

**I) Evolution of registration activities:**

<u>• Designs</u>	<u>1997</u>	<u>1998</u>
Applications	941	845
Registrations	798	698

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

• Bibliographic data concerning design applications is manually inserted to the database (FileMaker Pro®). The data needed for publication purposes is picked automatically from the database to generate gazette information with Word Perfect®/ Macintosh®. However we have not yet representations of designs in our database thus they are inserted manually and the originals are sent to an external printing company for printing and distribution.

• Our design gazette is edited with PageMaker® and Photoshop® programmes.

• Announcements by this office are made monthly in the form of design gazette concernig:

- examined design applications to give the public an opportunity to enter any opposition
- design registrations
- canceled and rejected applications
- renewals
- expired registrations

• Bibliographic data is stored on Macintosh Quadra® and on optical disks but the official register of designs is still manual.

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

• Industrial designs are classified only according to the Locarno Agreement. We have no reclassification activities regarding registered designs but certain rearrangements are made to update the examination material after amendments concerning the Locarno Agreement.

• All the bibliographic data (names, addresses, goods, classes, dates and so on) we have in our database can be used for search purposes.

#### **IV) Search file establishment and upkeep:**

- According to the Designs Act of Finland design applications are to be examined as to substance before publication. However the examination is restricted only to the earlier finnish design registrations and applications thus search files consists mainly of above described material. Representations of applied and registred designs as well as representations of opposition material are aranged for manually examination to classes and subclasses according to the Locarno Agreement. Futher more we have industrial design gazettes from Sweden, Norway, Denmark and Germany even if they are not used for regular examination they are of great value to get important information of the registration practice in those countries.

#### **V) Activities in the field of computerized search systems for industrial designs:**

- We use an in-house system only for the purpose of administrative support. We have no external databases.

- Computerized design system covers completly only bibliographic data. System is based on Macintosh environment. Name of database is FileMaker Pro® and database supplier is Claris®.

- However, we are now studing possibilities to insert also images into our database in purpose to developpe our computerized system further. We are intrested in system that is based on two different databases, one for bibliographic data (FileMaker Pro®) and the other one (Phrasea®)for images only. A special script between these two databases makes it possible to make searches that can be done with FileMaker Pro® i.e. all the bibliographic data (names, addresses, goods, classes, dates and so on) we have in our database could be used for search purposes and corresponding images should be easily found. In the future this system could be used not only for administrative support but also by public. Updated versions of these programmes can be bought if needed so that we don't need to buy expensive progrmming services.

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

- Examination material, like representations of applied and registred designs as well as representations of opposition material is available for the public in the design division.

- At this stage computerized system is used only by the staff but of course it can be used to serve the public quicker and more effective way.

- Genaral information concerning the protection of industrial designs in Finland is available for the public also on our home page <http://www.prh.fi/>

#### **VII) Matters concerning mutual exchange of industrial design**

**documentation and information:**

- We exchange official gazettes in paper form with a number of national offices.

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

- In co-operation with WIPO training program we have annually visitors from developing countries to visit Finnish Design Division in order to get them acquainted with our rules and regulations as well as methods of handling design applications.

**IX) Other relevant matters**

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