



Newsletter - June 2011

Welcome to the summer issue of our newsletter



We would like to update you on some of the latest news concerning our core business. Some exciting new developments have taken place in the past few months that we are eager to share with you.

We wish you all a very nice summer.

A handwritten signature in blue ink, reading 'Grétar Ingi Grétarsson'.

Grétar Ingi Grétarsson
Vice-Director

"Double up" on applications from Danish applicants



The number of PCT applications from Danish applicants took an unexpected leap upwards during the first months of this year. The number of applications from Danish users in the first quarter of 2011 was almost 105% more than for the same period in 2010.

Applications are coming not only from loyal Nordic Patent Institute users but also from new users wanting a fast and reliable PCT search.

"Think global, act local" appears to be the strategy of Danish applicants these days. Nordic Patent Institute welcomes this development and will continue to do its best to provide its users with quality services.

Partners on Patent Prosecution Highway Pilot

The United States Patent and Trademark Office (USPTO) and Nordic Patent Institute

have announced a new pilot project for the Patent Prosecution Highway based on Patent Cooperation Treaty (PCT) work products (PCT-PPH pilot program).

The Patent Prosecution Highway (PPH) is a set of initiatives for speeding up the examination process for corresponding applications filed in participating countries by allowing examiners to reuse search and examination results.

[Read more about the pilot project](#)



Patent search services proven to give excellent results



A large part of the operations of Nordic Patent Institute is to provide patent search and analysis services for international customers.

One of the most common services we provide for our customers are so-called validity searches. Validity searches are normally conducted in order to determine whether a patent will withstand attack in litigation or opposition. A validity search (or "invalidity" in that case) could also seek to uncover patents or other published prior art that may render a granted patent invalid.

The quality of a validity search is therefore dependent on finding "the needle in the haystack".

[Read more about our the latest results](#)

New Board Member and a new Chair of the Board

The Norwegian Ministry of Trade and Industry has appointed Toril Foss as Acting Director General of the Norwegian Industrial Property Office for a period of 6 months from 1st May to 1st November 2011. As Director of one of Nordic Patent Institute's participating offices Toril has also become a member of the Board.

Furthermore the Board has elected Borghildur Erlingsdóttir, Director General of the Icelandic Patent Office as Chair of the Board from 1st May 2011.

[Read more about these changes](#)





Toril Foss



**Borghildur
Erlingsdóttir**

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