

**ANNUAL TECHNICAL REPORT ON
INDUSTRIAL DESIGN ACTIVITY IN 1998**

Industrial Property Office of the Slovak Republic

I. Evolution of registration activities:

In comparison with the statistics of the year 1997, there are following results in 1998 in industrial design area.

	1997	1998
Industrial design applications	324	293
- domestic	184	172
- foreign	140	121
Registered industrial design	419	246

II. Matters concerning the generation, reproduction and distribution of secondary sources of industrial design information:

The Industrial Property Office of the Slovak Republic publishes industrial design information in the Gazette ("Vestník"), containing as well as information on inventions, patent specifications, utility models and topographies of semiconductor products, trademarks and appellation of origin and issued monthly.

The Gazette contains industrial design announcement arranged in following main chapters:

- list of registered industrial designs (numerical series with classification symbols)
- registered industrial designs (arranged according to the classes of the Locarno Classification)
- official decisions
- assignments of rights and other changes of owners
- extention of the term of validity of the industrial design registration
- cancelation of industrial designs
- licence contract registered in the register.

MS Office 97, QuarkXpress 3.32 for Windows and Corel Draw 7.0, Photoshop 5.0 is used for the graphic data processing; the photocomposing and printing is carried out by the Office.

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

The Locarno Classification is used for classifying of industrial designs.

The WIPO Standard ST. 80 is used in the Gazette for bibliographic data coding.

IV. Search file establishment and upkeep:

Industrial design search file of the Office comprises the industrial design collection of the Slovak Republic and Czechoslovakia and official gazettes of foreign offices containing registered industrial designs.

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

Computerized search system for industrial designs contains basic bibliographic data.

The original database industrial design system (based in 1986) was transferred in the new IPO system.

Data are searchable according to the application number, the protection document number or the name of applicant.

Administrative management systems: register, legal status, and statistics.
Administrative databases based on Lotus Notes.

Hardware and software used:

network ETHERNET, computers PC Pentium, operating system WINDOWS, HP LAN Server, Novell Netware 3.12 and WINDOWS NT 4.0, FoxPro for Win, CD server.

VI. Administration of industrial design services available to the public:

- sales of the Gazette in paper form.
- automatized searches in our search system, self service during a personal visit.
- general information - provided by Office experts
- searches upon request - orders in written form.

Industrial Design information on the World Wide Web:

- general information, information for applicants about Office activities (seminars, training courses, etc.)
- application forms
- laws
- Annual reports
- in the near future: the Official Gazette "Vestník" and registers

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

The Office exchange Industrial design Gazettes with Industrial Property Offices in other countries.

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

- Lectures, training courses, seminars and presentations were organised for the Slovak public; excursion from enterprises and school were accepted.
- The experts from the Slovak Office participated in training courses organised by the WIPO and other Industrial property offices.