



## Newsletter - December 2010

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### Welcome to the December issue of our newsletter



2010 has been a very positive, but at the same time quite a busy year for Nordic Patent Institute under new management and with lots of new services offered.

We wish you all a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year. We look forward to continuing our cooperation with you in 2011.

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**Grétar Ingi Grétarsson**  
Vice Director

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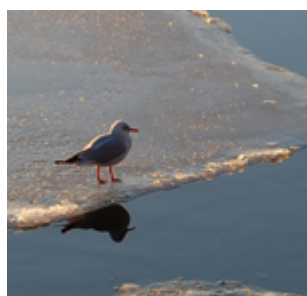


### We welcome a new member to the Nordic Institute Board

Mrs. Borghildur Erlingsdóttir has been appointed Director General of the Icelandic Patent Office, for a period of two years from 1 October 2010. As director of one of Nordic Patent Institute's participating offices Borghildur has also become a member of the Board.

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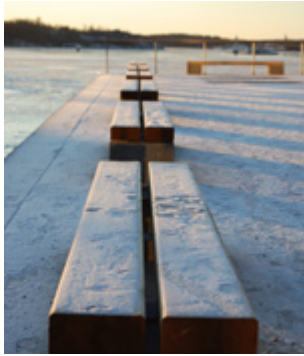
### Taking into account results from an earlier search can lead to a refund

In certain cases Nordic Patent Institute as an International Search Authority (ISA) will refund part of the search fee paid by the applicant in connection with the international application.



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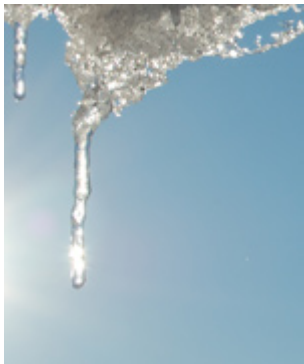


## PCT filings continue to increase

The number of filings where Nordic Patent Institute is designated as an ISA or IPEA continued to increase steadily in 2010. Taking into account the number of filings estimated in December, the Institute expects an increase of almost 50% from 2009 to 2010.

The outlook for 2011 is positive as global PCT filings are increasing again after the first ever decline in 2009.

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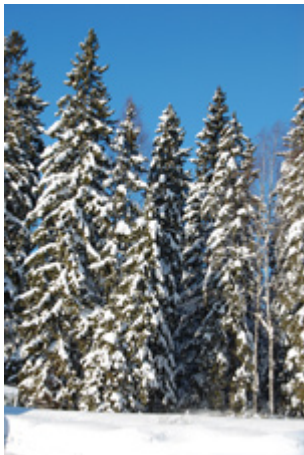


## Successful implementation of Business Services

The business of providing individual searches and analyses has been successfully transferred from the Danish Patent Office to Nordic Patent Institute.

The increase in turnover from 2009 to 2010 has been approx 15 %. Most of the increase comes from our growing customer portfolio of US law firms.

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## Changes in PCT fees from 1 January 2011

On 1 January 2011 some minor changes in the PCT fees will enter into force. These changes are due to corrections made by the World Intellectual Property Organization (WIPO) with regard to the equivalent amounts in Swiss francs (CHF).

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## Closing Dates for Christmas and New Year

Nordic Patent Institute will be officially closed between Christmas and New Year, from 24th December 2010 until 2nd January 2011 inclusive. During this period:

1. all applications will be allocated a filing date which is the actual date the application is dropped in the Nordic Patent Institute mail box or received by e-mail or fax.
2. all deadlines expiring on an official closing day will automatically be extended to the first following working day.
3. no enquiries will be answered during official closing

dates.

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