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## Annual Technical Report 2010 on Industrial Design Information Activities submitted by Slovakia (CWS/ATR/ID/2010/SK)

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.

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

The situation in design proceedings was stable comparing to the previous year.

94 applications for industrial designs were filed with the Office in 2010. It is same number than in 2010. The most active foreign applicants were from the Czech Republic (13) and Sweden (3).

Slovak applicants filed 76 applications (increase by 13.4%). The share of domestic applications was 80.9%.

In 2010 78 designs were registered, that is 32.8% less than in 2009.

On December 31, 2010 there were 1,127 valid national designs registered in the Office register.

For comparison there is statistics on design applications and registrations of the years 2005 - 2010:

[Designstatistics\\_2010](#)

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

URL to Annual Technical Reports on Designs:  
<http://www.upv.sk/?vyrocne-technicke-spravy>  
<http://www.wipo.int/cws/en/atrs/>

URL to Annual reports of the IPO SR:  
<http://www.upv.sk/?annual-reports>

### 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

Publication of industrial designs

The Office publishes registered industrial designs in the Official Gazette.

Official Gazette "Vestník ÚPV SR"

Industrial design information forms part of the Official Gazette - "Vestník ÚPV SR", covering all industrial property rights in one publication. IPO SR started to publish the Official Gazette only in electronic form on CD ROM in PDF format as from 2008. In 2010 the Gazette had a circulation of 150 copies, of which 53 were distributed monthly by subscription. Other copies were sent free of charge to patent information centres and contact and information points of the IPO, to information and consulting sites INNOINFO, within the frame of industrial property information exchange to foreign offices and as the statutory copies according to the act as well. Electronic form of Official Gazette, available to the public in the Internet free of charge, contained searchable data, which were regularly updated. The Official Gazette was distributed into 30 countries including EPO and WIPO within international exchange.

The following numbers of industrial designs were published in the Official Gazette 2010:

86 registered industrial designs  
90 registered industrial designs with the extended term of validity

MS Office 2003, FineReader 10.0, Adobe Acrobat 9 Professional SK, Agfa FotoLook 3.6, Quark Xpress Passport 7.5, Corel Draw 11, Adobe InDesign Standard CS4 are being used for text processing, photocomposing and printing.

SLEX99 – Lexicon of Slovak Language contains following parts: Short Dictionary of Slovak Language, Slovak Dictionary of Synonyms, Rules of Slovak Grammar, used for the data processing. The photocomposing and printing is carried out by the Office.

The Desk-Top Publishing technology is being used for data and image inputs processing, for the Gazette and first pages of the design documents.

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

The Gazette contains industrial design announcements arranged in following main chapters:

- list of registered industrial designs (numerical series with classification symbols)
- bibliographic data of registered industrial designs (arranged according to the classes of Locarno Classification)
- list of registered industrial designs with extended term of validity (numerical series with classification symbols)
- bibliographic data of registered industrial designs with extended term of validity (arranged according to the classes of Locarno Classification)
- list of registered industrial designs with postponed publishing (numerical series with classification symbols)
- bibliographic data of registered industrial designs with postponed publishing (arranged according to the classes of Locarno Classification)
- list of published registered industrial designs after expiration of adjournment term of publishing (numerical series with classification symbols)
- bibliographic data of published registered industrial designs after expiration of adjournment term of publishing (arranged according to the classes of Locarno Classification)
- official decisions (lapse (expiration), etc.)
- assignments and transfers of rights and other changes of owners
- cancellation of industrial designs registration
- partial cancellation of industrial designs registration
- registration of licensing contracts
- termination of licensing contracts
- right of lien
- corrections of names, addresses, dates and mistakes

### **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**

#### **ON-LINE DATABASES**

<http://www.upv.sk/?databases-and-registers>

IPO SR makes accessible various databases on its homepage.

National databases are:

- "Data extracted from Registers" also called as "Webregisters", give public access to information from national registers of industrial property rights and are updated daily <http://registre.indprop.gov.sk/registre/?lang=en>
- "Design Classifications" contains Slovak version of 9 th edition of Locarno Classification (fully searchable), links to other classifications systems for classifying designs used in the world and other useful information <http://www.upv.sk/?systemy-triedenia-dizajny>
- "Official Gazette" enabled searching in single issues or in a selected issue or in all issues <http://www.upv.sk/?official-gazette>.

In the part "Foreign on-line databases" there are links to the most frequently used on-line databases <http://www.upv.sk/?zahranicne-online-databazy#dizajny>.

#### **ON-LINE ORDERS**

<http://www.upv.sk/?online-orders>

The IPO SR provides electronic order forms for Official Gazette, magazine Intellectual Property and E-zine, expert publications of the IPO SR and IPO CZ, Annual Reports, patent documents and searches (see the part „Products and Services“, chapter VI).

### **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)**

The current version of the International Classification for Industrial Design (Locarno Classification) is used for classifying of industrial designs, which are classified by Office's experts.

#### **Bibliographic data and processing**

The WIPO Standard ST.80 is used for industrial design bibliographic data coding in all relevant outcomes or records. All bibliographic data are being processed in electronic database form. The fully searchable data are updated and made available to the public daily in the Internet.

### **IV. Search file establishment and upkeep**

#### **File building**

Industrial design search file of the Office comprises the industrial design collection of the Slovak Republic and also former Czechoslovak Republic. The IPO SR built in 2010 the manual industrial design search system in the card catalogue form, arranged according to international industrial design classification, updated regularly.

#### **Documentation from other offices maintained and/or considered part of the available search file**

In 2010, within the frame of mutual exchange, the IPO SR received industrial design gazettes from the following states and organizations: AT, BA, BE, BG, BR, BX, CH, CZ, DE, EE, FR, GB, HR, HU, IT, LT, LV, MD, MK, PL, PT, RO, RU, SI, UA, US a WIPO.

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

#### **In-house systems (online/offline)**

The online industrial design database kept by the Industrial Property Office serves for national industrial design searches and purposes of proceedings on industrial design applications. Selected register data are available to the public in the Internet.

It is possible to carry out searches according to bibliographic data in all the databases used for industrial designs.

### **External databases**

Czech registered industrial designs database in the Internet  
WIPO International Design Bulletin CD-ROM  
OHIM - Industrial Designs Database  
Hague Express Database  
National databases USPTO and IPOUK

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

The Office automation management system contains industrial designs register (data since 1991) using "INVENTIO" software.

Administrative databases based on Lotus Domino and Fabasoft eGov Suite.

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

Equipment used:

LAN is built on base of the Cisco technology, Fast ETHERNET 1000/100/10 Mbit/s, WINDOWS 2003 Server; MS SQL Server 2005; workstations PC Pentium, Windows XP, thin client WYSE V10, WYSE S10

Linux Red Hat Enterprise 4.0,  
Informix Dynamic Server 10,  
Citrix MetaFrame Presentation Server 4.0,  
Ultraset – Ultra Console 2000

SAN HP MSA 1500 CS, SAN HP MSA P2000, G3  
HP Storage Works MSL SDLT 5026 series library, MSL LTO 4048,  
HP open view Storage Data Protector version A.06.11

## **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**

In 2010, the Office's reading room has been visited by 1 326 users and 1 291 of it were from the public. In total there were provided 6 926 borrowings of patent and other literature made available to the public and 23 560 copies of patent documents and other industrial property documents for the manual and computer search purposes, as well as copies from technical periodicals and other associated and non-patent literature were made. In 2010 there were performed 66 patent searches, 1 070 trademark searches and 28 design searches and 64 searches on bibliographic data based on 574 written and 4 personally requests. The number of design and patent searches increased significantly (design searches 100% and patent searches 32%) whereas trademark searches decreased 15%.

The Office's reading room including the search workstation opens daily from 8:00 to 15:00.

All online services and other basic information are available via Internet address of IPO SR [www.upv.sk](http://www.upv.sk).

### **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)**

The Office library provides following services to the public:

- general information - provided by Office's experts
- lending service (Official Gazettes, special monographs and reference literature) in the reading room
- sale of special monographs and periodical publications ("Intellectual Property" in paper, Official Gazette "Vestník ÚPV SR" on CD-ROM) upon request or on the place
- reprographic services upon request or on the place
- on-line searches in Office's search system, self-service during a personal visit
- searches upon request - orders in written and online form
- registry information provided in the reading room
- CD-ROM workstations available in the reading room

Industrial design information on the World Wide Web:

- general information
- information about Office activities (seminars, training courses, etc.)
- application guide and forms
- administrative fees
- relevant laws
- Annual Reports
- extracted data from register
- Official Gazette
- order forms (searches, Official Gazette, special literature)

- Locarno Classification (9-th edition)
- design classifications and related information
- annual technical reports on design information (2002-2010)

#### Patent Information Centres and Contact and Information Points

Since 2003 the Office has established 10 contact and information points, while four of them are the Patent Information Centres. They are located in state, regional and district libraries as well as in the Slovak National Library in Martin and Centre of Scientific and Technical Information in Bratislava. A list of centres and points is available on the Office's web site <http://www.upv.sk/?partners>. (For more information see the annual technical report on patent information.)

The co-operation with patent information centres and contact and information points within the PATLIB network continued also in 2010. Representatives of centres participated at the conference organised by the Office in April on the occasion of the World Intellectual Property Day and at two-day meeting of the Office's electronic services users in November. The workshop aimed at evaluation of the actual co-operation and introduction of the future vision was also a part of the programme.

The European Patent Office proposed and included the Slovak Centre of Scientific and Technical Information in Bratislava in the pilot project of re-orientation of PATLIB centres. The goal of the project is introduction of new innovative and supporting services and co-operation with regional organisations to support innovations.

#### Information and Advisory Points for Innovations (InnoInfo)

The mission of InnoInfo centres <http://www.upv.sk/?information-and-advisory-points-for-innovation-innoinfo> operating in the regions of Slovakia is to orientate especially the small and medium sized entrepreneurs in the field of innovations and industrial property. InnoInfo centres are established in business incubators, regional consultancy and information centres, regional chambers of the Slovak Chamber of Commerce and Industry and at the Universities of technical orientation.

Co-operation with InnoInfo centres in 2010 continued particularly in the field of education and seminar organisation. The seminar "Enterprise Innovation Efficiency Supporting Activities" was organised in the end of February in co-operation with the Regional Chamber of the Slovak Chamber of Commerce and Industry (RC SCCI) in Trenín with participation of two representatives of the IPO SR. Members of InnoInfo could also get information on industrial property (particularly on trademark) at the conference "Intellectual Property in Slovakia X" and at the 6th Electronic Filing Users Day. In May the workshop „Utilisation of Industrial Property in Enterprises" was organised in Košice. Representatives of the Office and entrepreneurs discussed issues on intangible assets protection possibilities and the Office's related services at the workshop. Seminar "IP Rights in European Projects of Research, Development of Technologies and Support" was realised in co-operation with BIC Bratislava and Slovak Centre of Scientific and Technical Information in Bratislava on October 5, 2010. Approximately 50 entrepreneurs were trained this way at the Office last year.

Agreement on Cooperation InnoInfo between the IPO SR and RC SCCI Košice (15th InnoInfo) was concluded on May 24, 2010. The basic and partial commission contract in order to sale expert literature issued by the IPO SR was signed between the IPO SR and RC SCCI Trenín. By the end of 2010 18 publications of the Office were sold by this way.

#### Information Centre

Within their professional consultancy activities, the Centre staff provides the public with the necessary IPR-related information personally, by telephone (+421 48 4300 131), mail or e-mail [infocentrum@indprop.gov.sk](mailto:infocentrum@indprop.gov.sk) or by fax. The Information Centre includes also "Helpdesk" providing information about electronic on-line filing.

The number of requests for information increased by 25% when comparing with 2009. Information Centre provided totally 7 099 information in 2010. 5 728 information was provided by the telephone, 257 information was provided personally, 959 by e-mail, 155 by post.

#### Workplace of the IPO SR in Bratislava

Workplace of the Office, which was opened in 2004 offered information relating to filing applications for industrial property rights subjects last year. In the workplace, there is a filing room.

#### Pre-diagnostics of industrial property rights

The Office analysed industrial property issues in 32 innovative enterprises. The result of pre-diagnostics was that the Office received 68 applications for subjects of industrial rights from analysed enterprises during three years from introduction of this free service. An interest in this kind of service has been increasing particularly by new enterprises. An offer of the European Patent Office to train of the experts from other member countries at the seminar in Brussels as well as directly at national offices in Croatia and Macedonia was an acknowledgement of the word performed by the Office.

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

The Office's on-line filing room enables filing of the European patent applications, international PCT patent applications and national patent and utility model applications including subsequently filed documents relating to proceedings on patent applications, utility model applications and applications for translations of patent claims of European patent applications and of European patent specifications with designation for SK in electronic form <http://www.indprop.gov.sk/?electronic-filing-of-applications>.

### 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.

#### Webregisters

<http://www.upv.sk/?databases-and-registers>

IPO SR makes accessible various databases on its homepage. Most frequently used databases are "Data extracted from Registers" also called as "Webregisters". Webregisters give public access to data extracted from design register, which is kept by the Office with the possibility of simple and advanced search or browsing results. Data concerning in particular pending design applications, all filed applications or registered designs in the register are daily updated.

**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**

**Products and services**

URL addresses providing basic information concerning the information services offered and information products issued by the Office and other relevant information relating to their accession and utilization

- Official Gazette <http://www.upv.sk/?official-gazette>
- magazine "Intellectual Property" <http://www.upv.sk/?dusevne-vlastnictvo>  
<http://www.upv.sk/?other-products>
- IPO SR and IPO CZ publications <http://www.upv.sk/?publikacie>  
<http://www.upv.sk/?other-products>
- E-zine IPO SR <http://www.upv.sk/?e-zine-upv-sr>
- on-line order forms <http://www.upv.sk/?online-orders>
- price list [http://www.upv.sk/swift\\_data/source/pdf/Cennik\\_EN.pdf](http://www.upv.sk/swift_data/source/pdf/Cennik_EN.pdf)
- data extracted from register <http://www.upv.sk/?databases-and-registers>
- IPO SR reading room <http://www.upv.sk/?other-services>
- searches <http://www.upv.sk/?searches>

Information services offered by the Office, see the part "Information services available to the public", chapter VI.

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

**International or regional cooperation in the exchange of industrial design information, e.g., in the form of official gazettes**

In 2010 followed the mutual exchange of industrial design information in the form of official gazettes between the IPO SR and other offices also international organizations, including the WIPO.

**Exchange of machine-readable information, e.g., data contained on CD-ROM or magnetic tape**

The IPO SR received from JPO registered industrial designs and from USPTO granted design patents stored on CD-ROM in the past year.

**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.)**

## World Intellectual Property Day

<http://www.indprop.gov.sk/?ipo-sr-activities-for-smes>

April 26, 2010 was the World Intellectual Property Day (WIPD) at the Industrial Property Office of the SR. Organisation of the 10th year of the Conference Intellectual Property in Slovakia was also a part of the WIPD at the IPO SR. The Conference focused on issues of trademark protection for designations of goods and services. April 26, 2010 was also the Open Day at the Office for everybody who wanted to obtain the information on intellectual property issues and on Office's activities.

## International Seminars

In October 12 – 13, 2010 in the premises of the State Scientific Library in Banská Bystrica the Office organised the Seminar "Enforcement of Intellectual Property Rights" in co-operation with the WIPO, the event of high importance. The goal of the Seminar was to provide an opportunity to exchange and share expert practical experiences in the area of combating infringement of intellectual property rights with foreign partners.

## Co-operation with Universities

The Office in co-operation with the Slovak University of Technology in Bratislava and WIPO organised the 2nd year of the Seminar "Protection and Exploitation of Intellectual Property at Universities II" on the occasion of the Week of Science and Technique in Slovakia on November 29, 2010 with participation of domestic and foreign experts. Also co-operation with the Matej Bel University in Banská Bystrica in the project Module 6 – Intellectual Property Protection - on the base of the Co-operation Agreement from July 7, 2009 continued.

## Exhibitions

The Office was represented at the 17th International Engineering Fair in Nitra in 2010. On the occasion of the WIPO two exhibitions were installed in the premises of the Office, namely „The Trademarks and the History of SHP Harmanec (Harmanec Paper-mill), and the Exhibition of WIPO Posters, issued by the World Intellectual Property Organisation during the history of WIPO.

The Office was also presented at the 62nd International Exhibition of Ideas, Inventions and New Products iENA 2010 in German Nuremberg in common stall of European patent offices "Internationales Patent- Informationszentrum" (International Patent Information Centre).

## Ján Bahý Award

The ceremony of awarding Ján Bahý Award took place on October 21 in Banská Bystrica. The goal of the Award is to motivate and support the creativity in Slovakia. For the first time there were three categories of the Ján Bahý Award:

- medium-sized and large enterprises with 50 employees and more;
- individual applicants, small enterprises and micro-enterprises with 49 employees and less;
- universities and research centres.

Three teams – authors of the particular solution – and also owners of the related patent or protected design – were awarded the Award on recommendation of the evaluation committee of the Ján Bahý Award and the IPO SR President. The Award is represented by the bronze medal with the portrait of the constructor and inventor of a helicopter Ján Bahý. The IPO SR President also awarded one honourable mention.

## Training courses for national and foreign participants

### Intellectual Property Course

<http://www.indprop.gov.sk/?education>

The Office provided education in 4-module Course Intellectual Property accredited by the Ministry of Education of the SR.

The Intellectual Property course consists of four separate parts:  
module A: Intellectual Property and Copyright Law Essentials;  
module B: Creativity - Management of Creativity, Marketing and Economics;  
module C: Information in the field of Industrial Property Protection;  
module D: Industrial Property Law.

In the school year 2010/2011 12 graduates finished the Course by their final theses plea. Half of them were extern participants of further education. Final theses of graduates are available in the public study room as study materials for public. Since September there are 15 extern participants and 7 employees of the Office registered in the Course.

## 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

- legislation in force <http://www.upv.sk/?legislation-in-force>
- related legislation <http://www.upv.sk/?related-legislation>
- invalid legislation <http://www.indprop.gov.sk/?neplatne-pravne-predpisy>
- multilateral treaties <http://www.upv.sk/?multilateral-treaties>
- EU legislation <http://www.upv.sk/?eu-legislation>

### contain the Annual Report of the Office

<http://www.upv.sk/?annual-reports>

### if necessary, provide further information related to the topics referred to in the current ATR

Information relating to subjects of industrial property rights

Office's Web page contains basic information which are useful for the applicant by filing the application of particular type of industrial property right, such as application forms, legislation, instructions of the IPO SR, information for applicant, administrative fees, contact to expert assistance, etc.:

Patents <http://www.upv.sk/?Patents>

SPC <http://www.upv.sk/?supplementary-protection-certificates>

Utility models <http://www.upv.sk/?utility-models>

Designs <http://www.upv.sk/?designs>

Topographies <http://www.upv.sk/?topographies-of-semiconductor-products>

Trademarks <http://www.upv.sk/?trademarks>

Geographical indications <http://www.upv.sk/?designation-of-origin-and-geographical-indications>

**contain industrial design-related news regarding the Office**

<http://www.upv.sk>

## **X. Other relevant matters**