# Annual Technical Report on Industrial Design Information Activities

## 1998

**I.     Evolution of registration activities:**

Nothing to report.


**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 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 industrial designs and information regarding other activities of the Office, in the country and abroad. There are very often commentaries of actual activities in protection of the industrial property rights. The Office issues Annual Report for its activities in the former year. In this Report there is basic data for industrial designs.


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

Industrial designs are classified according to the International Classification for Industrial Designs (Locarno Classification).
There is industrial design data of applied and registered industrial designs, but in the lack of software, the research is done manually.

At the end of the year, IPPO received a monthly publication of international designs, both on paper and CD-ROM. With effect from January 1999, publication of the reproductions of designs registered under the 1960 Act will be made exclusively on CD-ROM. The new CD-ROM publication should be available at the beginning of March 1999.


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

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

**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 Office library has industrial design data from the bulletins for international registration of industrial design through Hague Agreement concerning the International Deposit of Industrial Designs, which are supplied by WIPO, as well as industrial design data supplied by exchange of official gazettes with Slovenia, Poland, FR Yugoslavia, Croatia, Moldavia, etc., which are available to all interested persons.

The Office can not provide computerized searches in the industrial database, because of having no software for this matter.

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

The Office sends and receives trademark gazettes in paper form. The official gazettes, as well as the Annual Report are distributed to the next countries: YU, HR, SI, BG, CZ, PL, SE, TR, AT, AL, BY, BE, KR, FR, HU, CH, UA, ER, GB, US, JP, PT, KP, RU, SK, ES, MD and FI. The Office is receiving gazettes and annual reports from the next 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:**

In organization of the WIPO, in Geneva, in the Section for International Registration of the Industrial Design was held training for the procedure according to the Hague Agreement which is for the International registration of the Industrial Design, and in the Residence of WIPO was held a Seminar for International Protection of Industrial Design.

**IX**.     **Other relevant matters**:

Nothing to report.

**V. Activities in the field of computerized trademark, patent and model search systems:**

During the year 1998, several activities in the field of computerization were taken:
- Update of the software tools for scanning and Cyrillic OCR, and publishing tools
- Web site published from 17$^{th}$ of April 1998
- Supplement of the installed equipment, now consisting of:
    - 12 Intel 486 based PCs
    - 14 Intel Pentium based PCs
    - 8 laser printers
    - 2 colour ink-jet printers
    - 3 grayscale scanners
    - 2 modems for Internet access
    - tape backup unit
    - magneto-optical backup unit
    - CD-Recordable

All workstations are connected in three-workgroup network, utilizing the peer-to-peer topology on Windows platform, for file and print sharing.
The software used in IPPO is consisted of Office tools (MS Office suite) various desktop publishing tools (Adobe and Corel suites) and research tools such as MIMOSA, ROMARIN etc.
No global software for automatic management of the work process is installed yet.