

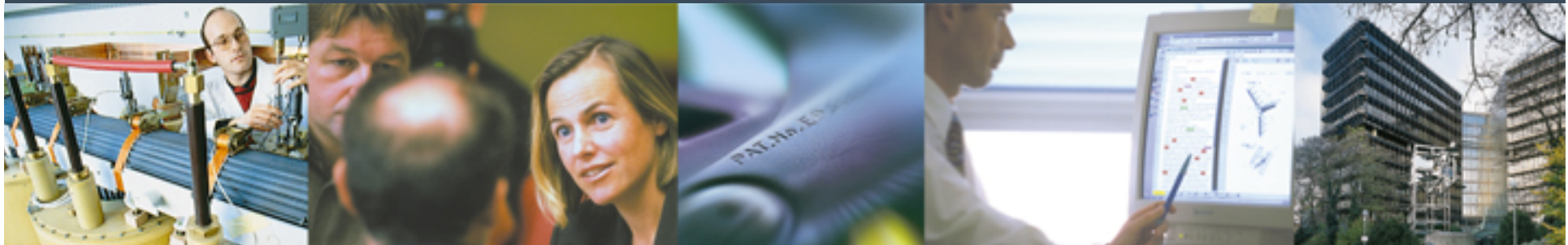


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- II. The EPO as employer
- III. How to apply?

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# Working as a patent examiner


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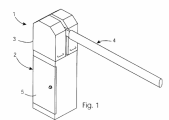
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(54) **A handle**

(57) A handle (1) has a base end (2), which is connected to the proximal end of a shaft (3) which may be connected to any one of four different components. An electronic controller (4) is mounted on a shaft (5) which is connected to the handle (1) by means of a cable (6). A shaft (7) is mounted on the handle (1) which is connected to the shaft (3) at each end and to the proximal end of a shaft (8) at the top end (9). The handle is

(57) **connected to the shaft (8) (1) in a symmetrical manner so that the handle may be used for either the right side or the left side of a doorway. There is a recessed end part and a raised part in the inner longitudinal surface, the raised part being a raised ledge (10) of the base of the shaft (7). A recessed groove (11) is provided to receive a cable (6) for electrical control. The handle has a shaft (12) which joins to the proximal end of a shaft (13) to allow the shaft (13) to be used as a handle with (14) in the event of an accidental impact against the base.**





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
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The work environment

- **Search**
  - Detective work (on paper and electronically)
  - Comparative and analytical work to assess inventions
- **Examine**
  - Ensure that legal and technical requirements are met
  - Communicate with the applicants
  - Grant or refuse patents
- **Opposition**


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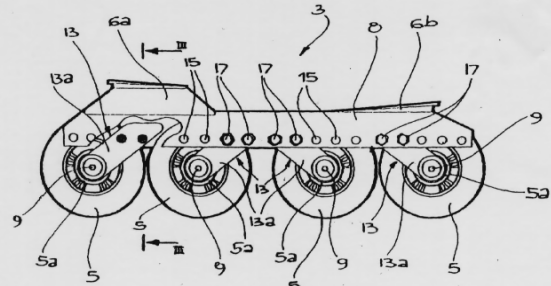
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(54) **Chassis for an in-line roller skate**

(57) A carrier for an in-line roller skate comprises an elongate body (8) which is to support a series of wheels (5) which are aligned with one another and have respective axes (9) parallel to and spaced from one another. The carrier (3) includes removable suspension means (13) which are interposed between the elongate body (8) and each of the wheels (5) and which can be fastened to the elongate body (8) in a plurality of predetermined positions (15) in order to permit variation in the distance between the wheels (5).

**fig. 2**



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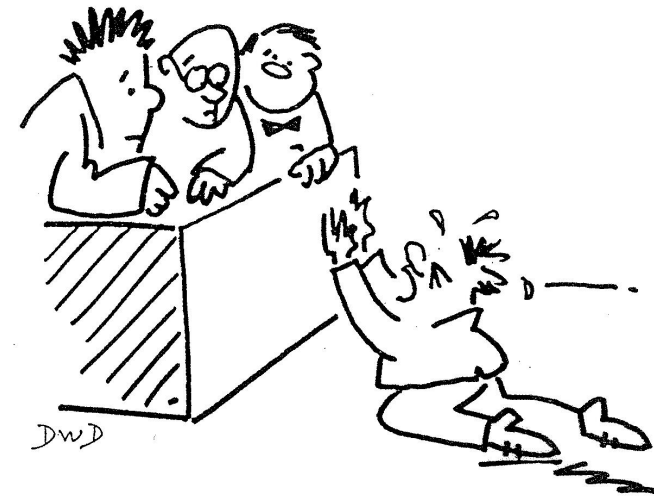
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- **First Member**
  - prosecutes the file
- **Second Member**
  - takes minutes in oral proceedings
- **Chairman**
  - retains overall responsibility
- **(Legally qualified Member)**
  - legal issues and minutes



Only one of the examiners may have taken part in the examination procedure (not the chairman)


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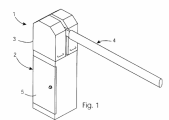
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(54) **A barrier**

(57) A barrier (1) has a base (2), which is supported by spaced-apart legs (3) on which may be provided any one of three different components. An electrically-operated door (4) is provided in the base (2) and (2) is provided with means (5) for opening and closing the door (4). A motor (6) is provided in the base (2) which is actuated by base (2) in such and in such a manner as to operate the door (4). The base is

provided to the door (4) (1) in a symmetrical manner so that the barrier may be used for either the right side or the left side of a doorway. There is a recessed base (2) and means (5) in the door (4) which are actuated by means (6) to operate the door (4). A motor (6) is provided to operate a door (4) for either the right side or the left side of a doorway. There is a recessed base (2) which is actuated by base (2) in such and in such a manner as to operate the door (4) in either the right or the left side of a doorway.







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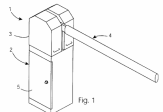
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(54) A handle

(57) A handle (1) has a base (2), which is connected to a shaft (3) and a handle (4) which is connected to the shaft (3) by a sleeve (5) which is rotatable relative to the shaft (3). An electric motor (6) is mounted on the shaft (3) and is connected to the handle (4) by a sleeve (5) which is rotatable relative to the shaft (3). A motor (6) is mounted on the shaft (3) and is connected to the handle (4) by a sleeve (5) which is rotatable relative to the shaft (3). A motor (6) is mounted on the shaft (3) and is connected to the handle (4) by a sleeve (5) which is rotatable relative to the shaft (3).



- Departments of about 25 examiners
- Control of workload
- Own office (usually initially shared)



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Training

Our offer to you

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## II. The EPO as employer





# Who do we need?

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- People with full university degree in science and/or engineering
- Good knowledge of at least two official languages (English, French and German) and a basic knowledge of the third one being an advantage.
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- Industrial experience welcome





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- Horology
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- Eight weeks of initial patent training
- Followed by learning-on-the-job supported by a personal coach
- Further patent training spread over two years





# Our offer to you

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- Secure career, lifetime employment
- Work at the technological forefront in an international environment
- Generous benefits (e.g. social benefits and own pension scheme)
- Locations abroad, Munich, The Hague or Berlin







On-line application

Summary

# III. How to apply?







# On-line application

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# Summary

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