

## **Annual Technical Report on Industrial Design Information Activities of the State Agency on Industrial Property Protection of the Republic of Moldova in 1998**

### **I. Evolution of registration activities:**

<b>Industrial Designs</b>	<b>1997</b>	<b>1998</b>
Applications (designs)	69 (182)	65 (238)
Registrations	34	60

The application data do not reflect any substantial change in relation to the figures for 1997, however, the number of filed designs has risen by 30% compared to the previous year. The number of registration has increased by 76%.

482(2725) applications (designs) were received from the International Bureau, filed under the Hague Agreement in 1998.

There were no changes in the Moldavian practice in the field of industrial designs in 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 Bulletin of Industrial Property (BOPI) is published monthly and Section V contains information on the registered industrial designs.

Section V has the following information:

- registered industrial designs (bibliographic data and graphic materials);
- numerical index of industrial designs registered in the Republic of Moldova according to the Hague Agreement (INID codes: 11, 15, 18, 23, 28, 30, 54, 73);
- systematic index of industrial designs registered in the Republic of Moldova according to the Hague Agreement (INID codes: 11, 15, 18, 23, 28, 30, 54, 73).

In 1998 the AGEPI started to issue two new publications:

- AGEPI revue - supplement to the Republican newspaper "Economical Review" (four times per year),
- AGEPI Expo - supplement to the AGEPI journal of inventors and researchers "Intellectus".

These publications contain information on matters in the field of industrial design protection rights.

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

The Locarno classification is applied.

**IV. Search file establishment and upkeep:**

The Agency has made accessible to the public collection of industrial designs which contains national industrial designs, Official Gazettes of foreign offices including registered industrial designs and monthly publication of WIPO "International Designs Bulletin".

The examination search files on paper grouped by ICID indexes were established for internal use. They are updated systematically.

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

It is started the creation of the "Design database".

**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 AGEPI offers information search on request.

Since May 1998 the AGEPI presents a large information page, including general information concerning industrial designs and their protection procedure in the Internet (<http://www.agepi.md>).

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

Nothing new to report.

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

In 1998 the State Agency organized three special republican seminars on the matters concerning the trademarks and industrial designs protection, as well as the 4th International Exhibition and Conference for young people "Invention - Creativity - Innovation".

In the framework of the WIPO cooperation the regional seminar "Enforcement of Intellectual Property Rights" was held in Kishinau from October 21 to 22 attended by 150 specialists from Moldova, CIS countries, Hungary and Romania.

The representatives of the AGEPI attended the Preparatory meeting for the Diplomatic Conference for the adoption of a New Act of the Hague Agreement Concerning the International Deposit of Industrial Designs (October 5-7, 1998).

The International Exhibition "Know - How Exchange' 98" was organized by the AGEPI jointly with the other specialized organizations in Kishinau in May 1998. During the said Exhibition the public was informed on the system of protection of the industrial designs.