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## 01. Annual SACEPO meeting

**TOPICS DISCUSSED  
INCLUDED QUALITY,  
DIGITAL  
TRANSFORMATION,  
PATENT SYSTEM  
ACCESSIBILITY, LEGAL  
CHANGES AND THE  
UNITARY PATENT**

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*Recent and future developments are discussed with user representatives to gather feedback, input and suggestions for maintaining the highest quality levels at the EPO.*

*On 20 June, the Standing Advisory Committee before the EPO (SACEPO) convened online to discuss recent and future developments in the European patent system. The annual meeting brought together 35 recently appointed members, including 20 new representatives, from leading industrial property associations, industry federations and European and international patent attorney associations worldwide. Topics discussed included quality, digital transformation, patent system accessibility, legal changes and the Unitary Patent. SACEPO serves as a vital platform for the EPO... [Read more](#)*

## 02. Referral on claim interpretation (G1/24)

**THE ENLARGED BOARD  
OF APPEAL IS THE  
HIGHEST JUDICIAL  
AUTHORITY OF THE  
EPO'S INDEPENDENT  
JUDICIARY**

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*For legal certainty and in the interests of all stakeholders, the EPO will continue examination and opposition proceedings while the referral on claim interpretation is pending before the Enlarged Board of Appeal. With decision T439/22 of 24 June 2024, a referral was made to the Enlarged Board of Appeal seeking to clarify the legal basis for interpreting patent claims for the purpose of assessing patentability, whether and under which circumstances the description and figures may be taken into account when interpreting a patent claim and, finally, the extent to which a patent can serve as its own dictionary. The exact referral questions can be found in decision T439/22. While the referral concerns opposition proceedings, it may also affect proceedings before examining divisions... [Read more](#)*

## 03. Europe at forefront of innovation in water technologies

**NEW STUDY EXAMINES  
THE DEVELOPMENTS  
AND GLOBAL TRENDS  
IN WATER-RELATED  
TECHNOLOGIES**

*New study shows 40% of inventions in water-related technologies come from European applicants. New EPO tools help inventors, researchers, policymakers and investors in this sector. Today, the EPO publishes three valuable resources to support inventors, researchers, policymakers and investors who are dealing with the critical challenges of water supply and management on the one hand, as well as the threats coming from flooding and coastal erosion on the other. Our new study examines the developments and global trends in water-related technologies. A newly launched technology platform helps scientists and engineers more easily navigate our wealth of free patent information.... [Read more](#)*

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## 04. JPO-DPMA Examiner Exchange Program Held

**THE JPO WILL  
CONTINUE TO  
COOPERATE ON  
PATENT EXAMINATION  
WITH THE IP OFFICES  
OF OTHER COUNTRIES**

*On June 10 to 14, 2024, the Japan Patent Office (JPO) held an \*Examiner Exchange Program with the German Patent and Trade Mark Office (DPMA). The JPO has continued Examiner Exchange Programs with the DPMA since 2000. This year, we conducted an in-person program by inviting DPMA examiners to the JPO. In the program, five JPO examiners and two DPMA examiners deepened understanding of each Office's examination practices by discussing cross-filed patent applications in the fields of agricultural and civil engineering (construction) and medical devices (surgical and therapeutic devices) and by exchanging information on prior art search methods and systems and operation of examination standards. The JPO will continue to cooperate on patent examination with the IP Offices of other countries.... [Read more](#)*

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## 05. USPTO issues AI subject matter eligibility guidance

**THE USPTO  
CONTINUES TO BE  
DIRECTLY INVOLVED  
IN THE DEVEL'T OF  
LEGAL & POLICY  
MEASURES RELATED  
TO THE IMPACT OF AI  
ON ALL FORMS OF IP**

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*The U.S. Patent and Trademark Office (USPTO) has issued a guidance update on patent subject matter eligibility to address innovation in critical and emerging technologies, including in artificial intelligence (AI). This guidance update will assist USPTO personnel and stakeholders in determining subject matter eligibility under patent law (35 § U.S.C. 101) of AI inventions. This latest update builds on previous guidance by providing further clarity and consistency to how the USPTO and applicants should evaluate subject matter eligibility of claims in patent applications and patents involving inventions related to AI technology. The guidance update also announces three new examples of how to apply this guidance throughout a wide range of technologies..... [Read more](#)*

## 06. Montenegro Joins the Geneva Act of the Lisbon Agreement

**THE GENEVA ACT WILL  
ENTER INTO FORCE  
WITH RESPECT TO  
MONTENEGRO  
ON OCTOBER 10, 2024**

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*On July 10, 2024, the Government of Montenegro deposited its instrument of accession to the Geneva Act of the Lisbon Agreement on Appellations of Origin and Geographical Indication ("Geneva Act"). With this accession, the Geneva Act now offers protection in 24 Contracting Parties covering up to 59 countries, while the Lisbon System covers up to 73 countries in total. This accession will allow Montenegro to protect both its appellations of origin and geographical indications under the Geneva Act, such as its renowned Montenegro Krstač (wine) or Montenegro Vranac (wine) in the wine products category, but also Pljevaljski sir (cheese), Crnogorska Goveđa pršuta (dried beef meat), or Crnogorska Stelja (dried and smoked sheep meat) in the agricultural.... [Read more](#)*

## 07. IPOPHL's Statement on the Protection Sought for a Math Formula

**THE PHILIPPINES  
WOULD LIKE TO NOTE  
THAT THE IP CODE OF  
1997 DOES NOT  
PROTECT A  
MATHEMATICAL  
FORMULA**

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*As many of you have heard by now, a Filipino teacher had made claims of making math history by proving two conjectures, namely the Goldbach conjecture and the twin prime conjecture that have posed a challenge to mathematicians for about 282 years and 178 years, respectively. If true, IPOPHL would be deeply encouraged to see a Filipino achieve such a feat and hopeful that this could catapult the country to an esteemed reputation in the field of mathematics. Meanwhile, as part of our mandate to keep the public informed about creations of the mind or intellectual property (IP), the IP Office of the Philippines would like to note that the IP Code of 1997 does not protect a mathematical formula, hence, does not give its creator the right to prevent others from copying it. However, the manuscript, serving as a tangible expression..... [Read more](#)*

## 08. Signing of a PPH agreement with the Singapore Intellectual Property Office

**THIS PPH AGREEMENT  
WILL COME INTO  
FORCE ON  
1ER SEPTEMBER 2024**

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*On July 10, 2024, the bilateral meeting organized between the INPI and the Singapore Intellectual Property Office (IPOS) was marked by the signing of an agreement allowing the acceleration of the issuance of patents, known as the Patent Prosecution agreement. Highway (PPH). On the sidelines of the sixty-fifth series of meetings of the WIPO General Assemblies, the INPI has just signed with one of its major partners in Southeast Asia, namely the Singapore Intellectual Property Office (IPOS), a Patent Prosecution Highway (PPH) agreement. This new signature marks the tenth PPH agreement signed by the INPI internationally... [Read more](#)*

## 09. EPO strengthens international partnerships at WIPO General Assemblies 2024

**A NEW MOU ON  
PATENT  
CLASSIFICATION WITH  
CANADA WAS SIGNED  
TO IMPROVE  
CONSISTENCY OF  
PRACTICES & ENABLE  
IMPROVED FLOW OF  
DATA BETWEEN THE  
EPO & CIPO**

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*A delegation from the European Patent Office (EPO), led by President António Campinos, has met with national patent offices from around the world in the margins of the General Assemblies of the World Intellectual Property Organization (WIPO) in Geneva. The annual gathering provided a valuable platform to strengthen strategic partnerships that support the quality and accessibility of the international patent system, a priority in the recently published Strategic Plan 2028. Over the course of the mission, the EPO held almost 30 meetings, including bilateral sessions with representatives from offices across Africa, Asia, Latin America and Oceania as well as with close European partners Georgia and Ukraine..... [Read more](#)*

## 10. Turkmenistan Acceded to the Protocol to the Eurasian Patent Convention of September 9, 1994, on the Protection of Industrial Designs

**THIS INT'L TREATY WILL  
ENTER INTO FORCE FOR  
TURKMENISTAN THREE  
MONTHS AFTER THE  
DEPOSIT OF THE  
INSTRUMENT OF  
ACCESSION WITH THE  
DEPOSITARY**

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*On July 13, the President of Turkmenistan Serdar Berdimuhamedov signed the Law of Turkmenistan 'On Accession to the Protocol to the Eurasian Patent Convention of September 9, 1994, on the protection of industrial designs. The Protocol was adopted on September 9, 2019, at the diplomatic conference in Nur-Sultan. After Turkmenistan's accession, all Member States of the Eurasian Patent Organization will become parties to the Protocol. The full membership enables the EAPO to accede to the Geneva Act of the Hague Agreement Concerning the International Registration of Industrial Designs. According to Arti. 22 of the Protocol.... [Read more](#)*

## 11. Saint Kitts and Nevis joins the Hague System

**THE ACCESSION OF SAINT KITTS AND NEVIS ENHANCES THE STATUS OF THE HAGUE SYSTEM AS A GLOBAL OPTION FOR SECURING DESIGN PROTECTION**

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*Saint Kitts and Nevis has joined the Hague System, expanding the geographical scope of WIPO's international design system to 97 countries. As the fourth Caribbean country to do so, following Belize, Jamaica and Suriname, the accession of Saint Kitts and Nevis enhances the status of the Hague System as a global option for securing design protection. The Government of Saint Kitts and Nevis deposited its instrument of accession to the 1999 Geneva Act of the Hague Agreement on July 8, 2024. Saint Kitts and Nevis is the 74th Contracting Party to the 1999 Act and the 80th member of the Hague Union.*

*The 1999 Act will enter into force in Saint Kitts and Nevis on October 8, 2024... [Read more](#)*

## 12. Republic of Moldova Joins the Geneva Act of the Lisbon Agreement

**THE GENEVA ACT WILL ENTER INTO FORCE WITH RESPECT TO THE REPUBLIC OF MOLDOVA ON OCTOBER 11, 2024**

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*On July 11, 2024, the Government of the Republic of Moldova deposited its instrument of ratification to the Geneva Act of the Lisbon Agreement on Appellations of Origin and Geographical Indication ("Geneva Act"). With this ratification, the Geneva Act now offers protection in 25 Contracting Parties covering up to 60 countries, while the Lisbon System covers up to 73 countries in total. This ratification will allow Moldova to protect both its appellations of origin and geographical indications under the Geneva Act, such as the renowned Divin (spirit), Codru (wine), or Românești (wine) in the wine and spirits category, but also Brânză de Popeasca (cheese) or Zăbriceni (dried plants for herbal tea) in the agricultural and food product categories, to name only a few... [Read more](#)*



### 13. Patent Landscape Report-Generative Artificial Intelligence (GenAI)

**IN THE WIPO PATENT  
LANDSCAPE REPORT  
ON GENERATIVE AI,  
DISCOVER THE LATEST  
PATENT TRENDS FOR  
GENAI**

*Generative AI is booming. It is a cutting-edge technology that is poised to disrupt various economic, social, and cultural sectors, and it extends far beyond simple human-like text generation using chatbots. Drawing on original analysis of patent and scientific data, the WIPO patent landscape report on Generative AI provides a snapshot of the patent situation for GenAI. In the WIPO patent landscape report on Generative AI, discover the latest patent trends for GenAI with a comprehensive and up-to-date understanding of the GenAI patent landscape, alongside insights into its future applications and potential impact. The report explores patents relating to the different modes, models and industrial application areas of GenAI.*

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### 14. The National Patent Collection of Türkiye is now available in PATENTSCOPE

**RECORDS INCLUDE A  
DIRECT LINK TO THE  
WEBSITE OF THE  
TURKISH PATENT OFFICE  
FOR MORE  
INFORMATION**

*The national patent collection of Türkiye is now available in WIPO's global patent search system PATENTSCOPE. It includes over 115,700 documents. Records include a direct link to the website of the Turkish Patent Office for more information.*

*With the inclusion of the national collection of Türkiye, PATENTSCOPE now provides access to a total of 81 national and regional collections, in addition to the collection of all published PCT applications.... [Read more](#)*

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## 15. Venezuela re-establishes grace period for trade mark renewals

**THE RE-  
ESTABLISHMENT OF A  
SIX-MONTH GRACE  
PERIOD FOR TRADE  
MARK RENEWAL  
APPLICATIONS**

*On 2 July, Venezuela's Autonomous Intellectual Property Service (SAPI) announced the re-establishment of a six-month grace period for trade mark renewal applications. During this period, applicants can renew their trademarks without penalty. However, a fee three times higher than the standard renewal fee will be charged....[Read more](#)*

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## 16. Trademarks of Qatar now available in the Global Brand Database

**THE GLOBAL BRAND  
DATABASE INCLUDES  
NOW THE NATIONAL  
COLLECTION OF QATAR**

*The Global Brand Database includes now the national collection of Qatar, adding over 147,670 records and bringing the total number of available data sources to 82. For further information about the records covered in these collections, please refer to the coverage page ....[Read more](#)*

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