

IV. Search file establishment and upkeep:

- The paper and CD-ROM collections are available in the Latvian Patent Library. Library provides bibliographic and enquiry searches.

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

- On-line searching of external databases is not available at this moment.
- The following CD-ROM databases are available in 1996 in Latvian Patent Office and Latvian Patent Library:
 - ESPACE EP-A,
 - ESPACE WORLD,
 - ESPACE ACCESS,
 - ESPACE PRECES+ACCESS,
 - ESPACE LEGAL,
 - ESPACE CH,
 - USA PAT,
 - GLOBALPat,
 - DEPAROM U, ACT.
 - IPC:CLASS 6

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

- The Patent Library is housed in a separate building outside the Patent Office. Patent documents, as well as patent and technical literature, incoming on various carriers and acquired by purchase, subscription or by exchange, are being stored, prepared and made available for the public in the Library. The Library co-operates with other libraries in Latvia.
- Latvian patent applications open for public inspection are available in the reading room of the Patent Office.

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

- Weekly, register tapes are received from the EPO with data of extension of the European patent applications.
- The Patent Bulletin is sent to 25 addresses. The patent documents are provided on paper. Latvian Patent Specifications are available now on ESPACE-PRECES CD-ROM.
- Applications are filed on paper in three copies, but we allow to file the application on diskette also, but in this case one paper copy is requested.

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

- Specialists from the Latvian Patent Office took part in training courses organized by the EPO, Japan PO, US Patent Office, German PO
- We participate in “Common Software” project according RIPP-PHARE Program