

ANNUAL TECHNICAL REPORTS ON PATENT INFORMATION ACTIVITIES in 1998 in the REPUBLIC OF TAJIKISTAN

I. Evolution of patent activities

There was no changes either in procedures or conditions of filing and registration of application as compared to the preceding year.

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

In 1998, there were published 4 issues of the Official Bulletin which include patent bibliography and abstracts of filed applications and granted patents in three languages: Tajik, Russian, English.

The number of specifications to the patents of the Republic of Tajikistan on paper form has reached 155.

At present Microsoft Office Pro 97 in the Windows 98 environment are installed on most of computers which are used for preparing and filling in different official forms and other types of documents and publishing the Official Bulletins. Bibliographic information is stored in the database. Patent specifications are stored in the form of files in the Word format.

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

The Center does not abstract technical information from patent documents. The Center's experts provide full Tajik-language versions of Provisions, official forms and patent documentations.

Patent documents are classified according to 6th edition of IPC (International Patent Classification).

IV. Search file establishment and upkeep

Patent Bulletins from 14 countries, EAPO and PCT Gazettes are received. The internal search file of NCPI contains the patent specifications of the Tajik patents and the following CD-ROM databases:

JOPAL;
ESPACE-EP-A;
ESPACE-WORLD;
ESPACE-ACCESS;

PATENT ABSTRACTS of JAPAN UNEXAMINED APPLICATIONS;
PATENT-ACCESS-EUROPE (Patent bibliographic data of applications of the UK,
Belgium, Luxembourg, Netherlands and Switzerland).
Patent File of Center's Scientific and Technical Library contains national and foreign
patent documentation on paper and microfilm.

V. Activities in the field of computerized and other mechanized search systems

The Center's specialists are developing the software of the database and automated
patent search system which allow to carry out examination and also extract data from
the database for the Official Bulletin and for the First Page of Application/Patent and
to extract statistical data for the WIPO publications.

Online thesauri is not used yet.

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

Patent documents are arranged in accordance with IPC, in the sequence of
publication date and in numerical order and the other documents are arranged in
numerical order.

New literature is acquired from the Central Library Collector in Russia.

Patent documents are housed in a local warehouse facility.
Foreign patent microfilm reels are maintained in cabinets in special storage facility.

There is no network of patent libraries in the country.

The public has free access to the collections of the library.

The patent collection on paper form is available to examiners of the Office and to the
public in reading room.

The library provides the public with the following services:

- bibliographical search at the request of customers
- making hard-copies at the request of customers
- translation of articles from foreign scientific journals and magazines at the
request of customers
- new literature exhibition on different trends in science and technology
- consultation and general information services

These services are subject to payments.

More than 7300 bibliographical information of monographs and periodical publications were added to the library database.

VII. Matters concerning mutual exchange of patent documentation and information

The Center receives priority documents in paper form.

All applications must be filed in paper form. The Center is continuing work on a plan, which will allow patents applicants to file electronic patent applications. The goal of this program is to capture source documents electronically at the originator's computer so as to reduce the cost and errors associated with moving data from paper source documents to electronic storage media.

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

Two examiners of the Department of Examination of Inventions and Industrial Designs participated in the seminars organized by EPO (Munich - Geneva, March 1 - 11 and Hague, March 22 - 28).

In 1998 the seminar was organized (in Kurgan - Teppa) for professional improvement of specialists in the field of intellectual property.

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