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I. Evolution of registration activities:

The number of applications decreased in 2001 (12'300) compared to 2000 (15'600).

The number of registrations increased in 2001 (13'400) compared to 2000 (11'900).

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

The Institute stopped the unofficial publication of trademarks in the „PMMBL-Gazette“ in addition to the official publication in the „SHAB-Gazette“.

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

The Institute developed a software which supports the examination process for lists of goods and services. It consists of a database containing the Nice Classification as well as the Institute's practice (in 3 languages). Besides manual database searches this tool allows the half automatic checking of complete filed lists of goods and services (lists can be copied to the tool, the tool identifies the expressions, compares them with the database content, highlights them depending on the search results and shows the search results).

From summer 2002 the database will be accessible to the public (Internet).

IV. Trademark manual search file establishment and upkeep:

No changes in 2001.

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

No changes in 2001.

- 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):

The Institute offers public electronic access to the trademark register (www.swissreg.ch).

Electronic filing by Internet as well as by EASY software is planned to be possible from summer 2002.

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

No changes in 2001.

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

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- IX. Other relevant matters.

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