Evolution of the Eurasian Patent System and Its Role in the Region

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Eurasian Patent Convention (EAPC) was signed on September 9, 1994 in Moscow.

EAPC entered into force on August 12, 1995.
Contracting states of EAPC

- Azerbaijan Republic
- Republic of Armenia
- Republic of Belarus
- Republic of Kazakhstan
- Kyrgyz Republic
- Russian Federation
- Republic of Tajikistan
- Turkmenistan
- Republic of Moldova

(till 26/04/2012)
The Eurasian Patent

- economy and efficiency
  - one patent application
  - one set of fees
  - one language of the proceedings (Russian)
  - one examination
  - one patent agent

- a strong patent
  - patent search and substantive examination
Eurasian applications

- 43702 Eurasian applications were filed from 1996 to 2015
Filing of Eurasian applications

- 80% direct filings
- 11% EA-National Patent office
- 9% EA-PCT regional phase entries
- EA - others direct filings
Filing of Eurasian applications in 2015
Accelerated Patent Prosecution

- Accelerated examination at any stage of prosecution – starting from filing to substantive examination, including patent granting (since June 1, 2016)
- Accelerated examination on PCT applications (analogous to PPH program) (since July 1, 2016)
- Accelerated examination on “green technologies” and conditions of the invention’s use (to be introduced by the end of 2016)
EAPO Online (Electronic Filing)

- Filing (applications and additional materials)
- Personal Account (access to “own” applications)
- Tools for data uploading for SOPRANO and PHOENIX
- Tools for correspondence (electronic signature)
- Tools for rapid response
EAPO Web Portal

- Information pages, documents
- Eurasian patents web-registry
- Eurasian publication server
- Private section (information for national patent offices and subscribers)
- National patent office sites (presently – only Turkmenistan)
- External forum (with strict control over right to access)
Eurasian publication server

http://www.eapo.org/ru/publications/publicat/

- main official publication since 2015
- information about all front file and back file EA publications
- in Russian only
EAPATIS

Production operation at EAPO since 2000
Used by patent offices (14 offices, ~800 examiners), libraries, universities, patent attorneys, business (fee-based access).

EAPATIS in figures:
– Patent information from over 20 countries and organizations
– 26 local databases
– Over 63 million patent documents, including PCT minimum documentation
– ~ 1 million queries served annually
– Over 1000 registered users

Main functions:
– Electronic patent collection management
– Providing network access to patent data in local and remote DBs
– Providing of multi-aspect searches within the collection
– Storage and processing of documents found
Work share

• Enhancement and extension of cooperation with patent offices and organizations, scientific and innovation centers, unions of patent attorneys

• Exchange of search and examination results internationally

• Participation in accelerated patent prosecution and Patent Prosecution Highway programs (PPH)
  ➢ Japan – ongoing
  ➢ EPO – planned
  ➢ Further extension of PPH with different IPOs
Thank You!