

QUESTIONNAIRE AND RESPONSES

The questions and responses were as follows:

1 World-wide prior art effect of patent applications [Art.9(2)* and Rule 101

Would your national section or association support a global extension of the prior art effect of patent applications for novelty from their filing dates to cover all jurisdictions in the World?

	Totals	% of responses
Yes	8	35
No	15	65

2 Patentability of non-technical subject matter [Art. 14]

(a) Does your national section or association support the requirement that an invention must have technical character to be patented?

(b) If no, would your section or association prefer to have a broader requirement that an invention must merely be useful in industry, without any exclusions?

(a)	Totals % of responses		(b)	Totals % of responses	
Yes	12	52	Yes	9	82
No	11	48	No	2	18

3 File wrapper estoppel [Rule 14(3)]

(a) Is your member section or association generally supportive of including a "file wrapper estoppel" principle in a substantive patent law treaty?

(b) If yes, should it be restricted to statements made by a patentee, expressly stipulating that a particular feature of a claim should be given a narrow construction for the purposes of avoiding prior art?

(c) Should it have a global effect?

(a)	Totals % of responses		(b)	Totals % of responses		(c)	Totals % of responses	
Yes	17	74	Yes	16	84	Yes	8	42
No	6	26	No	3	16	No	11	58