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- I. Evolution of registration activities:
 - Changes experienced in terms of application filings and registrations with respect to the previous year;

There are no changes in terms of application filings and registrations with respect to the previous year.

Trends or areas experiencing rapid changes with respect to the previous year. 3331 applications were filed in 2001, thereof 2563 – under the Protocol Relating to the Madrid Agreement Concerning the International Registration of Marks, 768 – under the national procedure that is 8,3% less than in 2000. From this number the local applications amount to 219 that is 7,3% less compared to 2000.

During the reported period 549 trademarks were registered that is 9,1% less than in 2000. 1895 international trademarks were granted protection in Georgia.

Year	Applications	Registrations
2000	3103 (921 national procedure, 2182	604
	under Madrid Protocol)	
2001	3331 (768 national procedure, 2563	549
	under Madrid Protocol)	

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

The office reproduces and distributes the Official Bulletin of Industrial Property containing the information relating to trademarks.

- Publishing, printing, copying techniques;
 In 2001 Sakpatenti published 23 Official Bulletins of Industrial Property.
- Main types of announcements of the Office in the field of trademark information;
 The Official Bulletin contains bibliographic data and images of the registered marks
 arranged in the numericla order. The images are printed in colors upon necessity. The Bulletin contains the following bibliographic data:
- the filing date of the application;
- the filing number;
- the serial number;
- data of the applicant (name and address);
- the reproduction of the mark;

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- the list of goods and service, arranged accroding to the classes of International Classification (Nice Classification);
- the classes of figurative elements (Vienna Classification);
- the country code;
- priority date and number;
- patent attorney.

All the bibliographic data are provided with INID Codes (ST.60).

The Bulletin contains numerical index.

In 2001 Sakpatenti started to publish the decisions taken by the Chamber of Appeals.

Mass storage media and microforms used;

The Official Bulletin in Georgian language is published on CD-ROM discs and paper.

Word processing and office automation;

Word processing is fully automated in LAN using local DB and MS Office products.

- Techniques used for the generation of trademark information (printing, recording, photocomposing, etc.).
- III. Matters concerning classifying, reclassifying and indexing of trademark information:
 - Classification and reclassification activities; Classification systems used, e.g., International Classification of Goods and Services for the Purposes of the Registration of Marks (Nice Classification), International Classification of the Figurative Elements of Marks (Vienna Classification), other classification (please state whether goods and services for the registration of marks and whether the figurative elements of marks are classified by your Office and, if so, which classification(s) is (are) used);

The classifications systems used are International Classification of Goods and Services for the Purposes of the Registration of Marks (Nice Classification), International Classification of the Figurative Elements of Marks (Vienna Classification).

- Use of electronic classification systems to check the classification symbols furnished by an applicant and which are contained in the lists of goods and/or services;
- Obligation for applicants to use pre-defined terms of the classification applied;.
- Bibliographic data and processing for search purposes.

The bibliographic data are arranged in accordance to the WIPO Standards.

- IV. Trademark manual search file establishment and upkeep:
 - File Building;

In the form of databases and paper.

Updating;

The search files are regularly updated.

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Storage, including mass storage media;

The information relating to trademarks (contained in Official Bulletins in Georgian language) is available in the library of the Office both on paper and CD-ROMs.

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

The office receives ROMARIN (International Trademark Information on Compact Disc), CD-ROMs (Article 6ter).

- V. Activities in the field of computerized trademark search systems:
 - In-house systems (online/offline);

There is searchable database for trademarks (in Georgian language) used only for examination purposes. Each examiner is able to perform search in the local database from his workplace.

External databases;

External databases used are Mednet and Madrid Express Database.

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

In 2001 the automated system development program was implemented, that included;

- development of the users software by means of the database management system "Oracle", the modern versions of Oracle Jdeveloper, and on the basis of existing program complexes;
- expanding of the network infrastructure so that an interested outer user shall be provided with information service by Internet, as well as online.
- modernization of technical means in stages use of modern computer complexes, information exchange and processing of graphic information.

The final target of the development program is the creation of flexible system that shall provide the fully automated cycle from filing the application to registration of the mark and full control of the application procedure in this technological cycle.

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

Hardware – Pentium 166Mhz; Pentium II 400 Mhz; Pentium III 550 Mhz.

Software – MS Windows 98; MS Windows NT Wks 4.0; Microsoft client for MS Dos. Network – Fast Ethernet.

- 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):
 - Planning, administration, automation, security;
 - Collection management, preservation;

To develop the management automation system (new project) reflecting the work process of Sakpatenti the Patent and Trademark laws and Regulations were studied carefully, on the basis of the mentioned for all forms of protection the first and second editions of the project

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were created under the title: "Elaboration and Development of Information Management Automated System by Means of Modern Imfromation Technologies and Software". This part of the project represent the logical structures, block diagrams describing the process. The so called time diagram was created that describes in details the full technological cycle: receiving of an application, processing, examination, correspondence, formation of the protective documents and grant. The forms and annexes required for application and coresspondence were developed.

After studying the hardware of Sakpatenti it was ascertained that part of the hardware is obsolete and cannot comply with the requirements of the new system, on the basis of the mentioned the list of the preferable hardware was developed.

On the basis of the performed work the structures of the databases were created. The creation of the new software porduct – interface has begun and is going on regular basis. The system is being prepared for development.

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

The information services that shall be available for the public are being planned.

VII. Matters concerning mutual exchange of trademark documentation and information:

- International or regional cooperation in the exchange of trademark information,
 e.g., in the form of official gazettes;
- Exchange of machine-readable information.

The Official Bulletins of Industrial Property on CD-ROM discs are regularly sent to the foreign patent and trademark offices.

- VIII. Matters concerning education and training including technical assistance to developing countries:
 - Promotional activities (seminars, exhibitions, visits, advertising, etc.);
 - Training courses for national and foreign participants;

For 3 trademark examiners of "Sakpatenti" WIPO funded (participation of the automation specialist was funded by Skapatenti) training program that was implemented at the Austrian Patent Office.

Two officials of Sakpatent participated in the Regional Seminar on the protection of Geographical Indications in the CIS Countries.

- Assistance to developing countries (sending consultants and experts, receiving trainees from developing countries, etc.).
- IX. Other relevant matters.