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Where URLs are requested below, it is preferred that either URLs which are likely to remain stable over time (three years or more) are provided, or home (main) page URLs are provided with a short explanation of how to access the corresponding information.

I. Evolution of registration activities

The number of applications decreased in 2002 (11,600) compared to 2001 (12,300).

The number of registrations also decreased in 2002 (12,800) compared to 2001 (13,400).

II. Matters concerning the generation, reproduction, and distribution of secondary sources of trademark information, i.e., trademark gazettes

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

IV. Trademark manual search file establishment and upkeep

V. Activities in the field of computerized trademark search systems

The Institute's search system will be replaced by another software at the end of 2003.

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)

In 2002, the Institute introduced two e-filing systems for applicants: One of them is based on the EASY software (with connection to the clients' database) and the other one is an internet solution (<https://e-trademark.ige.ch>).

About 40% to 50% of the applications are filed electronically.

VII. Matters concerning mutual exchange of trademark documentation and information

For several years, the Institute has used the MECA Input system for sending international registration data to WIPO. This system has been replaced by another system: the Institute now enters international registration data directly and online into WIPO's MAPS system.

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

IX. Other relevant matters