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I. Evolution of registration activities:

In year 2001 in The Industrial Property Protection Office of the Republic of Macedonia has received a total of 1186 trademark applications which is a decrease of 22% compared to the previous year.

Most of the received applications were from class 5 products (293 with 13,5% participation). This figure indicates to the increased interest for protection of trademark in the field of pharmaceutical industry and other products for medical use from class 5, which is due to the developed pharmaceutical industry in the Republic of Macedonia.

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

The Industrial Property Protection Office of the Republic of Macedonia issues the official gazette "Glasnik". The Gazette is issued four times yearly, every three months. This official gazette contains data concerning recognized trademarks and information regarding other activities of the Office, in the country and abroad. There are very often commentaries of ongoing activities in protection of the industrial property rights. The Office issues Annual Report for its activities in the previous year. In this Report there are basic data for trademarks.

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

The Industrial Property Protection Office of the Republic of Macedonia uses International Classification of Goods and Services for the Purposes of the Registration of Marks (Nice Classification).

Bibliographic data of trademark applications and registered trademarks are stored as database on magnetic disc and they are machine searchable.

IV. Trademark manual search file establishment and upkeep:

Trademarks files are kept in paper form in the library, and they are updated continuously.

V. Activities in the field of computerized search systems:

In the field of computerization several activities were taken during the 2001:

- In-house systems:

At the moment there is no global in-house system, but in cooperation with the EPO, Common Software Lite is planned to be implemented at the end of 2003. However, the WIPO and ROMARIN CD-ROM publications are widely used on dedicated workstations or servers with multiple access.

- Hardware:
- 100 Mbit/per seat switched Ethernet network
- Xylan switches (48 ports)
- Motorola vanguard router
- 26 Celeron 430 MHz (or higher), 128 MB RAM, 4,3 (or higher) GB HDD
PCs and 17" monitors
- 1 application server with dual PII 400 MHz, 320 MB RAM, and 9GB SCSCI
HDD
- Pairgain modem 64 Kbit-2Mbit
- Windows NT 4 as a platform deployed on more than 80% of the computers
and there are also 6 Win 2000 Professional systems
- Windows 95/98 where hardware requirements for Windows NT are not met
- Windows NT server

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 Office disposes with information relating to trademarks entered into the Office register.

The Library has a collection of relevant publications and periodicals, which are available to all interested persons at the Office library.

One workstation in the Office is available for external users to conduct searches in the ROMARIN database on CD-ROM, received from the WIPO.

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

The Office sends and receives trademark gazettes in paper form. The official gazettes, as well as the Annual Report are distributed in the following countries: AM, AU, AZ, AR, BR, BA, CA, CN, FI, CY, EE, EG, DE, GR, IT, IL, LI, LV, LU, NL, LT, MA, NO, RO, YU, HR, SI, BG, CZ, PL, SE, TR, AT, AL, BY, BE, FR, HU, CH, UA, GB, US, JP, PT, RU, SK, ES, MD and FI. The Office is receiving gazettes and annual reports from the following countries: AT, BG, ER, BY, MD, PL, HU, UA, FI, CZ, RU, SK, JP, YU, HR and SI.

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

During the year 2001, the employees from the trademark department participated at one seminar organized by the The Industrial Property Protection Office of the Republic of Macedonia in cooperation with the American Bar Association Central and East European Law Initiative (ABA-CEELI), namely:

“Promotion of protection of intellectual property rights”

IX. Other relevant matters:

Nothing to report.

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