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Re: SCIT Patent Document Identification Task Force (PDI Task Force)

Madam,
Sir,

At its second session, which was held in December 1999, the SCIT Standards and Documentation Working Group (SDWG) agreed to set up a task force in order to determine the extent of the problem of uniquely identifying patent documents and the steps necessary to remedy it. The SDWG requested the task force to consider in particular in its analysis:

- the best way to cite and retrieve patent documents;
 - potential impact with relation to publication, storage and retrieval of patent documents; and
 - the WIPO Standards, if any, which need to be amended or created.
- (See document SCIT/WG/2/12 Prov., paragraphs 29 to 33.)

As agreed by the SDWG, the PDI Task Force will report back to the Working Group on the results of its investigations, which will create the basis for further actions to be taken on Task No. 22 of the SCIT Working Program for the 2000-01 biennium (Task No. 39 of the 1998-99 SCIT Work Program).

In accordance with the above-mentioned decision by the SDWG, the International Bureau invites those Offices wishing to actively participate in the discussions to nominate a representative to work as part of the PDI Task Force . The International Bureau would appreciate that the participants in the PDI Task Force are technical specialists from the industrial property offices who have

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appropriate experience in the elaboration of WIPO Standards and can make an active contribution to the work to be carried out. The nomination will result in the commitment of effort by task force representatives during the period from March to September of this year via e-mail and in the English language.

Please send your reply with details of the nominated expert (name, title and e-mail address) to the International Bureau at the address scit.mail@wipo.int before March 27, 2000. Please indicate the number of this circular.

Sincerely yours,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'K.-P. Wittig', written in a cursive style.

K.-P. Wittig
Deputy Director
Inter-Office Information Services