# ANNUAL TECHNICAL REPORT ON TRADEMARK INFORMATION ACTIVITIES IN 1998

**I. Evolution of registration activities:**

**- Changes experienced in terms of application filings and registrations with respect to the previous year;**

There were no changes as compared to the previous year concerning the procedures and requirements for application filings and registrations

**- Trends or areas experiencing rapid changes with respect to the previous year;**

| Year | Applications | Registrations |
|------|-------------|---------------|
| 1997 | 1200 | 3712 |
| 1998 | 1404 | 3310 |

There is a slight increase in filing activity and rather noticeable reduce in registration activity

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

**- Publishing, printing, copying techniques;**

During the reported period Sakpatenti published 11 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 numerical order. The images are printed in colors upon necessity. The following bibliographic data are contained in the Official Bulletin:

 the date of filing of the application, the filing number, the serial number of the application, the  applicant, the applicant address, a reproduction of the trademark, a list of goods and services, arranged according to the classes of International Classification (Nice Classification), classes of Figurative Elements (Vienna Classification), country code, priority date and number, patent attorney.

The Bulletins also contain numerical index.

**- Mass storage media and microforms used;**

The Bulletins are issued on paper and stored in the library and in the computer database. The database contains verbal and figurative pending applications.

**- Word processing and office automation;**

Text and image data processing is carried out on workstations which are the part of the automated system by means of specific software.

- Techniques used for generation of trademark information
The automated system is based on a fast (100Mbps) local area network which includes the server with 2 processors and 128 RAM and 18Gb hard disc memory. The operating software is Windows NT4.. The hardware used in the network is as follows:

Computers - IBM compatible with processor-Pentium - 5 items;
Compaq with processor-80486 - 2 items;
Printers - EPSON LQ-2170 - 2 items;
      - Laser Jet 6L - 3 items;
      - Laser Jet 5L - 1 item.
Scanner - Scan jet 6100C - 1 item.
Data carriers:
CD-R - 4 items.
Operating systems used are DOS 6-20, DOS 7-00 and DOS 7-10.
Database managing system - Paradox 4.5.

**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;**

Sakpatenti uses International Classification of Goods and Services for the Purposes of the Registration of Marks (Nice Classification), 7th edition and 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 list of goods and/or services;**

The electronic classification system for checking classification symbols is not used.

**- Obligation for applicants to use pre-defined terms of the classification applied;**

There is no official Georgian translation existing , so the use of terms is not obligatory, though examiners make recommendation as to the correctness of certain terms.

**- Bibliographic data and processing for search purposes;**

The bibliographic data contained in trademark applications are maintained in the database system. It includes:

- the date of filing of the application;
- the filing number;
- the serial number of the application;
- the applicant;
- the applicant address;
- a reproduction of the trademark;
- a list of goods and services;
- classes of International Classification (Nice Classification);
- classes of Figurative Elements (Vienna Classification);
- country code;
- priority date;
- priority number;
- Representative;
- Patent Attorney.

Bibliographic data and figurative elements are used for search purposes. The search is conducted by means of the special search engine.

**IV. Trademark manual search file establishment and upkeep:**

**- File Building and Updating;**

**-** nothing new to report
**- Documentation from other Offices maintained and/or considered part of the available search file;**

The list of signs protected under Article 6ter of the Paris Convention.
General references, dictionaries, journals, technical handbooks.

## V. Activities in the field of computerized trademark search systems:

### - In-house systems;

In 1998 Sakpatenti completed the creation of the computerized search system for trademarks. For this purpose there was created database for internal use which is a part of the LAN. The database enables search in respect to all the data which characterize all the applications filed for registrations, both on the initial stage and all the following stages of the work connected with examination and registration of trademarks.

The net-work system comprises:

- verbal trademarks;
- figurative trademarks

The search can be conducted in respect to the textual and image elements in the respective fields in which the coded description of the marks according to the Figurative Classification of elements are entered.

For the work in the database there exists the password systems of the different levels, defining the level of access for processing the filed application on the different stages.
Except the mentioned database we apply the database (off-line) created according to the Art. $6^{ter}$ of Paris Convention in which the search is also conducted in all the fields.
The Trademark database contains the data of the trademark applications filed for registration on each stage of processing - beginning from its filing date with assigning to it a filing number up to the registration (establishing priority, sending notifications, final decision of examination, etc.)

The Register data are accessible only for viewing. For processing such data there exists the Register database where the further operations concerning the registration are effected.

### - External databases

The system of interconnection with the external hosts are not provided.

**- Administrative management systems**

Information stored in the database supports administrative functions. The computerized Trademark database is used for correspondence with an applicant, statistics including statistics for WIPO legal status, system of fees payment administration is also in operation. The Administrative management system is regulated by the password system. This means that for certain actions and data obtained in the result of such actions the Database Administration and Head of Department are responsible.

**- Equipment used**

See paragraph II, 4.

**VI. Administration of trademark services available to the public**

No services are provided to the public. However the applicants are given some oral consultations free of charge on the questions of preparing and filing applications. The Trademark Bulletins are available to public in the library of Sakpatenti and are also on sale.

No computerized services are available to the public, or those received from other offices or on World Wide Web.

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

Nothing new to report.

**VIII. Matters concerning education and training including technical assistance to developing countries:**

Our examiners and officials have participated in the seminars and training courses organized by WIPO and EPO.

With the help of EPO program of assistance to CIS countries (ICON Project) 7 specialists of Sakpatenti are continuing their training in English language.

The technical assistance to developing countries is not provided.