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BOSNIA AND HERZEGOVINA**I. Evolution of patent activities:**

The Institute for Standardization, Metrology and Patents was established in **October 1992**. Bosnia and Herzegovina adopted former the Yugoslav Law on industrial property protection with some changes. This Law on patents and distinctive signs was published in the official Gazette on June 9, 1994.

On August 3, 2001 The Parliament of Bosnia and Herzegovina was adopted the new Law of establishing our Institute. The name of Institute was changed. The new name is Institute for Standards, Metrology and Intellectual property of Bosnia and Herzegovina. Patent Department is the part of the Institute.

The new Law on industrial property protection was adopted on January 17, 2002 and was published in the official Gazette on February 19, 2002. This Law was entry into force on February 27, 2002 and will apply in a six months counted from that date. The new patent law is harmonized with TRIPS (Trade Related Aspects of Intellectual Property Rights) and the European Patent Convention.

In 2001, our office received 283 Application for invention, out of which 49 applications were from national applicants and 234 from foreign applicants. Null patents were granted in 2001.

The numbers of patent applications for period between 1993 and 2001 are shown in the following table.

Year	National Pat. Applications	Foreign Pat. Applications	Re-registration From ex-YU	Total
1993	14	0	0	14
1994	15	0	0	15
1995	14	8	1	23
1996	29	61	47	137
1997	19	98	64	181
1998	26	88	17	131
1999	23	106	0	129
2000	31	129	0	160
2001	49	234	0	283

In 1996 Bosnia and Herzegovina became a party to the PCT Convention.

The numbers of PCT patent applications in Bosnia and Herzegovina as elected states for period between 1996 and 2002 are shown in the following table.

Year	PCT patent applications
1997	4
1998	52
1999	89
2000	115
2001	222

The Institute as Receiving office sent 20 PCT patent applications. The International Searching Authority and International Preliminary Examining Authority for our patent application is EPO.

II Matters concerning the generation, reproduction, distribution and use of primary and secondary sources of patent information

The Institute for Standardization, Metrology and Patents of Bosnia and Herzegovina issues official Gazette »Glasnik«. The Gazette is issued four times a year, every three months. In this official Gazette bibliographical data, abstract and technical drawings (one characteristic drawing) for patent applications are published. Some other relevant information regarding industrial property protection in Bosnia and Herzegovina are also published in official Gazette.

III Matters concerning abstracting, classifying, reclassifying and indexing of technical information contained in patent documents

All patent documentation is classified according to the IPC classification (6 edition of IPC).

IV Search file establishment and upkeep

The patent documentation is of paper kind and is kept in the Patent Department. The documentation is updated continuously.

We do not make the search reports.

V Activities in the field of computerized and other mechanized system

There are two patent expert one B.Sc. Mechanical Engineering (speaks English very good and German good) and one B.Sc. Chemical Engineering (speaks English and

French good) and one Officer in Information Technology Unit (speaks English very good). They have their own PC station and they are connected into a LAN. Everyday work is based on the following software: Microsoft Windows and Microsoft Office. The database of filed patent applications and the granted patents are developed within Microsoft Access.

VI Administration of the industrial property office library and services available to the public:

In the Information Center of the Institute there are patent literature and all kind of non-patent literature as well as Official Gazettes from many countries available to the public free of charge. In addition, all information regarding patent documentation, at present not available in the Information Center, can be obtained via the Institute.

VII Matters concerning mutual exchange of patent documentation and information:

The Institute has an agreement for exchange of patent documentation with some other Patent Offices.

The Institute receives following CD-ROM which are available to the public in the Information Center :

1. ESPACE ACCESS CD-ROM, EP-A and WIPO
2. ESPACE WORLD CD-ROM, WO
3. ESPACE ACCESS-EUROPE CD-ROM (Patent bibliographic data from 6 patent offices, PIIE, NIPO/BIE, ECO/SPI, IGE/IPI, The Patent Office INPI)
4. ESPACE SI CD-ROM, Slovenian Patent Documents
5. GLOBALPAT CD-ROM (Text and drawings from patent first pages, US, WIPO, EPO, GB, DE, FR and CH)
6. JPO CD-ROM, Patent abstracts of Japan
7. WIPO HANDBOOK CD-ROM
8. WIPO IPC CD-ROM
CLASS (from the 6th edition of IPC)
CATCH-WORD indexes and revision Concordance Tables from the 2,3,4,5 and 6 edition of IPC.

The official gazette »Glasnik« issued by The Institute are regularly send to the following countries: AT, AZ, CA, HR, EE, DE, HU, CZ, JP, NL, LV, AL, SK, SI and MK.

The Institute receives gazette and annual rapport from the following countries: HR, SI MK, LT, TJ, UA and NL.

VIII Other relevant matters concerning education and training in, and promotion of the use of patent information, including technical assistance to developing countries:

The staff from the Institute have attended training some courses and participate in the seminars organized and paid by WIPO, EPO and other Patent Offices within PHARE- RIPP. Since we have a finance problem we are not able to send our patent examiners to attend necessary training which are not paid.

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