



## Patent Cooperation Treaty (PCT) Professional Training Seminars

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Comprehensive PCT Seminar

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Message From Gary Smith, Managing Director:

Welcome back to PCT Learning Center!



Our Houston Comprehensive PCT Seminar was a huge success. We are looking at the very large attendance as a sign for a truly improving economy. Speakers Carol Bidwell and David Reed presented the latest information on the changes to the PCT. This included the new electronic

interchange and upload systems making the receipt of notices and filing of certain PCT related papers much more convenient. Carol and Dave will also be our presenters in Seattle.

As a special feature of the Houston seminar, Charles Eloshway of the USPTO presented information on the Patent Prosecution Highway (PPH) and the pilot programs allowing PCT applicants' access to it. We anticipate the USPTO's participation in Seattle. too.

### Republic of Korea Joins the PPH/PCT

Until now, the PPH program between the USPTO and the KIPO was limited to search and examination results under the Paris Convention. The inclusion in the USPTO-KIPO bilateral PPH of PCT international phase work generated by either the USPTO or the KIPO will greatly expand the usefulness of the PPH program to applicants and the offices. This initiative follows on a similar PPH expansion among the Trilateral Offices (the USPTO, the European Patent Office and the Japan Patent Office) that went into

effect on January 29, 2010. More information on that program can be found at [http://www.uspto.gov/patents/init\\_events/pph/index.jsp](http://www.uspto.gov/patents/init_events/pph/index.jsp). The starting date for this program will be announced shortly.

You may be aware that the KIPO has, since 2006, served as an International Searching and International Preliminary Examining Authority under the PCT for international applications filed with the USPTO PCT Receiving Office (RO/US). For more information on Republic of Korea (KR) and the PCT. Contact the the IP Korea Center at <http://www.ipkcenter.com>

### Useful PCT Resource

- One of the new features of the WIPO's PCT resources on the Internet is the "Case Law Database" which allows search of the legal decisions of the US, EPO and UK. The PCT Case Law Database contains legal and administrative decisions from national courts and regional administrative bodies in and operating for certain PCT Contracting States. The text-searchable decisions are those in which PCT issues have been referenced, raised or considered. Abstracts and PCT legal references have been added by the International Bureau in order to facilitate navigation and information retrieval. See <http://www.wipo.int/pctcaselawdb/en>.

### Did You Know?

- The new PCT request form provides check-off boxes allowing for applicants and/or attorney/agent to receive emails with advanced copies of notifications followed by paper notifications. The form is available on PCT-SAFE or at <http://bit.ly/pctrequest>.