

Annual Technical Report on Patent Information Activities in 1998

Industrial Property Office of the Czech Republic

I. Evolution of patent activities:

In comparison with the year 1997 there are following statistical data concerning patent and utility model activities:

	1997	1998
Patent applications	33 112	41 834
- national	585	626
- foreign	3 652	3 761
- PCT designations	28 875	37 447
Patents granted	1 447	1 451
Utility model applications	1 370	1 327
- national	1 281	1 236
- foreign	89	91
Registered utility models	1 499	1 185

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

- 1506 patent documents and 1185 utility models were printed; abstracts printed on all title pages of patent documents; Official Gazette issued monthly (Part A – Inventions, Utility Models, Topographies, Industrial Designs Part B – Trademarks); abstracts and drawings by patent application announced in the Gazette.
- Printing and photocopying without changes; Gazette printing prepared by DESK TOP PUBLISHING.
- Production of the Official Gazette on CD-ROM was started; the Gazette is also available in the computer network.
- CD-ROM ESPACE PRECES (Patents from the Region of Eastern and Central European States) continued, including also Czech patent documents; 10 discs were produced (vol. 5-10/1997, vol. 1-4/98).

- CD-ROM PRECES ACCESS (Bibliographic data and abstracts of the patents from the Region of Eastern and Central European States); 2 discs were produced (vol.1/1997, vol. 1/1998).

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

- Abstracts printed on title pages of all the patent document and in the Gazette – Part A.

IV. Search file establishment and upkeep:

- Patent documents from 26 countries and EPO received; Patent Gazettes from 51 countries, including EPO and PCT.
- No changes as regards search files for examiners and the public.

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

- Searches carried out in DC STN, DIALOG, QUESTEL
- Bases PFS EPIDOS in Vienna and EPIDOS in the Hague used.
- Creating of CZ and CS search database of information on granted protection documents, published applications and registered utility models was started; the information will be made accessible through Internet too.
- Office automation management system used (data since 1986); following databases operated
patent applications, industrial design applications, authors register, applicants register, register of organizations corresponding with the Office.
- Following CD-ROM search systems used: CASSISS (US), ACCESS (EP), PATOS (DE), PAJ, LEGAL, US SEARCH, GLOBALPAT.

VI. Administration of the industrial property office library and services available to the public (relating to facilities, e.g., for lodging applications, for assisting clients on searching procedures, for obtaining official publications and registry extracts):

- No changes in the library.

- Methodical and consultation assistance for the public is given in the reading room and service section
- Reprographic services assured
- Search systems on CD-ROM
- Patent documents on CD-ROM of EP, WO, DE, US, GB, AT, BE, LU, NL, CH, DK, FR, JP utilized
- CD-ROM ESPACE-BULLETIN utilized
- Czech patent documents sent to the public according to thematical profiles defined by the IPC.
- Electronic orders of patent searches were available through the Internet

VII. Matters concerning mutual exchange of patent documentation and information

- Paper documents without changes
- Exchange of CD-ROM carriers expanded
- Patent applications filed in paper form

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

- Various courses and seminars were organized for the Czech public; excursions from enterprises and schools were accepted.