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Annual Technical Report 2012 on Industrial Design Information Activities submitted by Hungary (CWS/ATR/ID/2012/HU)

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The expression "industrial designs" covers industrial designs and models. Offices which issue design patents should report their design patent information activities in this series of Annual Technical Reports.

I. Evolution of registration activities

Changes experienced in terms of application filings and grants (registrations) with respect to the previous year

Figures of design applications filed following the national route and under international cooperation (Hague Agreement)

Under international cooperation

Applications filed under international cooperation (Hague Agreement) 37 (2011) 55 (2012)

Number of designs 133 (2011) 192 (2012)

Community design applications 21290 (2011) 22498 (2012)

Number of designs 78627 (2011) 83079 (2012)

Cases filed following the national route

Domestic applications 237 (2011) 193 (2012)

Number of designs 871 (2011) 910 (2012)

Foreign applications 4 (2011) 3 (2012)

Number of designs 18 (2011) 4 (2012)

National applications in total 241 (2011) 196 (2012)

Number of designs 889 (2011) 914 (2012)

Figures of national design granting procedures in Hungary

Number of national design grants 144 (2011) 162 (2012)

Number of designs 538 (2011) 659 (2012)

Number of refused applications 3 (2011) 3 (2012)

Number of designs 3 (2011) 3 (2012)

Number of lapsed applications 53 (2011) 75 (2012)

Number of designs 270 (2011) 301 (2012)

Number of completed applications 200 (2011) 240 (2012)

Number of designs 811 (2011) 963 (2012)

Number of pending applications 211 (2011) 167 (2012)

Number of valid national designs (number of designs) 4228 (2011) 4225 (2012)

Number of Community designs valid also in Hungary 489905 (2011) 568156 (2012)

DESIGNS

Trends or areas experiencing rapid changes with respect to the previous year

Despite the European Union's accession to the Hague Agreement, last year the HIPO received 55 applications and 192 designs (under the Hague Agreement) designating Hungary. The number of applications and the number of designs included in the applications thereby increased by 49% and 44% compared to the previous year. Five applications, including 28 designs originating from Hungary were filed by domestic applicants, which is a slight increase compared to the previous year.

The number of design applications following national route decreased: in 2012, the HIPO received 196 new design applications following national route (-19%). The applications included 914 designs, so the number of designs increased by 3% after the increase by 32% last year. In 2012, 98% of the design applications came from domestic applicants, and 62% from individual applicants.

In national granting procedure, 240 cases were completed (+20%) and the number of examined designs (963) increased in a similar way. Out of these the number of registrations was 162, which concerned 659 designs. At the end of the year, the number of pending cases decreased from 211 to 167. The average duration of the granting procedure relating to design applications was unchanged, 10 months in the year under review.

At the end of 2012 - at a constant level - 4225 national designs were valid, which included 8991 designs (2,13 designs in applications on average). 74% of the valid designs were owned by Hungarians, 14% by US, 2.6% by German and 1.6% by British right holders. The lifetime of valid designs shows that great number of valid designs were 13 years old (13%), the other peak is at the 4-year-old designs (6% of the valid designs).

URLs of web pages of the Office's website that provide statistics related to industrial designs

<http://www.sztnh.gov.hu/hivatalrol/>

II. Matters concerning the generation, reproduction, and distribution of industrial design documents and of secondary sources of industrial design information, i.e., official gazettes

Publishing, including printing, copying techniques and electronic printing

Since 1 January 2006, the Gazette of Patents and Trademarks has been published electronically, and accessible on the website of the Office free of charge, in searchable pdf-format, authenticated by electronic signature. The interest in the publication further increased during 2012: users downloaded 2 653 000 pages in a year.

The e-dossier gives inspection and communication platform providing online administration.

The e-register is an electronic register of the industrial property applications filed with the Hungarian Intellectual Property Office (HIPO) and of the industrial property rights granted/registered by the HIPO, as well as a register of the licences granted for orphan works of copyright. It is available without charge or prior registration from 1 March 2011.

The IP-search is an electronic searchable database, available also on the website of the HIPO. All industrial property rights are accessible in it. Granted patent documents are also accessible in the IP-search in searchable format.

Main types of announcements of the Office in the field of industrial design information

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Mass storage media and microforms used

Used mass storage media are hard discs, magnetic tapes and paper for backup.

Databases and office automation

All incoming paper documents have been scanned and OCR-ed since 2011. These documents are accessible in the Unified Administrative System of the Office.

URLs of web pages of the Office's website that provide access to online industrial design gazettes and to other sources of industrial design information, including download of bulk industrial design data

GAZETTE, IP-SEARCH, E-REGISTER, E-DOSSIER are accessible on the webpage of the HIPO: <http://www.szttnh.gov.hu/English/adatbazisok/>

III. Matters concerning classifying, reclassifying and indexing of industrial design information according to the classification systems applied

Classification and reclassification activities; Classification system used, e.g., International Classification for Industrial Designs (Locarno Classification), other classification (please indicate whether industrial designs are classified by your Office and, if so, which classification is used)

International Classification for Industrial Designs (Locarno Classification) is used.

Bibliographic data and processing

All bibliographic data of the intellectual property rights and the full text of the patent documents are searchable for the public.

IV. Search file establishment and upkeep

File building

The Unified Administrative System of the Office covers the bibliographic and image data, the documents and the official letters belonging to the different intellectual property rights (with the additional data that are not accessible to the public).

The scanned HU documents and incoming documents, images from EPO, WIPO, OHIM are downloaded to the database continuously.

Updating

The Unified Administrative System and the electronic public databases have a daily update.

Storage, including mass storage media

Used mass storage media are hard discs, magnetic tapes, microfilms and paper for backup.

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

In-house systems (online/offline)

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The public electronic-databases GAZETTE, IP-SEARCH, E-REGISTER, E-DOSSIER are also used by the Examiners. The IP-SEARCH database has an internal version for internal use only with the additional data that are not accessible for the public.

External databases

RCD-online, OHIM Design, Hague Express, National Office's databases, free web searches.

Administrative management systems (e.g., register, legal status, statistics and administrative support)

The bibliographic and image data, the documents and the official letters belonging to the different intellectual property rights are stored in the Unified Administrative System of the Office. Examiners can access all data and documents stored in this database.

In 2012 proceeded the continuous further development of the system of electronic official administration and communication as well as of the electronic information services: the English language version of the E-file inspection and the patent revocation database of E-search were prepared, while development took place in the result interface of the latter service.

Last year the preparations continued for the renewal of the Unified Record and Administration System (ENYV) supporting the official administration, under the working name SZEMAFOR.

Related to the project, in August 2012, the Office submitted an application to the support system of the Electronic Public Administration Operational Programme of the New Széchenyi Plan (EKOP), which in January 2013 was considered by the Managing Authority as worthy of a support of HUF 249 million.

Equipment used (hardware, including the types of terminal and network used, and software), data carriers used

Servers:

Unix Tru64 server: 2 pieces
Linux server: 45 pieces
Netware server: 1 piece
MS Windows server: 27 pieces
VMware ESX: 11 pieces
Oracle VM/RAC: 2 pieces
ASA VPN: 2 pieces
ZORP: 2 pieces

286 workstations (Windows Xp)
41 notebook (Windows Xp)
140 printer

VI. Administration of industrial design information products and services available to the public (relating to facilities, e.g., for lodging applications, registering designs, assisting clients with search procedures, obtaining official publications and registry extracts)

Planning, administration, automation, security

The electronic information services are accessible in the Patent Library for its clients.

All official data are in the Unified Administrative System of the Office.

The electronic information services are: E-gazette made automatically with short lead time; the electronic and certified E-register being accessible online; the search platform based on new technology and continuously updated (E-search); the new platform provides electronic document inspection; the electronic register creates the communication platform providing online administration.

Collection management, preservation

The number of the intellectual property monographs and other volumes almost doubled (490 Volumes). These are typically traditional paper documents, though the e-book purchase shows slight increase. Processing was continuous in the 1.10 version of the HunTéka online integrated system for libraries. The number of records available (taking into account the books and special articles) was 49000 in 2012.

Restoration of more than 500 volumes began at the end of the year.

These include eg. the complete collection of the Hungarian Patent Gazette (1896), 67 Volumes of the Hungarian Laws, 130 volumes of the Hungarian Regulations and some unique relics.

Information services available to the public (including computerized services and search files contained in libraries remote from your Office and industrial design information posted by your Office on the World Wide Web)

Electronic services are accessible in the Library also for the public. The search of information and the evaluation of the findings require special expertise. The staff of the Hungarian Patent Office has an experience of many decades on the field of searches.

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The activities of the Office's customer service were followed by high interest also in 2012. Enquiries received by telephone were down by 13% in 2012, but still the telephone was the most frequent means of communication, there was a slight decrease in the number of enquiries in person or those online: the HIPO received 850 enquiries (in 2011 864). In a further 133 cases the enquiries aimed at acquiring information from a database.

URLs of web pages of the Office's website for electronic filing of industrial design applications

<https://ugyintezes.hipo.gov.hu/eBej2/app>

URLs of web pages of the Office's website that provide information on business procedures such as: filing, publication, examination and registration procedures related to industrial designs; opposition and appeal procedures related to industrial designs; etc.

<http://www.sztnh.gov.hu/English/formaterv/index.html>

URLs of web pages of the Office's website that provide a description of information products and services offered by the Office (e.g., industrial design search service(s) and industrial design databases), as well as information on how to access and utilize them

<http://www.sztnh.gov.hu/English/adatbazisok/>

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

VIII. Matters concerning education and training, including technical assistance to developing countries (please indicate URLs of web pages of the Office's website wherever appropriate)

Promotional activities (seminars, exhibitions, visits, advertising, etc.)

The Office has a decisive role in supporting and developing domestic innovation by substantially contributing to the strengthening of IP awareness and activities of the major target groups of the national innovation sphere (particularly SMEs, Hungarian Academy of Sciences, higher education). In the framework of the successful VIVACE programme, in 2012, the Office already co-operated with 20 partners to organise awareness events and elementary level IP courses. During the year, in the framework of the programme, there were 16 larger events, which attracted more than 50 participants each and gave task to 3-4 lecturers. At the events participants were not only given intellectual property knowledge but also other useful information for enterprises.

During 2012, the members of the PATLIB network, supporting the most important universities of Hungary, provided information to interested visitors on a total of 171 occasions.

Training courses for national and foreign participants

Based on its several decade long activities in the field of education, the HIPO has a decisive role in disseminating knowledge on intellectual property protection. The industrial property courses organised by HIPO substantially contribute to the development of the domestic industrial property culture, to the raising of intellectual property awareness and the education of the new professional generation in Hungary. During the year, 130 participants received elementary level certificate on IP. It was typically the researchers, lecturers, students and the representatives of enterprises who participated in the courses organised in co-operation with the Chambers of Commerce and Industry. 74 students passed successfully the intermediate level industrial property exam in 2012. The third semester of the advanced level industrial property course, started in 2011, was completed by 40 students successfully.

IX. Other general information related to the Office that is available on the Internet -- URLs of web pages of the Office's website that:

provide information on legislation related to industrial designs

<http://www.sztnh.gov.hu/English/formaterv/>

contain the Annual Report of the Office

Annual Report: <http://www.sztnh.gov.hu/hivatalrol/index.html>

contain industrial design-related news regarding the Office

<http://www.sztnh.gov.hu/English/index.html#>

X. Other relevant matters