



Intellectual
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Information exchange session on cooperation between patent offices in search and examination:

UK Perspective

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Patent Prosecution Highway

- Reduces duplication of work
- Enables quicker, simpler prosecution
- Benefits both Offices and applicants

- UK has PPH agreements with 24 offices
 - CN – UK agreement since 2014
 - 23 agreements via Global PPH



Vancouver Group Collaboration

- Program involving the UK, Australia and Canada.
- Looking at quality of search and examinations.
- Some differences between practices of each office but sharing information remains key to improving quality of work.
- Work to date has identified key areas for future collaboration, including:
 - sharing information on searching techniques, databases and search tools.
- Opportunity to learn from each other and share best practice



Other worksharing and collaboration

- PCT(UK) Fast Track
- Dossier Access Systems
- Examiner Exchanges
- Training
- Visits



Thank you

