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An annual series of reports on the industrial design information activities
of members of the Standing Committee on Information Technologies

¹ – The expression “industrial design” covers designs and models.
– Information related to design patent activities reported by industrial property offices issuing design patents is included in this series of documents.

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I. Evolution of registration activities:

- Changes experienced in terms of application filings and grants (registrations) with respect to the previous year;
- Trends or areas experiencing rapid changes with respect to the previous year.

In 2001, Slovenian Intellectual Property Office (SIPO) received 96 national applications, 32% less than previous year. The number of applications for international registration under the Hague Agreement, requesting protection in Slovenia increased from the previous year.

The new Industrial Property Act entered into force on December 7, 2001.

II. Matters concerning the generation, reproduction, and distribution of industrial design documents and of secondary sources of industrial design information, i.e., official gazettes:

- Publishing, including printing, copying techniques and electronic printing;
- Main types of announcements of the Office in the field of industrial design information;
- Mass storage media and microforms used;
- Databases and office automation.

Nothing new to report.

III. Matters concerning classifying, reclassifying and indexing of industrial design information according to the classification systems applied:

- Classification and reclassification activities; Classification system used, e.g., International Classification for Industrial Designs (Locarno Classification), other classification (please indicate whether industrial designs are classified by your Office and, if so, which classification is used);
- Bibliographic data and processing for search purposes.

Industrial designs are classified according to the Locarno Classification.

IV. Search file establishment and upkeep:

- File building;
- Updating;
- Storage, including mass storage media;
- Documentation from other offices maintained and/or considered part of the available search file.

Main kind of files are the collection of all national industrial designs in paper, and the collection of national and international official gazettes. There is also an on-line information service on bibliographic and legal status data on national published applications and registered designs as well as data on international applications under the Hague Agreement.

V. Activities in the field of computerized search systems for industrial designs:

- In-house systems (online/offline);
- External databases;
- Administrative management systems (e.g., register, legal status, statistics, administrative support, etc.);
- Equipment used (hardware, including the types of terminal and network used, and software), data carriers used.

Nothing new to report.

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

- Planning, administration, automation, security;
- Collection management, preservation;
- Information services available to the public (including computerized services and search files contained in libraries remote from your Office and industrial design information posted by your Office on the World Wide Web).

On-line information service including bibliographic data on published and granted designs as well as searchable database on designs on SIPO website is available to the public. SIPO Web Site enables public also to get general information on industrial designs protection in Slovenia.

VII. Matters concerning mutual exchange of industrial design documentation and information:

- International or regional cooperation in the exchange of industrial design information, e.g., in the form of official gazettes;
- Exchange of machine-readable information, e.g., data contained on CD-ROM or magnetic tape.

SIPO exchanges official bulletins and CD-Roms with 17 countries.

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

- Promotional activities (seminars, exhibitions, visits, advertising, etc.);
- Training courses for national and foreign participants;
- Assistance to developing countries (sending consultants and experts, receiving trainees from developing countries, etc.).

In cooperation with the Slovenian University, SIPO organized various lectures for students on industrial design protection.

SIPO continued to participate at several exhibitions and fairs in Slovenia in order to promote design protection.

IX. Other relevant matters.

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