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I. Evolution of registration activities

The number of filed applications continued to grow in 1999 (11'900 compared to 10'850 in 1998) just as the number of registered trademarks (10'550 compared to 9'600 in 1998).

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

No changes in 1999. The Institute is working on making the register publicly accessible (Internet). This Internet register will not replace the paper based publication.

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

No changes in 1999.

IV. Trademark manual search file establishment and upkeep

Manual searches are replaced by automated searches (cf. V).

V. Activities in the field of computerized search system

At the end of 1999 we installed a new search software which is connected to our register database; the upkeep is done automatically (except for figurative and verbal coding).

VI. Administration of trademark services available to the public

cf II. The Institute is working on an electronic trademark filing project. Electronic filing will be possible in 2001.

VII. Matters concerning mutual exchange of trademark documentation and information

No changes.

VIII. Matters concerning education and training

The Institute received several delegations from other IP offices which were interested in IT solutions and experiences of the Institute, mainly related to the MECA data transfer.