

**INDUSTRIAL PROPERTY PROTECTION OFFICE
OF THE REPUBLIC OF MACEDONIA**

**Annual Technical Report on Trademark Information Activities
1998**

I. Evolution of registration activities:

Nothing new to report.

II. Matters concerning the generation, reproduction, and distribution of secondary sources of trademark information, i.e., trademarks 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 new registrations, modifications, renewals, cancellations and corrections, as well as 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 trademarks.

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

Trademarks are classified according to the International Classification of Goods and Services for the purpose of the Registration of Marks (Nice Classification). Bibliographic data of trademark applications and registered trademarks are stored as a data base on magnetic disc and they are machine searchable.

IV. Trademark manual search file establishment and upkeep:

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

VI. Administration of trademark services available to the public (relating to facilities, e.g., for lodging applications, registering trademarks, assisting clients with search procedures, obtaining official publications and registry extracts):

The Office disposes with information relating to trademarks entered into the Office register.

The Library has a collection of relevant publications and periodicals, which are available to all interested persons at the Office library.

One workstation in the Office is available for external users to conduct searches in the ROMARIN database on CD-ROM, received from the WIPO.

VII. Matters concerning mutual exchange of trademark 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:

During the year 1998, the employees from the trademark department participated at several seminars organized by the EPO under the RIPP training activities program, namely:

The seminar "Trade Related Aspects of Intellectual Property Rights (Trips)" in Banska Bystrica;

The seminar "Appeal Procedure at the EPO" in Munich;

The seminar "Trademarks: International classification systems and the international agreements" in Prague.

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 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 IPPPO 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.