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– Information related to design patent activities reported by industrial property offices issuing design patents is included in the series of documents SCIT/ATR/ID.

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I. Evolution of patent activities:

- 6769 new applications (national applications and entries into the national stage of international applications) were received in 2001 against 6801 in 2000.
- 1833 patents were granted in 2001 against 2033 in 2000.
- Principal areas of growth: biotechnology, industrial chemistry.

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

- Accepted patent applications (after examination) are laid open to public inspection at the Office library. Applications and patents are not printed.
- The Patents and Designs Journal (PDJ) is published monthly and contains bibliographical information on new applications (A0) and abstracts of accepted (published) applications.
- The PDJ includes lists of patents granted, patents renewed and patents void.
- Israel patent specifications are stored in paper form only. Bibliographical materials stored on computer.
- Judicial decisions of the Commissioner of Patents and his deputy are published in Hebrew on the IPO web-site.

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

- Patent Examiners prepare abstracts of accepted applications for the PDJ. The IPO does not translate applications. Accepted applications and their abstracts are published in the original language (Hebrew or English). Almost all accepted applications are in English.
- Classification of all applications according to the International Patent Classification (IPC) 7th edition in use from 1.8.2000.
- Bibliographic data for search purposes is listed according to first listed applicant or owner and according to priority number. Search results are not always complete at this stage.

IV. Search file establishment and upkeep:

- Paper search files of Israel applications (with search results), updated by the examiners.
- CD-ROM's from USPTO and ESPACE are maintained and considered part of the available search file.

V. Activities in the field of computerized and other mechanized search systems:

- In-house systems - Israel patents may be searched by number, first-listed applicant/owner or priority number. The data base is not complete and has not been checked for reliability.
- External databases - our examiners search free sources on-line - Delphion, USPTO, ESPACE.
- A very basic administrative support system has been established for recording payments, renewals, status of files and location of files.
- The IPO automated system comprises a network of Intel Pentium Processor PC Win 95/98 workstations connected to Novell and NT servers.

- The current Information System of the Israeli Patent Office is an obsolete, DOS environment system. Today, with the support and financing of WIPO, a new, state of the art Information System is being built.

The new system will be built with Microsoft Visual Basic NET technology.

The new Information System will contain bibliographical data and drawing and will support the work of the Patent Examiners as well as other administrative activities such as correspondence and publications.

VI. Administration of the industrial property office library and services available to the public (relating to facilities, e.g., for lodging applications, for assisting clients on searching procedures, for obtaining official publications and registry extracts):

The public may inspect Israel patents and accepted applications, as well as abstracts of patents or applications from the US, Great Britain, France and Germany, in the Office Library.

The library collections are on paper and copies may be made or ordered.

Assistance is provided to visitors for searching Israel patents on the internal database (by owner or priority number) or in a card index arranged by IPC.

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

The IPO does not at this stage produce machine-readable information.

- Medium used for exchange of priority documents - paper only.
- Medium allowed for filing applications - paper only.
- Patent Journals are exchanged with several Patent Offices.

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

In 2000, as in previous years, the IPO received trainees from developing countries under the WIPO training program.

IX. Other relevant matters.

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