

Annual Technical Report For Patent Information Activities
1998

I. Evolution of patent activities:

Nothing new to report.

II. Matters concerning the generation, reproduction, distribution and use of primary and secondary sources of patent information:

The industrial Property Protection Office of the Republic of Macedonia issues official gazette "Glasnik". The Gazette is issued four times a year, every three months. This official gazette contents publishing of recognized patents and their abstracts 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 statistic data for patent applications and patents.

III. Matters concerning abstracting, classifying and indexing of technical information contained in patent documents:

All patent documentation is classified according to the IPC classification. Concerning other matters of indexing of technical information there are no activities within The Office in the field.

IV. Search file establishment and upkeep:

The patent documentation is of paper kind and is based in the Office library. The documentation is updated continuously.

VI. Administration of the industrial property office library and services available to the public:

The library is with in The Office and it has patent literature, some non-patent literature, and Official Gazettes. Information is possible to get through the Office, if one contacts the Office. Also information can be provided by coming to the library or if using the search station.

VII. Matters concerning mutual exchange of patent documentation:

The Office has large databases provided by mutual exchange of patent documentation with other Offices. There is CD-ROM collection of: European Patent Applications, PCT international Application (WORLD), JOPAL, ACCESS , LEGAL and the Bulletin all from the ESPACE production, and than Patent Abstracts Of Japan (PAJ CD-ROM), USAPAT, Collection of Republic of Moldavia, PRECES, HUNPAT•KA and Slovenian Patent Documents on CD-ROM. The Office receives the said patent documentation, continuously.

The official gazette "Glasnik" issued by The Office as well as The Annual Rapport are delivered to the following 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 receives gazettes and annual rapport from the next countries: AT, BG, ER, BY, MD, PL, HU, UA, FI, CZ, RU, SK, JP, YU, HR and SI. These documents are on the paper, mostly.

VIII. Other relevant matters concerning education and training in, and promotion of, the use of patent information, including technical assistance to developing countries:

Industrial Property Protection Office of the Republic of Macedonia organizes seminars and courses for domestic attendants and attends seminars organized by other entities. Starting June 1996 Republic of Macedonia has been included in the Regional Industrial Property Program. Since then representatives from the Office, mainly patent examiners have attended several seminars organized on different subject matters covered by this Program.

In the field of foreign assistance we should point that Mr. Marcus Hopperger from WIPO visit our Office at the end of March. During his visit of the Office he gave his expert assistance in the field of Appellation of origin to the people dealing with this subject in the common department.

Office representatives pass special attention to bilateral activities, and numbers of contacts of this kind have been made during 1998.

Macedonian Inventors and their inventions were presented on two of the World Exhibition of inventions.

In Casablanca, Morocco the King of Morocco Hasan II held the World Exhibition of Inventions and Innovations in the Human Environment and Drinking Water, patronaged. Macedonian innovators were presented with 5 innovations and every one of them won a gold medal.

The Office took remarkable part on the World Exhibition of Invention "EUREKA'98" held in Brussels. Five inventions from Macedonia were rewarded with four golden medals, one silver medal, and one of the special awards an ordain for the invention and promotion in a Knight of the invention as well.

On June 10th, there was celebration of the 5th year of organizing the manifestation "Patent of the year". Every year in June The Office organizes the manifestation "Patent of The Year" where the best domestic invention for the previous year is promoted in front of an important members of the society. The President of the Republic is invited, and the president of the Government of the Republic of Macedonia opened the ceremony and awarded the price to the inventors.

IX. Other relevant matters.

Nothing new 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 17th 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.