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- The term “patent” covers utility models and SPCs.
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Annual Technical Report For Patent Information Activities **1999**

I. Evolution of patent activities:

*-In 1999, there were new patent activities in the framework of industrial property protection, as following:

- 1)Arrangements for the concluding the Agreement for Establishing Technology Watch Center in the Republic of Macedonia. The Protocol was signed between the Government of the Republic of Macedonia, Ministry of the Foreign Affairs of Luxembourg, Ministry of Economy of Luxembourg and European Patent Office on January 17, 2000;
- 2)As regards filing international applications according PCT procedure we accepted the filling of international applications containing request in PCT-EASY format.

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

*- The industrial Property Protection Office of The Republic of Macedonia issues official gazette "Glasnik". The Gazette is issued four times a year, every three months. This official gazette contents publishing of recognized patents and their abstracts and 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 statistic data for patent applications and patents.

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

*- All patent documentation is classified according to the IPC classification. What concern other matters of indexing of technical information there are no activities of The Office in the field.

IV. Search file establishment and upkeep:

*- The patent documentation is of paper kind and is based in the Office library. The documentation is updated continuously.

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

***- In-house systems:**

At the moment there is no global in-house system, but in cooperation with the EPO, Common Software light is planned to be implemented at the end of 2000.

However, the WIPO and EPO CD-ROM publications are widely used on dedicated workstations or servers with multiple access

External databases:

esp@cenet

Administrative management system:

Electronic register of published patents, trademarks and industrial designs

Hardware:

- 100 Mbit/per seat switched Ethernet network
- Xylan switches (48 ports)
- Motorola Vanguard router
- 26 Celeron 430 MHz, 64 MB RAM, 4,3 GB HDD PCs and 17" monitors
- 4 Pentium60-133 MHz, 16 MB PCs
- 1 application sever with dual PII 400 MHz, 320 MB RAM, and 9GB SCSCIHDD
- Paigain modem 64Kbit-2Mbit
- Windows NT 4 as a platform deployed on more than 80% of the computers
- Windows 95/98 where hardware requirements for Windows NT are not met
- Windows NT server

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

*- The library is with in The Office and it has patent literature, all kind of non-patent literature, and Official Gazettes. Information are possible to get throw the Office, if one contacts the Office. Also information can be provided by coming to the library or if using the search station.

VII. Matters concerning mutual exchange of patent documentation:

*- The Office has hygh databases which are provided by mutual exchange of patent documentation with other Offices. There is CD-ROM collection of: European Patent Applications, PCT international Application (WORLD), JOPAL, ACCESS , LEGAL and the Bulletin all from the ESPACE production, and than Patent Abstracts Of Japan (PAJ CD-ROM), USAPAT, Collection of Republic of Moldova, PRECES, HUNPATÉKA and Slovenian Patent Documents on CD ROM. The said patent documentation is received by The Office, continuously.

The official gazette "Glasnik" issued by The Office as well as The Annual Rapport are delivered to the following 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 receives gazettes and annual rapport from the next countries: AT, BG, ER, BY, MD, PL, HU, UA, FI, CZ, RU, SK, JP, YU, HR and SI. These documents are on the paper, mostly.

In 1999, this Office in capacity of both, receiving and designated Office has received PCT Applicant's Guide from World Intellectual Property Organization.

VIII. Other relevant matters concerning education and training in, and promotion of, the use of patent information, including technical assistance to developing countries:

*- Industrial Property Protection Office of The Republic of Macedonia organises seminars and courses for domestic attendants and attend seminars organised by other entities. Office representatives pass special attention to bilateral activities, and grate numbers of contacts of this kind have been made during 1999.

Examiners from patent department atended information seminar "Examination of National, International and European Applications", organised by the Austrian Patent Office. This seminar is part of very good and useful mutual cooperation between Macedonian and Austrian Patent Office.

The Office took remarkable part on the World Exhibition of Invention "EUREKA 99" held in Brussels. Nine inventions from Macedonia were rewarded with five golden medals and three silver medals.

For the purposes of training in the field of filing of international applications according to PCT procedure, the Office invited Mr. Jean –Luc BARON from Geneva, head of PCT Receiving Office Section. This seminar was very useful for improve knolige about PCT receiving Office's activities.

In September the Office organized manifestation "Patent of The Year" where the best domestic invention for the previous year is promoted in front of a important members of the society. The President of The Republic is invited, and the president of the Government of the Republic of Macedonia opens the ceremony and awarded the price to the inventors.

It was made spot by Macedonian television in purpose of popularizing and medium presentation of industrial property.

In the framework of issuing new publications the Industrial Property Protection Office of The Republic of Macedonia issued catalogue which is entitled as "Macedonian inventors" The people who create the inventive society, on macedonian and english.

IX. Other relevant matters.

*-Nothing new to report.