Discussion

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Regional Seminar
Effective Utilization of Patent Classification System

Classification of Patent Documents

■ For Examination of Patent Applications
  ■ Use for prior art search
  ■ Assign IPC at IP Office

■ For Other Purposes (R&D, statistics etc.)

Patent Classification

■ Many IP Offices of participating countries are <u>actually using IPC</u> internally though they are not yet member of Strasburg Agreement.

■ Is IPC enough?

■ Detailed classification needed?

Questions (as users)

1. Would you like to <u>use</u> IPC at your office?

2. Would you like to <u>use</u> more detailed classification than IPC (e.g. FI/F-Term, CPC) ?
   a) If so, what would be the interesting one? (e.g. FI/F-Term, CPC) and why?
   b) If not, why?

Questions (for assignment)

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