 1,400	eq CHF 15	–	eq CHF 200	eq CHF 300	–	EP
PT	EUR	33.44	EUR	900 <i>(from 1.10.07: 851)</i>	10 <i>(9)</i>	64 <i>(61)</i>	–	–	–	EP
RO	ROL	300,000	CHF	1,400	15	100	200	300	–	AT EP RU
RS	RSD	3,000	RSD	eq CHF 1,400	eq CHF 15	eq CHF 100	–	–	–	EP
RU	RUR	600	USD	1,086 <i>(from 15.11.07: 1,163)</i>	12 <i>(12)</i>	78 <i>(83)</i>	–	–	–	EP RU
SC	USD <sup>9</sup>	–	USD	1,086 <i>(from 15.11.07: 1,163)</i>	12 <i>(12)</i>	–	–	–	–	EP
SD	SDP	50	SDP	eq CHF 1,400	eq CHF 15	–	–	–	–	EP
SE	SEK	1,200	SEK	7,950	90	570	1,140	1,700	–	EP SE
SG	SGD	150	SGD	1,720	18	123	–	–	–	AT AU EP KR <sup>18</sup>
SI	EUR	91	EUR	900 <i>(from 1.10.07: 851)</i>	10 <i>(9)</i>	64 <i>(61)</i>	–	–	–	EP
SK	SKK	2,000	SKK	eq CHF 1,400	eq CHF 15	eq CHF 100	eq CHF 200	eq CHF 300	–	EP
SM	EUR	50	EUR	900 <i>(from 1.10.07: 851)</i>	10 <i>(9)</i>	–	–	–	–	EP
SV	Information not yet available									
SY	USD <sup>9</sup>	–	USD	1,086 <i>(from 15.11.07: 1,163)</i>	12 <i>(12)</i>	78 <i>(83)</i>	–	–	–	AT EP RU
TJ	TJS <sup>9</sup>	–	USD	1,086 <i>(from 15.11.07: 1,163)</i>	12 <i>(12)</i>	–	–	–	–	EP RU
TM	USD <sup>9</sup>	–	USD	1,086 <i>(from 15.11.07: 1,163)</i>	12 <i>(12)</i>	78 <i>(83)</i>	–	–	–	EP RU
TN	TND <sup>9</sup>	–	CHF	1,400	15	–	–	–	–	EP

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

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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 3(a) <sup>5</sup> and (b) <sup>6</sup>	Item 3(c) <sup>7</sup>	Item 3(d) <sup>8</sup>		
TR	CHF	100	CHF	1,400	15	100	–	–	EP	
TT	TTD	750	USD	1,086 <i>(from 15.11.07: 1,163)</i>	12 <i>(12)</i>	78 <i>(83)</i>	–	–	AT EP SE US	
UA	UAH	255	USD (or eq UAH)	1,086 <i>(from 15.11.07: 1,163)</i>	12 <i>(12)</i>	–	–	–	EP RU	
US	USD	300	USD	1,086 <i>(from 15.11.07: 1,163)</i>	12 <i>(12)</i>	78 <i>(83)</i>	155 <i>(166)</i>	–	EP KR US	
UZ	USD <sup>9</sup>	–	USD	1,086 <i>(from 15.11.07: 1,163)</i>	12 <i>(12)</i>	78 <i>(83)</i>	–	–	EP RU	
VC	Information not yet available									
VN	VND eq USD	150	VND eq CHF	1,400	eq CHF	15	–	–	–	AT AU EP KR RU SE
ZA	ZAR	500	ZAR	8,230		90	590	–	–	AT AU EP US
ZM	USD	50	USD	1,086 <i>(from 15.11.07: 1,163)</i>	12 <i>(12)</i>	–	–	–	–	AT SE
ZW	ZWD	6,000	ZWD eq USD	1,086 <i>(from 15.11.07: 1,163)</i>	eq USD	12 <i>(12)</i>	eq USD 78 <i>(83)</i>	–	–	AT AU CN EP RU

**Table I(b) — Search fees**

(amounts on 1 September 2007, unless otherwise indicated)

ISA	Search fee <sup>1</sup>											
AT	EUR	200	CHF	311	KRW	250,000	SGD	410	USD	272	ZAR	1,830
AU	AUD	1,600	CHF*	1,553	EUR	962	KRW*	1,173,000	NZD	1,794	SGD**	1,943
	USD*	1,266	ZAR*	8,854								
			CHF	1,663	KRW	1,266,000	USD	1,372	ZAR	9,560		
			SGD	2,090								
CA	CAD	1,600	CHF	1,759	EUR	1,112	USD	1,490				
CN	CNY	2,100	CHF	335	EUR	215	USD	260				
EP <sup>19</sup>	EUR	1,615	CHF	2,668	CYP	928	DKK	12,050	GBP	1,098	ISK	143,000
	JPY	255,300	MWK	248,000	NOK	12,990	NZD*	3,010	SEK	15,230	SGD	3,310
	USD	2,197	ZAR	14,920								
			NZD	2,810								
ES <sup>19</sup>	EUR	1,615	CHF	2,668	USD	2,197						
FI	EUR	1,615	CHF	2,668	USD	2,197						
JP	JPY	97,000	CHF	1,042	EUR	616	KRW	739,000	USD	797		
KR	KRW	225,000	CHF	280	EUR	180	NZD	347	SGD	380	USD	232
RU <sup>20</sup>	USD	500	CHF	644	EUR	369						
SE	SEK	15,230	CHF	2,668	DKK	12,050	EUR	1,615	ISK	143,000	NOK	12,990
	USD	2,197										
US	USD	1,000	300 <sup>21</sup>	CHF	1,216	387 <sup>21</sup>	EUR	762	222 <sup>21</sup>	NZD*	1,360	440 <sup>21</sup>
	ZAR	7,200	2,300 <sup>21</sup>									
				NZD	1,360	380 <sup>21</sup>						

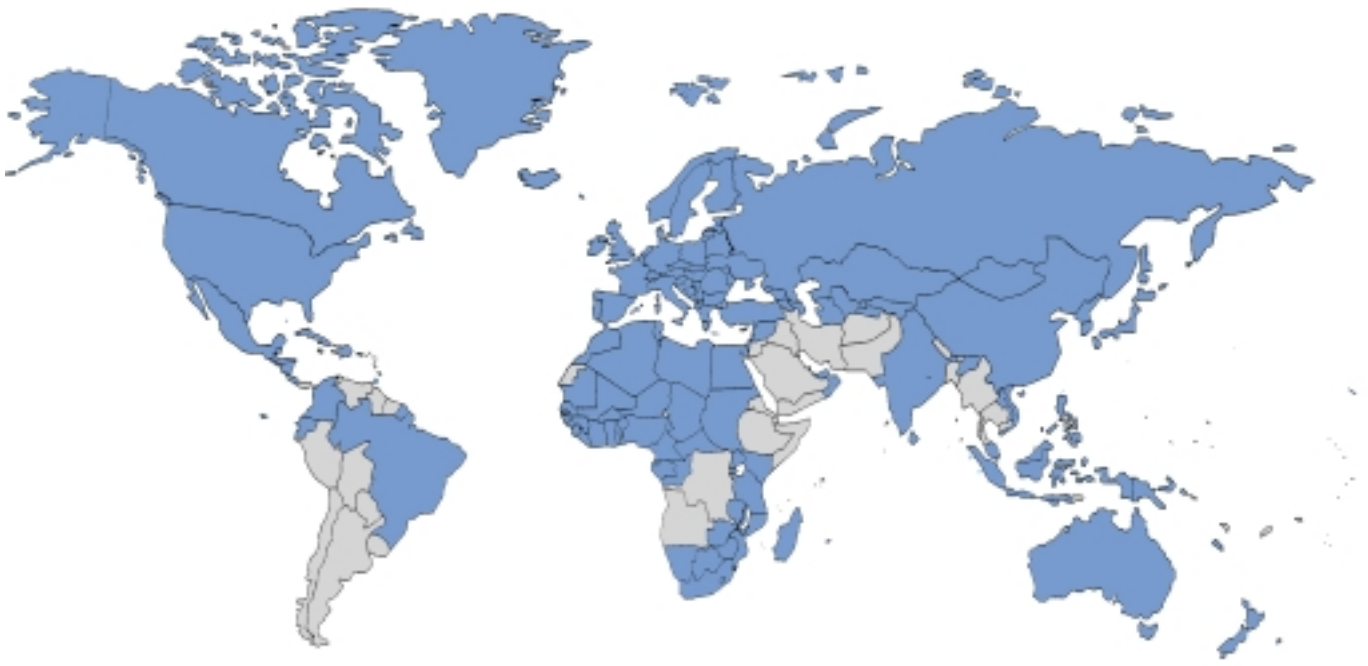
**Table II — Preliminary examination fees**  
(amounts on 1 September 2007, unless otherwise indicated)

<b>IPEA</b>	<b>Preliminary examination fee<sup>22</sup></b>		<b>Handling fee<sup>2, 22</sup> (CHF 200)</b>	
<b>AT</b>	<b>EUR</b>	200		<b>EUR</b> 129
<b>AU</b>	<b>AUD</b>	550	780 <sup>23</sup>	<b>AUD</b> 205
<b>CA</b>	<b>CAD</b>	800		<b>CAD</b> 182
<b>CN</b>	<b>CNY</b>	1,500		<b>CNY eq CHF</b> 200
<b>EP<sup>19</sup></b>	<b>EUR</b>	1,595		<b>EUR</b> 129
<b>ES</b>	<b>EUR</b>	533.76		<b>EUR</b> 129
<b>FI</b>	<b>EUR</b>	550		<b>EUR</b> 129
<b>JP</b>	<b>JPY</b>	36,000		<b>JPY</b> 17,400
<b>KR</b>	<b>KRW</b>	225,000		<b>KRW</b> 147,000
<b>RU<sup>20</sup></b>	<b>USD</b>	200 <sup>24</sup>	300 <sup>25</sup>	<b>USD</b> 155
<b>SE</b>	<b>SEK</b>	5,000		<b>SEK</b> 1,210
<b>US</b>	<b>USD</b>	600	750 <sup>26</sup>	<b>USD</b> 155

*Footnotes to fee tables:*

- 1 Payable to the receiving Office in the currency or one of the currencies prescribed by it.
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- 3 Where the PCT application as filed contains a sequence listing part in computer readable form only, or both in that form and on paper, under Section 801 of the Administrative Instructions under the PCT, and where that application is filed with a receiving Office which is prepared to accept such filings, a fixed component of 400 times the fee per sheet over 30 is payable for the sequence listing part, irrespective of the actual length of that part (see Section 803(ii) of the *Administrative Instructions*).
- 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 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.
- 10 This fee is reduced by 80% where the applicant is a natural person.
- 11 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.
- 12 This fee is not payable in respect of international applications filed by applicants fulfilling the conditions indicated on the PCT Resources page of PatentScope at: [www.wipo.int/pct/en/fees/fee\\_reduction.pdf](http://www.wipo.int/pct/en/fees/fee_reduction.pdf)
- 13 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).
- 14 The Japan Patent Office is competent only for international applications in Japanese.
- 15 Plus EUR 1.50 for the preparation of additional copies, for each page and each copy.
- 16 Plus MYR 45 for each sheet in excess of 30.
- 17 Plus 12.5% GST (Goods and Services Tax) for New Zealand residents.
- 18 The Korean Intellectual Property Office is competent for international applications, the declared priority date of which or, if there is no declared priority date, the date of filing of which is on or after 2 June 2006.
- 19 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% 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 not party to the European Patent Convention, which fulfils the requirements for the corresponding reduction of certain PCT fees as specified in Item 4(a) of the Schedule of Fees annexed to the PCT Regulations, and in accordance with the decision of the EPO's Administrative Council of 11 October 2000, the text of which was included in *PCT Newsletter* No. 11/2000. The States concerned are those indicated in part 1 of the table on the PCT Resources page of PatentScope at: [www.wipo.int/pct/en/fees/fee\\_reduction.pdf](http://www.wipo.int/pct/en/fees/fee_reduction.pdf), with the exception of Bulgaria, the Czech Republic, Estonia, Hungary, Lithuania, Poland, Romania, Slovakia and Turkey.
- 20 The applicant may, instead of paying the USD amount, pay the equivalent amount in RUR at the exchange rate applicable, on the date of payment, at the Central Bank of the Russian Federation, provided that, in the case of the search fee, the receiving Office accepts payment in RUR.
- 21 Payable when a corresponding prior US national application has been filed under 35 USC 111(a), ((i) prior to 8 December 2004, the basic filing fee under 37 CFR 1.16(a) has been paid, or (ii) on or after 8 December 2004, the basic filing fee under 37 CFR 1.16(a), the search fee under 37 CFR 1.16(k) and the examination fee under 37 CFR 1.16(o) have been paid) and the prior US national application is identified by the application number if known, or if the application number is not known, by the filing date, title and name of applicant (and preferably by the application docket number), in the international application or accompanying the papers at the time of filing the international application.
- 22 Payable to the International Preliminary Examining Authority in the currency or one of the currencies prescribed by it.
- 23 Payable when the international search report was not issued by the Australian Patent Office.
- 24 Payable when the international search report was established by the Federal Service for Intellectual Property, Patents and Trademarks (Russian Federation).
- 25 In all cases where footnote 24 does not apply.
- 26 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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AE United Arab Emirates	CY Cyprus (EP) <sup>2</sup>	IS Iceland (EP)	MK The former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia <sup>1</sup>	SK Slovakia (EP)
AG Antigua and Barbuda	CZ Czech Republic (EP)	IT Italy (EP) <sup>2</sup>	ML Mali (OA) <sup>2</sup>	SL Sierra Leone (AP)
AL Albania <sup>1</sup>	DE Germany (EP)	JP Japan	MN Mongolia	SM San Marino
AM Armenia (EA)	DK Denmark (EP)	KE Kenya (AP)	MR Mauritania (OA) <sup>2</sup>	SN Senegal (OA) <sup>2</sup>
AT Austria (EP)	DM Dominica	KG Kyrgyzstan (EA)	MT Malta (EP) <sup>2</sup>	SV El Salvador
AU Australia	DO Dominican Republic	KM Comoros	MW Malawi (AP)	SY Syrian Arab Republic
AZ Azerbaijan (EA)	DZ Algeria	KN Saint Kitts and Nevis	MX Mexico	SZ Swaziland (AP) <sup>2</sup>
BA Bosnia and Herzegovina <sup>1</sup>	EC Ecuador	KP Democratic People's Republic of Korea	MY Malaysia	TD Chad (OA) <sup>2</sup>
BB Barbados	EE Estonia (EP)	KR Republic of Korea	MZ Mozambique (AP)	TG Togo (OA) <sup>2</sup>
BE Belgium (EP) <sup>2</sup>	EG Egypt	LA Lao People's Democratic Republic	NA Namibia (AP)	TJ Tajikistan (EA)
BF Burkina Faso (OA) <sup>2</sup>	ES Spain (EP)	LC Saint Lucia	NE Niger (OA) <sup>2</sup>	TM Turkmenistan (EA)
BG Bulgaria (EP)	FI Finland (EP)	LI Liechtenstein (EP)	NG Nigeria	TN Tunisia
BH Bahrain	FR France (EP) <sup>2</sup>	LK Sri Lanka	NI Nicaragua	TR Turkey (EP)
BJ Benin (OA) <sup>2</sup>	GA Gabon (OA) <sup>2</sup>	LR Liberia	NL Netherlands (EP) <sup>2</sup>	TT Trinidad and Tobago
BR Brazil	GB United Kingdom (EP)	LS Lesotho (AP)	NO Norway	TZ United Republic of Tanzania (AP)
BW Botswana (AP)	GD Grenada	LT Lithuania (EP)	NZ New Zealand	UA Ukraine
BY Belarus (EA)	GE Georgia	LU Luxembourg (EP)	OM Oman	UG Uganda (AP)
BZ Belize	GH Ghana (AP)	LV Latvia (EP) <sup>2</sup>	PG Papua New Guinea	US United States of America
CA Canada	GM Gambia (AP)	LY Libyan Arab Jamahiriya	PH Philippines	UZ Uzbekistan
CF Central African Republic (OA) <sup>2</sup>	GN Guinea (OA) <sup>2</sup>	MA Morocco	PL Poland (EP)	VC Saint Vincent and the Grenadines
CG Congo (OA) <sup>2</sup>	GR Greece (EP) <sup>2</sup>	MC Monaco (EP) <sup>2</sup>	PT Portugal (EP)	VN Viet Nam
CH Switzerland (EP)	GT Guatemala	MD Moldova (EA)	RO Romania (EP)	ZA South Africa
CI Côte d'Ivoire (OA) <sup>2</sup>	GW Guinea-Bissau (OA) <sup>2</sup>	ME Montenegro	RS Serbia <sup>1</sup>	ZM Zambia (AP)
CM Cameroon (OA) <sup>2</sup>	HN Honduras	MG Madagascar	RU Russian Federation (EA)	ZW Zimbabwe (AP)
CN China	HR Croatia <sup>1</sup>		SC Seychelles	
CO Colombia	HU Hungary (EP)		SD Sudan (AP)	
CR Costa Rica	ID Indonesia		SE Sweden (EP)	
CU Cuba	IE Ireland (EP) <sup>2</sup>		SG Singapore	
	IL Israel		SI Slovenia (EP) <sup>2</sup>	
	IN India			

<sup>1</sup> Extension of European patent possible.

<sup>2</sup> May only be designated for a regional patent (the "national route" via the PCT has been closed).

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