



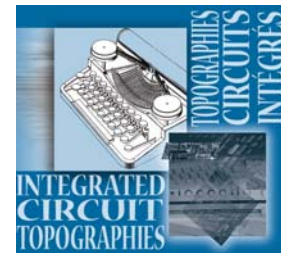
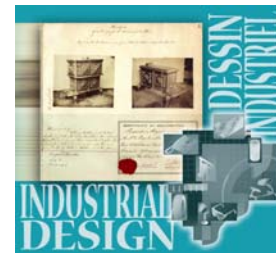
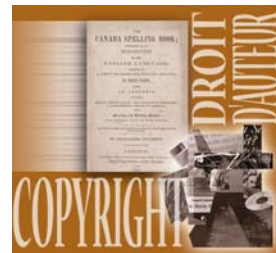
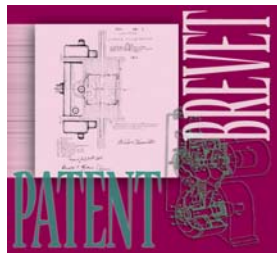
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# Moving forward — by building on our achievements



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# Presentation overview

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- Key 04-05 Achievements
  - Bill C-29 – Dutch Industries
  - ISA/IPEA
  - CID Re-engineering
- Strategic 05-06 Priorities
  - Client Focus
  - IP Policy
  - IP Awareness
  - Enhanced Communications
  - International

## 04-05 Achievements — Bill C-29

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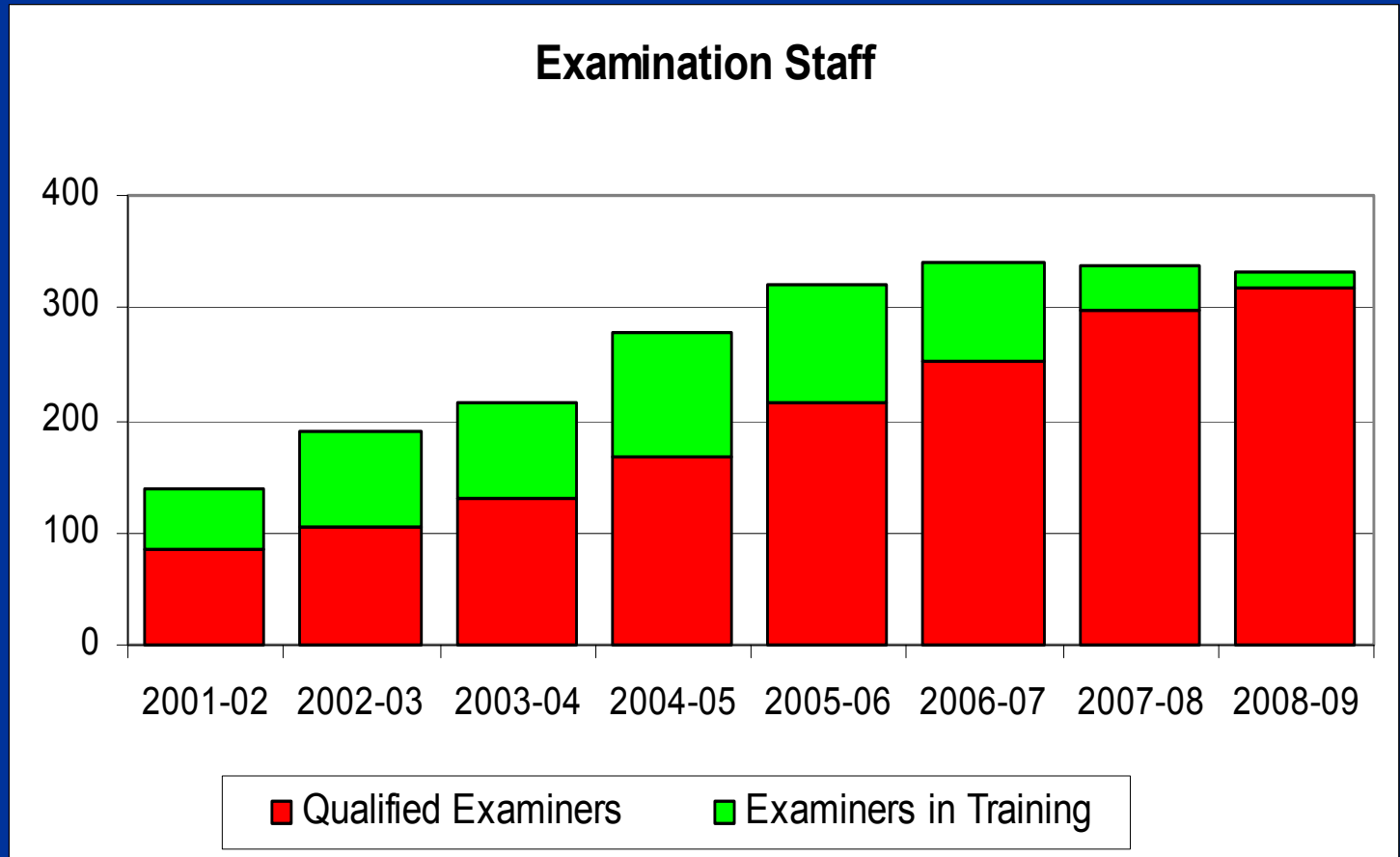
- A major undertaking
- Successful because CIPO and IPIC worked together and joined forces
- A compliance / communications challenge to ensure all those affected avail themselves of the 12-month window of opportunity
- Current expectations are that section 2 (which relates to the correction of past incorrect fee payments) will come into force sometime in 2006

# 04-05 Achievements — ISA/IPEA

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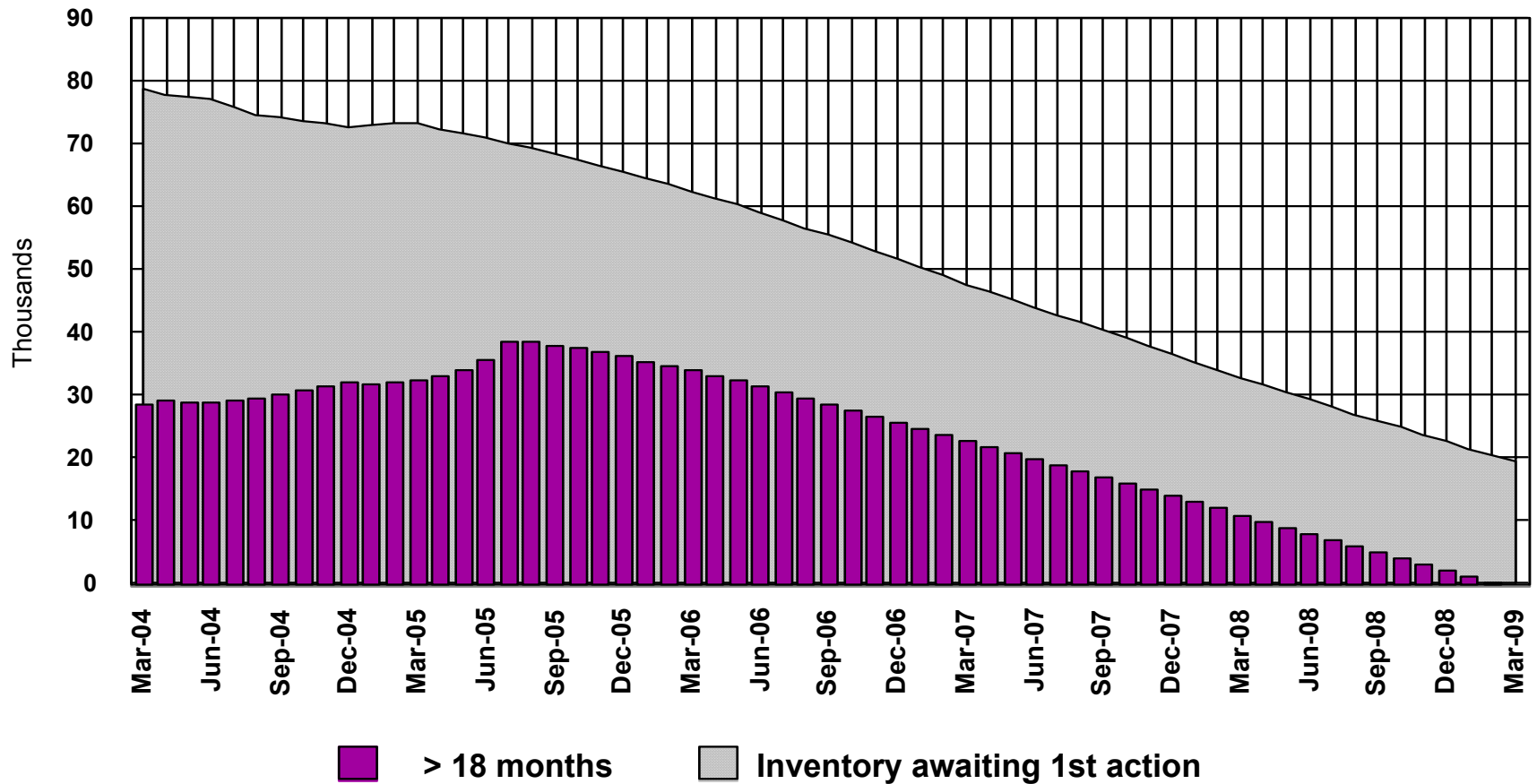
- Established a solid foundation
  - Hired and trained staff
  - Implemented a Quality Management System
  - Adopted best practices from other International Authorities
- CIPO successfully launched ISA services on July 26, 2004. A year later, CIPO has received:
  - 1994 (ISA) requests / 1330 reports issued
  - 138 (IPEA) chapter II requests
- Focus Groups with Patent Agents
  - Attributes of a “quality” ISA program
  - How do we compare with the EPO
  - Continuous improvement

# Patent Examiner Recruitment



# Patent Examiner Recruitment Benefits

Inventory of Applications Awaiting 1st Action



# 04-05 Achievements — Industrial Design Re-engineering

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Re-engineering — a significant achievement in Industrial Design

- Benefits for you

- Improved service delivery
- Greater flexibility in the filing of applications
- Aiming for reduced TATs, better quality and consistency of examination

- Benefits to CIPO

- Streamlined work processes enhances productivity and efficiency
- Employees more effectively trained

- Consultation with Industry a key success

# Client Focus — Furthering IPIC-CIPO Cooperation

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We are listening ... and acting on your feedback

## Client Themes

*“Make it faster”*

*“Make it easier to get information and help.”*

*“Make processes simpler”*

*“Get us involved”*

*“Keep us informed”*

## CIPO Priorities

*Turnaround times*

*Quality*

*Consultations/  
Partnerships*

*Communications*



# IP Policy

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- Modern IP framework that is:
  - leading-edge
  - cost-effective
  - progressive
  
- Multi-year work plan
  - Legislative improvements
  - Improvements to our regulations
  - Improvements to our office practices

# 05-06 Priorities — The College

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- A key priority in 05-06
- IPIC's work on this is nothing short of exemplary
- This will be a long journey
- CIPO is currently working with IPIC in finalizing its legislative proposal
- No guarantee of success, but no efforts will be spared

# 05-06 Priorities — Modernization of the Trade-marks Act

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## Madrid Protocol and Trademark Law Treaty

- We need to explore accession in the global context
- Consultation submissions received from stakeholders
- Assessment underway

# 05-06 Priorities — Small Entities / Service Interruptions Regulations

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- CIPO reviewing small entity definition, process for claiming small entity status, and possible relief mechanisms
- Consulted with stakeholders
- Regarding service interruptions - researching well defined conditions for relief
- Both initiatives require greater clarity and certainty for stakeholders

# 05-06 Priorities — Post-grant Opposition

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- A Canadian Biotechnology Advisory Committee (CBAC) recommendation
- CIPO commissioned a study to examine systems in other jurisdictions
- Very early in the process; still very far from reaching a conclusion or developing recommendations

# IP Awareness

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- Part of CIPPO's mandate
- Serves broader government agenda
- IP contributes to economic growth
- Want to increase awareness
- IPIC / CIPPO Partnership

# Enhanced Communications

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- Improve flow of information
- Make better use of mediums available
- Improve existing consultative bodies
- Goal: Better understanding of issues, concerns, and decisions

# International Developments

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- WIPO 2004 General Assemblies - Issues
  - SPLT — Trilateral Proposal on “reduced package”
  - Traditional Knowledge / Genetic Resources
  - Development Agenda
- Outcomes
  - Trilateral Package was not accepted
  - WIPO consultations to determine future role of SCP



# International Developments

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- WIPO 2005 General Assemblies - Issues
  - IP and Development
  - Patent harmonization
  - SCP

# CIPO's International Direction

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- Demonstrate leadership while maintaining credibility with both developing and developed countries
- Enhance Canada's role as an influential mid-sized IPO — build on Ariana Group success
- Engage the trilateral IPOs through more bilaterals and attend future meetings of IP and technical sub-groups
- Work with like-minded IPOs, such as the UK and Australia, to arrive at best practices

# Conclusions

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- Have had some remarkable successes in the last year: Bill C-29; ISA/IPEA; CID Re-engineering
- Those successes and our continued focus on client relationship have shown us again that we are more successful when we work together
- Next steps: The establishment of the College, quality improvement, small entities and service interruptions regulations, and revisions to the TMA
- Internationally — to remain engaged and actively contribute towards multilateral initiatives

# Web site information

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- CIPPO's presentations are available on CIPPO's Web site at : [www.cipo.gc.ca](http://www.cipo.gc.ca)