

ANNUAL TECHNICAL REPORT OF THE STATE PATENT BUREAU
OF THE REPUBLIC OF LITHUANIA (SPB)
ON INDUSTRIAL DESIGN INFORMATION ACTIVITIES IN 1998

I. Evolution of registration activities.

Application filings and registrations in 1998:

- 224 Applications filed, from which 87,5% Applications originating in Lithuania;
- 205 Industrial Designs registered.

Compared with 1997 the number of:

- filings increased by 22,4%;
- filings originating in Lithuania is higher by 34,2%;
- Industrial Design Registrations is higher by 30,6%.

Furnishing, tools and hardware, building units and construction elements remain the leading areas as reflected in industrial design application filings 1995-1998.

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

The Official Gazette on Inventions, Industrial Designs, Trademarks and Service Marks, Firm Names contains announcements published on the Industrial Design Registrations:

- Published Registrations;
- Cancelled Registrations;
- Changes: in the name/address of the holderowner/creator/attorney;
- Renewal of Registrations;
- Lapsed Registrations;
- Transfer of Industrial Designs;
- Licensing;
- Invalidated Registrations;
- Revoked Registrations;
- Rectifications.

Sections of the Official Gazette are coded in accordance with WIPO Standard ST.17.

On July 28, 1998 the Lithuanian Technical Library (LTB) has been included into the the State Patent Bureau of the Republic of Lithuania government sphere with the aim of developing the library into a resource for more comprehensive industrial property information.

The Official Gazette is prepared using DTP tools, produced in multiple copies and may be obtained at the **LTB**.

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

Registrations have been classified in accordance with the fifth edition of the International (Locarno) Classification.

Internationally agreed Numbers for the Identification of Data (INID Codes) relating to Industrial Designs were used in the Register and in the Official Gazette.

IV. Search file establishment and upkeep.

The internal file of the SPB contains Lithuanian Official Gazette.

The exchange of the Official Gazette of the SPB with foreign states and intergovernmental organizations is effected by the **LTB**, and this way the **LTB** is updated with national and foreign documentation.

Patent file of the **LTB** contains national and foreign Official Gazettes.

The card index "Protection of Industrial Property in Lithuania" is open to the public access at the **LTB**.

V. Activities in the field of computerized search systems for industrial designs.

The Register of Industrial Designs is a database which contains all bibliographic and legal status data (including changes in names, addresses, licences, transfers).

The software of the database (FoxPro 2.0) has been developed by the specialists of the Lithuanian Information Institute.

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

The Register of Industrial Designs is open to public access only in the following forms:

- Extract from the Register (on request)
- Official Gazette.

The most recent issue of the Official Gazette is monthly provided on the INTERNET (<http://www.is.lt/vpb/engl>).

The Patent Department of the **LTB** is the Information Centre of Industrial Property in Lithuania.

LTB provides bibliographic and enquiry searches.

Computers of the reading-room of the **LTB** are connected to the Internet, so the public users have a possibility to get information also through the world computer network.

The official industrial property publications of the SPB may be obtained at the **LTB**.

VII. Matters concerning mutual exchange of industrial design documentation and information.

Official Gazette of the SPB is distributed in 41 foreign states and intergovernmental organizations (AM, AT, BG, BY, CA, CH, CZ, DE, DK, EE, ES, FI, GB, GR, HR, HU, IE, JP, KG, KZ, LV, MC, MD, NO, NZ, PL, RO, RU, SE, SI, SK, TJ, TM, TR, UA, US, UZ, YU, BX, EP, WO) on the basis of mutual exchange.

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

Lithuanian specialist took part in the following training courses:

- Training for regional information centres (Alicante).

IX. Other relevant matters.

The SPB participated in the following PCIPI/SCIT activities in 1998:

- Electronic communication of PCIPI/SCIT files via the INTERNET;
- PCIPI/GI/XX (session);
- SCIT/WG/1 (session).