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I. BACKGROUND

The idea of a Caribbean subregional project on Industrial Property and the formation of a Caribbean Patent Information and Documentation Unit (PIDU) in the Caribbean Documentation Centre had been discussed and favourably considered in a number of fora. For example, at the Seventh Session of CDCC in January 1983, delegations decided "to support the WIPO project proposal and to bring it to the attention of their governments" (see report E/CEPAL/G.1237, 10 February 1983). Additionally, a meeting of the CARICOM Standing Committee of Ministers Responsible for Science and Technology held in Barbados 12-13 November 1984 gave their approval and support to establishment of the Unit (see CARICOM Secretariat REP 85/1/1 SCTEC (Inf.)).

Further to this, the Ministerial Level Meeting of the Englishspeaking Caribbean Countries, Haiti and Suriname was held in Bridgetown, Barbados on 8 March 1985 to consider possible co-operation in the field of industrial property, organized by the World Intellectual Property Organization (WIPO) and the Government of Barbados, with the co-operation of the Subregional Headquarters for the Caribbean (ECLAC) and the Caribbean Community (CARICOM) Secretariat with the assistance of the United Nations Development Programme (UNDP).

Participating in the meeting were representatives of the following countries: Antigua and Barbuda, Barbados, Belize, Grenada, Guyana, Haiti, Jamaica, Saint Christopher/Nevis, Saint Lucia and Trinidad and Tobago.

The technical level session was held from 4-7 March 1985 and the report and recommendations of this meeting formed the basis for discussions at the ministerial level.

Conclusions and recommendations of the ministerial meeting

It was agreed that the existing industrial property systems in most countries of the subregion were unable to meet present needs. It was considered that the common features and the major requirements of the countries of the subregion indicated that the pooling of resources and efforts in establishing a regional co-operation scheme in the field of industrial property was was being done by the extension of the Caribbean Documentation Centre (CDC) to include a Patent Information and Documentation Unit (PIDU) would meet the current deficiencies.

With regard to PIDU it was decided that:

(a) The countries of the subregion should co-operate closely with PIDU, particularly in:

- (i) Identifying national focal points that would serve as a link between seekers of technological information contained in patent and non-patent literature and PIDU;
- (ii) Providing PIDU with a list and a copy of granted patents and/ or registered industrial designs to enable PIDU to establish a regional search file of technological information contained in patent literature, to keep such a search file up-to-date and to complement it with patent and non-patent literature required for meeting the needs of the countries of the region.

(b) WIPO should prepare in consultation with the subregional headquarters of ECLAC, a comprehensive programme of work for strengthening PIDU and initiating its services; and

(c) WIPO, in co-operation with PIDU, should organize seminars on patent information in 1986 whereby potential seekers of technological information would enhance their awareness of patent information matters, including the ways and means of using the services of the PIDU. $\frac{1}{}$

1/ CDCC Focus, Vol. 8, No. 1, March 1985.

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Establishment of PIDU

It was in keeping with these objectives and in an atmosphere of co-operation that the Patent Information and Documentation Unit was established under the umbrella of the Caribbean Documentation Centre (CDC). The Unit began operations in May 1985 (within the CDC) at the subregional headquarters of ECLAC in Port-of-Spain, with the appointment of one fulltime staff member as head of the Unit. This Unit was funded by the International Development Research Centre (IDRC) of Canada as part of a project for the development of a Caribbean Information System. WIPO provided technical assistance to set up the Unit. The PIDU is to provide information to the English-speaking $\frac{2}{}$ member states of the CDCC plus Haiti and Suriname initially, with the eventual aim of expanding operations to all members and associate members of CDCC. The Unit, therefore, acts as the co-ordinating centre for the collection of granted or reregistered patent documents in the Caribbean and forms the Caribbean Patent Information Network (CARPIN), a subregional information system in the field of industrial property.

II. ACTIVITIES OF PIDU

Collection and storage of Caribbean patent documents

The first priority and main activity of the Unit is the collection of all patent documents granted in the subregion $\frac{3}{}$ from the year 1962 onwards.

This activity was initiated by writing to all participating countries urging them to identify their national focal points (industrial property office, Registrar's office, etc.) and obtaining for PIDU a hard copy of their patent documents.

Recognizing the need for personal contacts with the industrial property offices of the participating countries, the head of the Unit with the assistance of WIPO undertook a mission to Jamaica and Haiti in

2/ Antigua and Barbuda, Bahamas, Barbados, Belize, Dominica, Grenada, Guyana, Jamaica, Montserrat, Saint Christopher-Nevis, Saint Lucia, Saint Vincent and the Grenadines, and Trinidad and Tobago. 3/ Member states as listed above. November 1985. As a result of this mission most of the patent documents from Haiti were received and approximately 107 photocopied documents from Jamaica are now being incorporated into the computerized data base Caribbean Patents (CARPAT db).

Operation and maintenance of the Caribbean patent data base

Another activity of the Unit was the creation and upkeep of the CARPAT data base which was designed to be compatible with the MINISIS^{4/} System established at the CDC in July 1985. PIDU was very fortunate to integrate with this system and to have by the end of December 1985 a small collection of 429 bibliographic data records on patents available. The maintenance of this data base is an ongoing process and depends heavily on the co-operation of each member state in sending copies of their granted or re-registered patent documents to PIDU. It should be noted that the Barbados Corporate Affairs and Industrial Property Office has co-operated fully and to date PIDU has received 214 photocopied documents from them (see Table I).

Country	· · · · · · · ·	No. of Patents ·	Specifications received
Barbados	(BB)	214	full text
Guyana	(GY)	1159	abstracts
Haiti	(HT)	32	full text
Jamaica	(JM)	107	full text
Trinidad and Tobago	(TT)	265	full text

Number of patents received by PIDU at end of December 1985

Table I

4/ MINISIS - a generalized information system designed to run on the Hewlett-Packard 3000 series of computers. Developed by the International Development Research Centre (IDRC) it supports library management and information retrieval systems.

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Handling procedure for incoming patent documents

When a patent document is received in the unit, the basic number is entered at the top right hand corner of the document. This number refers to the number given to it in the national office and follows exactly this numbering system, for example,

1. Jamaican patent number 2970 is written as:

JM-A-002970

JM being the ISO two-letter country code for Jamaica (see Appendix I)

A representing `an original Jamaican granted patent, and 2970 being the number received from the Registrar of Companies Department.

2. TT-R-85-001 represents a Trinidad and Tobago patent registered (R) and is patent number one of 1985.

From these two examples the differences in a country's numbering system are highlighted. In the case of Jamaica, patent documents are numbered consecutively while in Trinidad, they are numbered consecutively starting with number one for each new year. There is, therefore, a TT patent number one of 1985 and also a patent number one of 1984.

Once the basic number is recorded the patent will keep that number throughout its life. This unique number identifies individual patent documents.

The next step is the completion of the data capture, input or data coding sheets of the CARPAT data base (see Appendix II).

As shown, there are ten fields:

• •	Field Name	Mnemonic	Example
1.	Name of file	PATDOC	patent documents
2.	Basic document (country code, kind of patent, publication number)	BASIC	TT-R-85-002

3. Country of origin/Proprietor name PROPR

US/Halliburton Company

	Field Name (cont.)	Mnemonic	Example
4.	Title of invention	TITLE	Borehole compensated kut log
5.	Publication date	PUBDAT	19850115
6.	Priority date (country code, number, year)	PRIOR	US265736/81
7.	Equivalent documents/family members	EQVLS	GB2099143 FR2566465 DE3218836 US4436996
8.	International Patent Classification System	INTCL	GO1J 3/38 GO1V 5/06
9.	Descriptors/keywords	DESCR	borehole testing
10.	Availability	AVAILY	F= full text A= abstract XX=not available

The data included in this record give a bibliographic description of the patent document and form a complete record which can be searched by the computer to retrieve a variety of information needs (see below).

Standardisation of bibliographic first page and preparation of search files

Apart from the computer records, a standardized bibliograhic first page, designed by WIPO (see Appendix III) is also completed for:

(a) attachment to the patent specification, and

(b) for each International Patent Classification (IPC/Int.Cl) symbol indexed to produce a *search file*.

The search file is a valuable information retrieval resource giving references to all patent specifications filed under the same IPC grouping. This gives a quick and efficient look at all patent documents relating to a similar area of technology.

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These activities, for the most part, make up the hardcore of patent information in the region at PIDU. To date, two experts on one-month missions made available through WIPO, Mr. Patrick Vermeesch of the European Patent Office in Munich, Germany, and Dr. Peter Hauk of the Austrian Patent Office have visited PIDU, to assist with the technical development of the Unit. This, together with the valuable inputs from the staff of the CDC has resulted in the early growth and development of the system.

III. SERVICES OF PIDU

Considering that the number of local inventors is low in most developing countries and that the administrative framework and infrastructure are inhibited by financial restrictions, it was advisable to pool resources to provide a technological information service through patent documents at PIDU.

It would be advantageous, therefore, if Caribbean countries made full use of the services offered by PIDU.

PIDU will maintain basic reference texts of scientific and technical information and other non-patent literature coupled with the resources of the computerized data base CARPAT and the formation of search files of the Caribbean patents. This will maximize the use of the technological information contained in patent documents.

PIDU is structured not only to provide information services from its own in-house existing source of patent information within the subregion but also to access the vast resources outside the region, for example, patent offices and at a later stage, computerized patent data bases.

PIDU is also gearing itself to establish and maintain information files relevant to the priorities set by member countries for technical and industrial (economic) development. For areas highlighted as priority areas for development, PIDU will make a special effort to collect patent document files so that technological information most needed will be readily available.

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PIDU is already making use of WIPO state-of-the-art patent Decenterized in the state of the state of the birde of the information searches for developing countries to augment its services and co-operating with other international agencies to support its operation services. The Unit will provide technological information information services. The Unit will provide technological information services on request from industrial enterprises, research and development institutions and governmental or quasi-governmental institutions. The following services will be available:

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(c) State-of-the-art searches for developing countries - to do the comparation does use CARPAT and the formation of information source: through WIPO, patent offices, e.g. European Patent Office, Austrian the technological bristic code Patent Office, tetc. documents. Potential users : R+D institutions, universities, PIDU in structure of industrial denterprises on services true industrial denterprises on services true industrial to coverage services of the service services industrial to coverage services true industrial to coverage services of the region.

(d) First step search for state-of-the-art - initial contact then with patent searches on broad technical areas as first information needed for research projects from R+D institutions and governments are then

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Users are required to complete a questionnaire identifying the potential user and carefully defining the information needs. Attached is a draft sample of a questionnaire developed at the European Patent Office by Mr. J. Amand (see Appendix IV).

IV. CONCLUSIONS

PIDU therefore:

(a) Collects all patent documents from member countries;

(b) Classifies all patent documents according to WIPO International Patent Classification System (Int.Cl);

(c) Prepares search files;

(d) Maintains a computerized data base on Caribbean patents (CARPAT data base);

(e) Systematically stores a hard copy of all patent documents received with a view to also maintaining a microform system;

(f) Maintains a Caribbean Patent Information Network within the Caribbean Information System;

(g) Assists with the holding of information seminars and training on the use of patent documents as a source of technical information; and

(h) Provides an information service to users from industrial enterprises, governmental agencies, research and development institutions and other bodies. -10-

APPENDIX I

ISO two-letter country codes

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APPENDIX III

APPENDIX IV

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Request for information (questionnaire)

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PIDU QUESTIONNAIRE

Identification of Users or Potential Users of Technical Information and Evaluation of Their Needs

Patents are the world's largest source of technological information. There is a growing concern throughout the world that governmental authorities, manufacturers, reasearch organisations a.s... lose a lot of energy and time by not making use of patent information.

In the processes of development and transfer of technology, technological information is of fundamental importance.

Replies in this questionnaire will be strictly confidential.

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Cł	IAPTER I - Description of the Potential User	• • •	• •
1.	Name and address of the potential user	·	¢
2.	In which category would you classify yourself?		•
	A. Research and Development Institutions (including universities)		
	B. Governmental authorities]	
	C. Industries (private sector)		
	D. Nationalized industries - Parastatals		
· .	E. Individual Inventors		
	F. Informal Sector (handicrafts)		
	G. Professionals in the field of patents	i .	
	H. Others (please specify)	•	
3.	Number of employees:		-
	Less than 5		•.
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	More than 200		
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6.	Are yo	ou a subsidian	ry of a for	reign orga	anisation?	
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·		Amusement, 1	Furniture,	Clothes	• • • • • • • • • • • • -	•
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	2	Printing				•
• •		Transport,	Containers	• • • • • • • • • •		
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	2	Metallurgy	and Inorga	nic chemi	stry	

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F.		Mechanicossessessessessessessessessessessessesse
G.		Physics (e.g. Instruments, Computers)
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ľ.		Informal Sector (handicrafts)
ο.		Others (please specify)

8. Please give a short description of the overall activity, of your institution, company a.s....

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CHAPTER II - <u>User's Technology</u>
10. Does your organisation have yes no
- its own R&D organisation
- its own documentation service
11. Mode of Acquisition of Technology
A. Own research and development
yes no
if yes: are the results of this R&D protected or on the way to be protected by a patent?
yes no
B. Licensing yes no
if yes: country(ies) of origin of the licensor(s):
- In the yes no Caribbean
countries :
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с.	Transfer of know-how agreements :		i I
	yes no		
	if yes: country(ies) of origin		
	- In the yes no no caribbean		
	countries :		
	- Outside the yes no Caribbean		
	countries :		
D.	Technical information out of patents :		
• • •	yes no		
	if yes: of which countries		
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E.	Technical Information out of non-patent litterature; e.g. books, technical journals	•	
	yes no		
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-21-F Other Sources (please specify) ۰. 12.--A. Did you improve, adapt or modify the acquired technology? nò yes B. If yes, are these improvements, adaptations or modifications legally protected or on the way to be so? yes no Remarks, wishes a.s. 13. ÷. . ÷ . • • • • •

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CHAPTER III - Services Required to Meet the Needs of the Users	
20. The potential user is especially interested in :	
A. State of the ert searches	
B. Survey of information contained in patent litterature concerning a technical	
subject (monographs)	
C. Searches as to novelty of patent applications	•
U. Infringement searches	
E. Information on bibliographic data of patents and statistics on patent activities	
F. Supplying copies of patent documents	
G. Selective Dissemination of Information Services (SDI)	
H. Others (please specify)	
21. W.I.P.O. has set up a search programme on the state-of- the-art for the benefit of developing countries. This programme enables these countries to ask for searches on a given technical subject. The search is free of charge under certain conditions.	
Is the user prepared to commission a search request?	
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