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WORLD INTELLECTUAL PROPERTY
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Re: Task No.24 of the SCIT Work Program:
Annual Technical Reports on Trademark Information Activities in 1999

Dear Mr. Deputy Director,

We are sending you enclosed the Annual Technical Report on Trademark Information Activities in 1999.

The structure of the report corresponds to that given by you in the Annex to your Circular.

Sincerely yours,

Gabor Varga
General Director

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In attention of Mr K. P. Wittig
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Re: Task No. 24 of the SCIT Work Program:
Annual Technical Report on Trademark Information Activities in 1999

The Technical Report of Trademark Information Activities of OSIM in 1999.

I. Evolution of registration activities:

- In 1999 no changes in the evolution of registration activities occurred with respect to the previous year.

Trends or areas experiencing rapid changes with respect to the previous year.
All the modifications mentioned in the previous report had to be implemented in a very short time in the CS.

II. Matters concerning the generation, reproduction and distribution of secondary sources of trademark information, i.e., trademark gazettes:

- Publishing, printing, copying techniques: the same as before.

- Main types of announcements of the Office in the field of trademark information:

marks applications & registrations, changes, renewals, legal contest; INID codes; the registration and renewal certificates are generated automatically.

- Mass storage media and microforms used: Tape storage and CD-ROM

- Word processing and office automation:

Word perfect: WP 6 for current activities, WP 8 for issuing the Official Gazette of Industrial Property, Mark section.

- Techniques used for the generation of trademark information (printing, recording, microfilming, photocomposing etc.):

printing of Official Gazette Mark Section is done in-house using WP8 as word processor and information is recorded also in PDF format.

The automation degree of generating documents in the Common Software was increased in 1999.

III. Matters concerning classifying, reclassifying and indexing of trademark information:

- Classification and reclassification activities; Classification systems used, e.g., International Classification of Goods and Services for the Purposes of the Registration Of Marks (Nice Classification), International Classification of the Figurative Elements of Marks, (Vienna Classification) other classification (please state whether goods and services for the registration of marks and whether the figurative elements of marks are classified by your Office and, if so, which classification(s) is (are) used:

We use only Nice and Vienna International Classifications.

- Use of electronic classification systems to check the classification symbols

furnished by an applicant and which are contained in the lists of goods and/or services:

We have a system of programs: Common Software, version 1.3.7 containing a list of Classes according to Nice Classification and NIVILO CD-ROM.

- Obligation for the applicants to use pre-defined terms of the classification applied : We do not ask for it.

- Bibliographic data and processing for search purposes:

There is QBE for bibliographic data in CS version 1.3.7.

IV. Trademark manual search file establishment and upkeep:

- File Building: NO.

- Updating: NO.

- Storage, including mass storage media and microforms: NO.

- Documentation from other offices maintained and/or considered part of the available search file: NO.

V. Activities in the field of computerized trademark search systems:

- In-house systems (online/offline): YES (Data base, CS)

- External databases: YES (ROMARIN; WIPO Database through INTERNET: U.S. OFFICE Database, OHMI Database, TRACES CD-ROM, 6ter CD-ROM, NIVILO CD-ROM).

- Administrative management systems (e.g., register, legal status, statistics, administrative support etc.):

There is a Statistics Chapter in CS v. 1.3.7, as well as WUC statistics.

- Equipment used (hardware, including the types of terminal and network

used, and software), carriers used:

The CS Program systems v 1.3.7 is provided for by EPO. It consists of:

1. Hardware:

- Server Alpha 2100, 128 Mo Ram, 32 GO HDD in RAID.
- Workstation - 28 computers, minimum Pentium 100 MHz, 16 MoRam, minimum 600 Mo HDD.
- Network type - Ethernet, 10 Mo/secound.

2. Software:

- Server:
 - Digital Unix
 - Informix V 73
- Workstation
 - Windows 95 as Operating System
 - TCP/IP for network connectivity
 - "Common Software", a large Client Application, developed in Hyperscript tools 4.1.5, used to gain acces to data base.

VI. Administration of trademark services available to the public (relating to facilities, e.g., for lodging applications, registering trademarks, assisting clients with search procedures, obtaining official publications and registry extracts):

We have services for assisting our clients with preliminary searches in the trademarks data bases, for obtaining official publications and registry extracts.

- Planning, administration, automation, security: NO.
- Collection management, preservation:

We have a preservation workshop for restoring old documents, worn out.

- Information services available to the public (including computerized

services and search files contained in libraries remote from your Office and trademark information posted by your Office on the World Wide Web):

We have not yet the trademark information posted on the World Wide Web.

VII. Matters concerning mutual exchange of trademark documentation and information:

- International or regional cooperation in the exchange of trademark information, e.g., in the form of official gazettes: on CD-ROM using TRACES and on paper, our official gazette (BOPI- TRADEMARK SECTION). We also receive information on US PTO and OHIM containing pending applications and registered trademarks.

- Exchange of machine-readable information:

TRACES project for creating the Common CD-ROM for the following countries: Romania , Poland, Hungary, The Czech Republic, Slovakia, Bulgaria, Hungary.

VIII. Matters concerning education and training including technical assistance to developing countries:

- Promotional activities (seminars, exhibitions, visits, advertising etc.) : YES OSIM organized seminars and training in various regions of Romania, in order to make industrial property issues more clear for interested persons. At present, there exist six regional centres in the most important towns (Brasov, Constanta, Bacău, Oradea, Baia Mare, Craiova).

- Training courses for national and foreign participants : YES, organized by JOUVE Society - FRANCE

- Training course financed by INPI at CEIPI - Strasbourg: two persons

- Symposium organized by OSIM on the topic: "120 years of trademark

protection in Romania” - April 1999.

- Assistance to developing countries (sending consultants and experts, receiving trainees from developing countries etc.): NO.

WIPO assistance: YES

- Symposium on the International Protection of Geographical Indications (South-Africa): one person.

- RIPP-PHARE programs:

In 1999, Romania was designated pilot state for implementing the international marks module (F1) - LITHUANIA.

- The Seminar 27: Trademarks Examination, organized by BBM -The HAGUE: three persons.

- Seminar Trademarks: International agreements and classification -Ljubljana SLOVENJA: two persons.

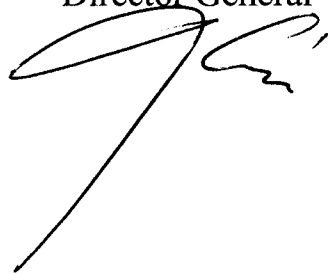
IX. Other relevant matters.

- Two OSIM specialists participated in the Preparatory working group of the Committee of Experts of the Nice Union (Twentieth Session).

Sincerely yours,

Gabor Varga

Director General

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be 'G. Varga', written over the typed name and title.