



The objective of Intellectual Property discipline, is the promotion of economic, social and cultural progress of society, through the development and monitoring of global rules and treaties of intellectual property rights which motivate innovation and knowledge creation.

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ASIP's news

ASIP reshuffles administrative board in annual meeting

ASIP Saturday 11/6/2005 affected a limited reshuffle on administrative board in its annual meeting in Amman which gathered the administrative board and the general assembly.



Chaired by Mr. Talal Abu-Ghazaleh, the meeting reviewed a number of issues on the agenda and a limited reshuffle was endorsed with new members coming in:

Saleh Al-Shu'aibi, Suifyan Obeidat and Hazem Al-Simadi to replace going-out members: Mohammed Dofash, Rami Alwan and Hazem Al-Ainaji (deceased).

HE Mr. Mohammed Asfour was also nominated as ASIP vice chairman. The meeting was concluded with the following remarks:

Arab Centre for Mediation and Arbitration:

The board has been informed of the decision to announce, in special ceremonies, the foundation of the Arab Centre for Mediation and Arbitration which will be the first one of its kind in the Arab world.

Accredited Intellectual Property Expert Program (ACIPP):

The board has learnt that the relevant curriculum for the Accredited Intellectual Property Expert Program (ACIPP) is now ready. The 700 page curriculum is translated into Arabic from the WIPO's document origin. The translation has already been sent to WIPO and is awaiting endorsement so that the program will hold the names: WIPO and ASIP. The original English curriculum is copyrighted to WIPO while the translation will be copyrighted for both WIPO and ASIP.

The program is expected to commence as of the following academic year (i.e. thru October 2005). An examination board will be set up under chairmanship of and in consultation with Dr. Heinz Jodar. The board will comprise qualified experts from abroad who enjoy the following specialties and qualifications:

- University degree
- Qualification and experience in IP matters no less than ten years



Geographical Indications:

Administrative Board Chairman highlighted geographical indications as a new and important topic as he was making special reference to the relevant conference ASIP held in April in Abu-Dhabi, UAE in cooperation with the American Patents Office (USPTO).

Five-year Plan:

The Board recommended a forging of a committee comprising Ms. Nansi Dababneh, Adv. Qays Mahafzah and Adv. Mutasem Al-Domoor to review the ASIP five-year plan with special focus on Arab states and make it materialize into a working plan for achieving the suggested recommendations.

Next Board Meeting:

Next meeting of ASIP Administrative Board has been suggested to take place in Beirut/Republic of Lebanon during November 2005.

ASIP board and general assembly members extended thanks



to Board Chairman for covering ASIP's budget deficit. Following the meeting, the ordinary general assembly meeting was held to look into and discuss the issues the Board has endorsed concerning the reshuffle of Board members and the approval of forging a committee for reviewing the five-year plan for the years 2005-2009. A number of other related financial and administrative issues were also discussed.

Meetings of the Association of the Arab Society for Mediation and Arbitration in Intellectual Property

The administrative board of the Association of the Arab Society for Mediation and Arbitration in Intellectual Property held a meeting in Amman on 11/6/2005 under chairmanship of Mr. Talal Abu-Ghazaleh. Issues listed on the agenda were discussed and corroborations resulted in the following resolutions:

The in-principle approval of nominating Mr. Omar Al-Jazi as vice-president and approving new members.

Strategic Plan:

The Board stressed that the strategic plan of the association should focus on enforcing the role of mediation and arbitration in intellectual property matters and reformulating the strategic plan as to address the goals sought through mediation in intellectual property and to achieve these goals.

Adv. Omar Al-Jazi was entrusted with the strategic plan reformulation provided that it would be presented before the executive committee of the Arab Centre for Mediation and Arbitration in Intellectual Property for it to be revised and recommended to take effect.



The executive committee at the Arab Centre for Mediation and Arbitration in Intellectual Property was entrusted with the task of drawing up a plan for carrying out the new activities of the association in accordance with the strategic plan to be adopted in such a way that a strategic plan and an execution working plan thereof will exist in line with the new goals of the society.

The board also recommended to tie the Arab Centre for Mediation and Arbitration in Intellectual Property with the Arab Society for Intellectual Property (the mother society founded in Munich/Federal Republic of Germany in 1978) by signing a cooperation agreement between the Munich located society and the association in Jordan. Accordingly, the association in Jordan will act as the Regional Office for the mother society in the Arab world, with special emphasis on co-membership by virtue of the agreement. The association will be the regional headquarters of the Germany based society provided that a copy of this agreement will be filed at the Ministry of Interior in Jordan.

Terms of listing arbitrators and mediators at the Arab Centre for Mediation and Arbitration in Intellectual Property:

Mediators and arbitrators wishing to join the association should satisfy the following conditions:

a- Scientific Qualifications

First Higher University Degree (minimum) preferably in one of the following areas:

- intellectual property
- mediation, arbitration or any other fields in dispute resolution

b- Practical experience:

- at least five-year experience in matters directly related to intellectual property, intellectual property mediation and arbitration or any other field on dispute resolution
- known to be honest and observant of professional ethics.
- No less than 35 years old

Membership and Arbitrators Selection Committees The board recommended the forging of two committees as follows:



- membership committee (comprising Adv. Mohamed Jameel Al-Shalabi, Dr. Qays Mahafzah and Mutasem Al-Domoor)
- arbitrators selection committee to be forged in coordination with the Ministry of Justice

Following, the annual ordinary meeting of the general assembly of the Association of the Arab Society for mediation and arbitration in intellectual property was held attended by Ministry of Interior representative First Lieutenant Ali Mohammed Abeed Al-Khawaldeh.

The members discussed the strategic plan presented by the administrative board in the annual report and endorsed the board's recommendation to reformulate the plan. New members were also accepted in light of the Board's recommendation and by virtue of the fact that these members are already ASIP members.

General assembly members also endorsed a recommendation by the Board to link the Association with ASIP-Munich by signing a cooperation agreement between the two parties on this association and co-membership. The general assembly also approved the Board's recommendation concerning the terms and conditions for selecting mediators and arbitrators in intellectual property as members of the Arab society of mediation and arbitration in intellectual property.

ASIP celebrates three key achievements

In a special ceremony and under patronage of HE Dr. Adnan Badran, the Premier, ASIP on June 11th, 2005 celebrated the launching of the Arab Centre for Mediation and Arbitration in Intellectual Property (ACMAIP) and the signing of a scientific cooperation agreement with the Jordan University Centre for Consultations, Technical Services and Studies.

ACMAIP will grant diplomas of "Expert in Intellectual property".

The event also saw the appreciation of winners in the "Virtual Court Contest" organized in cooperation with UJ Faculty of Law.

Attending the ceremony was HE Shareef Al-Zu'bi, Minister of Industry and Trade on behalf of the Premier in addition to a number of ministers, official personae, university rectors, judges, lawyers, businessmen and leading figures of the business community in Jordan.



Sponsor's Speech:

HE Minister of industry and Trade made a speech welcoming the attendants. He said:

"It is my great pleasure to be here representing HE Dr. Adnan Badran, the Premier, to patronize this event, which comes as a continuation of antecedent economic, strategic and viable achievements that Jordan has seen all over the past weeks under direct patronage and supervision of His Majesty King Abdullah II. These efforts and achievements were crowned by the convening of Davos Forum that had good bearings locally, on the Arab level and internationally as well."



"We do highly appreciate your choice of the city of Amman as ACMAIP's headquarters, an achievement that will further enhance the concepts, duties, rights and commitment regarding intellectual property, which is consistent with the government's tendencies and the socio-economic boom."

"Perhaps you are acquainted with the tasks undertaken by the competent authorities in Jordan including the strict application of bylaws and regulations pertaining to our battle against counterfeit, forgery and cheating, and those which pertains to the effectuations of the IP rules. We are also constantly proceeding forward to muster efforts and encourage every good endeavor exerted in the interest of our tendencies particularly regarding the creation of specialized staffs in the field of intellectual property to attend to and keep abreast with any development that would impose on us an inescapable reality which we shall be a part of and have to deal with."

HE Al-Zu'bi announced his blessing of the initiative of ASIP represented by ASIP's Chairman Mr. Talal Abu-Ghazaleh in concluding a cooperation agreement with the consultation centre at the University of Jordan with the aim to launch an Arab vocational program that would provide for advanced education and training by virtue of which a diploma of "Accredited Expert in Intellectual Property" is granted.

He also hailed the efforts made by ASIP and UJ Faculty of Law for their matchless professional scientific initiative in holding a virtual court in the field of intellectual property to train law graduates to deal with IP issues.

Mr. Al-Zubi concluded his speech saying "The source of our pride and appreciation lies in the fact that these cultured initiatives from the private sector are models to be followed and are indispensable for boosting that efforts exerted by the government. Therefore, we highly appreciate your efforts, uphold your exertion and value your counsels, experience and sincere strive to serve your country."



On his part, Mr. Talal Abu-Ghazaleh made the ASIP inaugurating speech. He said:

"I feel overwhelmed by seeing Amman witnessing in the course of this blessed event a series of professional and viable achievements



in the field of intellectual property under the patronage of his Excellency the Premier, Dr. Adnan Badran, represented by HE Shareef Al-Zu'bi, an expertise in the law, intellectual property and economy and attended by this number of elite professional and academic leaders.

We thank God, today, that while our meeting is coming closer to our celebrations of the 25th anniversary of ASIP's establishment, we are talking now about achievements for whose realization multifarious sectors and individuals had a share in such a way that intellectual property has become now a part and parcel of economic, developmental and cultural advancements of Arab peoples and states.

In this occasion, I recollect how hard and frustrating our mission was on the onset when we established and launched ASIP around twenty years before, owing to lack of awareness on the part of the then Arab societies of both the concepts and significance of intellectual property. Those challenges notwithstanding, the then founding members of ASIP, who were leading figures in thought and economy, were more determined and eager to strive more and more towards the achievement of the goals we had drawn up by setting up appropriate programs and plans to help us carry out our mission, as we understood how serious and significant the situation was.

In contrast, however, our society, today, has become a professional Arab institution that is contributing to the development of laws and promulgation of legislations in the Arab world in a way compatible with changes in global economy. ASIP has always worked and is still working on building up human capabilities and disseminating awareness and knowledge by holding and maintaining seminars, conferences and training sessions, habilitation and continuous educational sessions in addition to the issuance of professional releases and publications, a remarkable achievement indeed.

This evening, we are celebrating the launching of the Arab Centre for Mediation and Arbitration in Intellectual Property, which is a significant achievement that fills in a serious gap in IP dispute resolution through arbitration. It does in addition contribute to the dissemination of legal awareness and knowledge for all concerned parties and sectors, particularly in the judiciary and law circles, a fruitful achievement thanks to the responsible and painstaking efforts the society has exerted.

IP Expert Program

We are also proud of another wonderful achievement we are carrying out in cooperation with the Centre for Consultations, Technical Services and Studies at the University of Jordan to bridge the gap in the field of professional habilitation of intellectual property experts, by launching the "Accredited Arab Intellectual Property Expert Program". This mirrors the priorities already set in our goals to see qualified Arab IP experts all over the Arab world.

To materialize on the ground this goal, ASIP in cooperation

with the Faculty of Law at the University of Jordan has taken the initiative to hold a 'virtual court' contest program, which best sets the example for cooperation among professional and academic institutions in the building up of human capabilities.

In this context, I would like to refer here to a further significant achievement by ASIP, which is the publication of Abu-Ghazaleh Dictionary for Intellectual Property, the first of its kind in the Arab Library. Comprising around 6,000 words and terms, this dictionary constitutes an important reference book for all academicians, researchers, legal and economic practitioners and those working in the field of intellectual property.

An Example of Successful Cooperation:

An important implication of the above mentioned account of ASIP's achievements and activities is that though launched in Jordan, ASIP does nevertheless go beyond borders into all other Arab states, setting, thus, a successful example of Arab private-academic sector cooperation in light of ASIP's tendencies, programs and plans targeted towards all economic sectors in the Arab world.

With the help of God, we are proceeding forward and heading to do everything that would contribute in the development and advancement of our Arab region, basing our efforts on our professional responsibilities and the satisfaction of God, the self and consciousness."

Speech by the Chairman of International Chamber of Commerce – Jordan



HE Mohammed Asfour, Chairman of International Chamber of Commerce-Jordan, made a speech announcing that:

"The birth and launching of this centre is an essential and cultured interface of a correct dealing with new conditions and realities and it guarantees the creation of appropriate atmospheres for mediating and arbitrating in intellectual property matters.

The launching of this centre and the announcement of its birth is associated with a number of goals that can be summarized under the following four rubrics:

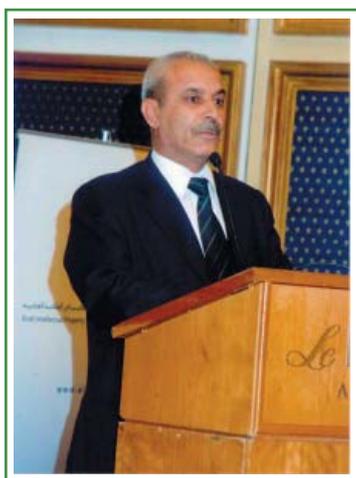
First, this centre is directly entrusted with the protection of intellectual property and the carrying out of necessary mediations and arbitrations to guarantee a practical materialization of intellectual property observance and protection. This would make the centre a lively landmark by mirroring the spirit of a strong will determined to the enforcement, defending and maintenance of intellectual property and to

make IP registration seekers rest assured that their innovative thoughts are safeguarded in any field whatsoever.

The second rubric revolves around working, through research, releases, conferences, seminars and workshops, to raise awareness of all IP related matters including patents, trademarks and industrial designs and models. This would lead to the creation of a modern culture of intellectual property and would eventually spot light on rights and duties in line with the modernity imposed correct harmonization with intellectual property in light of internationalization, openness and globalization.

The third rubric relates to the Centre's importance in contributing to the development and harmonisation of internationally recognized IP legislations and the offering of suitable recommendations for the development of organizational and legal contexts harboring such protection.

Speech of the Dean of the Faculty of Law – University of Jordan



In his speech, Dr. Ahmad Al-Ziyadat, the dean of the Faculty of Law, made an account of the activities handled by the faculty to achieve its main objectives by introducing intellectual property, promoting IP awareness, preparing national trained cadres in IP matters, cooperating with and benefiting from the expertise and support of international organizations. The Faculty of Law,

Dr. Al-Ziyadat said, also cooperated with national competent institutions particularly the Association of the Arab Society for Mediation and Arbitration in Intellectual Property (AASMAIP)

The good ties established between the Faculty of Law and the AASMAIP flourished thanks to the efforts exerted by those in charge of the association and the openhanded Mr. Talal Abu-Ghazaleh. Thus, side by side, the Faculty of Law and AASMAIP have since last year been organizing co-activities with full support and budgeting from AASIP.

Among those activities that were fully budgeted by the association was "The Virtual Court Contest in Intellectual Property", for which Mr. Talal Abu-Ghazaleh this evening will kindly award certificates of merit for the winners and the organisers.

Al-Ziyadat said the virtual court idea came into view with AIPMAS suggestion to incite BA students to research in areas of intellectual property and to promote their awareness of

the role this pivotal field plays in economy and in everyday life. Then "together, we studied the mechanisms and requirements of making this activity a success. We came up with the conclusion that an instrumental element for this idea to succeed was inciting as many students as possible to be seriously involved in a contest where they outsmart each other. Of course, this entailed offering winners material and not material incentives. Mr. Talal Abu-Ghazaleh was gracious enough to accept to undertake the budgeting of the contest and the winners' awards."

This was concluded in the signing of an understanding memorandum between the University of Jordan and AASMAIP to carry out the contest, and a steering committee was forged to supervise the contest's execution.

Al-Ziyadat also pointed out that "in view of our successful attempts in the first contest and the conclusion of the understanding memorandum, which gives way for a broader scope of contests to cover other universities and regions making the contest local and regional, we hope that the contest will be open for all students of law at public and private universities in Jordan."

Mr. Al-Ziyadat concluded his speech by thanking on behalf of the Faculty of Law and the University of Jordan all those who contributed to the success of the contest particularly Mr. Talal Abu-Ghazaleh in addition to the steering committee members and the virtual court head and members.

Introducing ACMAIP



At the beginning of the ceremonies, Dr. Omar MashHoor Al-Jazi made a brief introduction on AASMAIP. He said:

"The thought of establishing the Arab Centre for Mediation and Arbitration in Intellectual Property boiled up in the year 2002. The then ASIP's meeting which was held in Damascus on April 20th 2002 reached a resolution to establish a centre special for

dispute resolution in intellectual property. A co-committee emanated from ASIP, the International Chamber of Commerce and the International Organization for Intellectual Property to make this project a reality. Cooperation was also sought to be established with Cairo Regional Centre for International Trade Arbitration to benefit from its expertise in the field.

In harmony with the resolution, I was personally entrusted on December 16th, 2002, by Mr. Talal Abu-Ghazaleh, ASIP chairman, with the task of forging the steering committee for the centre and drawing up of a working plan for establishing it



with the assistance of a number of ASIP colleagues, who were nominated for the committee membership as well.

Then came the resolution of ASIP's general assembly, which was issued in Beirut on April 28th 2003, to establish the Arab Centre for Mediation and Arbitration in Intellectual Property in Jordan as an entity affiliated with the Association of the Arab Society of Intellectual Property with an aim to make use of the legal merits of Jordanian legislations, which permits non-Jordanians to join the centre. This merit will allow the centre to be a prestigious Arab and international one functioning through a Jordanian regional association duly registered in Jordan. This would make the centre the first one of its kind in the Arab world to deal with intellectual property. The centre would thus be able to take the lead in the Arab region far away from international arbitration centers as it would reduce expenses and costs that would otherwise be incurred in case the disputing parties were Arab nationals.

Then came the initiative of HE Mohammed Asfour, Chairman of International Chamber of Commerce/Jordan and ASIP member to help establish the centre, by virtue of the Chamber's broad experience in the field of arbitration, with the capacity of an autonomous legal person working in accordance with laws in force in the Hashemite Kingdom of Jordan.

The objective of establishing the Centre was to promote the concept of protecting IP rights in the Arab world and to work for making the centre a prestigious one on the Arab

and international levels. The aim should not be understood as "to compete" with other arbitration centers but rather to "compliment" them in securing adequate protection of intellectual property rights, to raise awareness of the necessity to provide for such protection internationally and to combat all kinds of infringement thereupon. This would entail, among other things, working to amend and harmonise international legislations and propagate for resolving relevant disputes by means of mediation and arbitration.

The administrations of both the association and the centre will communicate with competent authorities in the Arab countries, particularly Jordan, to have all would-be IP dispute cases referred to the Centre, which is first competent in the matter and second functional on the Arab and international arenas. The Centre also aspires to lay down a solid ground for cooperation with the World Intellectual Property Organization (WIPO) in the filed of resolving disputes arising on intellectual property by means of mediation and arbitration.

The association will also hold workshops on the role of alternative tools in resolving IP disputes and will also spread out the idea of adopting mediation and arbitration in all kinds of contracts in an attempt to seek settlements of IP disputes through the Centre.

Al-Jazi concluded his speech by hailing the efforts of all those in charge in the Centre and those who helped making it a success particularly Mr. Talal Abu-Ghazaleh, ASIP's chairman for his ceaseless efforts in making this idea come into existence.

Disclosure of the Arab Centre for Mediation and Arbitration in Intellectual Property

The
Association of the Arab
Society of Mediation and Ar-
bitration in intellectual Property

in harmony with the mission and objectives of the Association of the Arab Society for Mediation and Arbitration in Intellectual Property aiming at:

resolving disputes related to intellectual property, securing international protection of intellectual property rights, combating counterfeit, unfair competition and other types of infringements, and seeking to raise the efficiency of workers in intellectual property by education, training and habilitation

hereby
announces the disclosure
of a specialized centre in resolving
disputes related to intellectual property
by means of mediation, arbitration or any other
means to resolve disputes in compliance with
governing principles and rules. The centre shall
hereby have the name "The Arab Centre for Media-
tion and Arbitration in Intellectual Property" with its
headquarters in the city of Amman, in the Hashemite
Kingdom of Jordan.

The Centre shall start serving the economic community as of the date of this disclosure.

(The disclosure document was issued in a special ceremonial party on June 11th 2005 in Amman under the patronage of His Excellency the Premier)

Meetings of the Association of the Arab Society for Mediation and Arbitration in Intellectual Property

The Association of the Arab Society for Intellectual Property launched in a special ceremonial party the Accredited IP Expert Program in cooperation with the Centre for Consultations, Technical Services and Studies at the University of Jordan.

In this regard, an understanding memorandum was signed by Mr. Talal Abu-Ghazaleh and Dr. Abdulraheem Al-Hneti, UJ rector.

The program aims to provide advanced training for the Arab practitioner. It facilitates understanding of modern principles governing intellectual property issues with an aim to have access to knowledge and international changes to make it easier for the practitioner to carry out his duties under international standards.

The "Accredited Intellectual Property Expert" diploma will also provide for an internationally distinguished educational and training plan for IP practitioners in the Arab world as the program comprises a number of teaching and training tools that would insure a high degree of practical experience and will grant the participant a real background and understanding of IP principles, tools and application.

The program moreover gives the way for further advanced course in other areas of intellectual property and legal, commercial and practical skills and knowledge.



The program falls in four papers and advanced courses. Each course lasts for 120-150 contact hours, which includes training at an IP agent or an ASIP affiliated legal institution. The papers are: introduction to intellectual property, trademarks and unfair competition, copyrights and neighboring rights, patents and trade secrets.

The program can be of benefit for lawyers, those who work in trade and management, who seek to further understand IP matters, public servants in IP registration, trade and investment, IP owners or holders (e.g. authors and inventors), patent and trademark agents and intellectual property portfolio holders.

Spotlights on the Virtual Court

The third achievement celebrated by ASIP was the commemoration of the winners in the Virtual Court Contest, which was held under cooperation of the Faculty of Law at the University of Jordan and ASIP.

The contest, which was initiated three months ago, involved eleven teams from Faculty of Law students, is the first one of its kind in the Arab universities, with the aim to qualify law graduates and provide them with skills of legal procedures and good understanding of procedural principles on intellectual property.

On the world level, celebrated universities do hold such virtual courts, which are attended by well established legal firms and representatives of such firms seeking to contract with contest winners.

Mr. Talal Abu-Ghazaleh decided this initiative to continue to be held annually and to be imitated in other Arab universities.



Many law practitioners praised the initiative, which was supervised by two committees, the first was the contest committee comprising:

- Mr Justice Thaer Al-Adwan, (Amman First Instant Court)
- Dr. Tareq Al-Hamouri (UJ Faculty of Law)
- Ms. Zein Al-Awamleh (Ministry of Industry and Trade)

The second was the Steering Committee which comprised:

- Dr. Ahmad Ziyadat- Chairman (Dean of the Faculty of Law)
- Dr. Qays Mahafzah – Member (from the University of Jordan)
- Adv. Mutasem Aldmoor- Member (ASIP)

Qualifying to the last stage of contest were the strongest three teams, and I am pleased to announce that Abu-Ghazaleh Intellectual Property (AGIP) has announced it would promptly give job offers for the first and second rank winners.

HE Minister of Industry and Trade, ASIP chairman and UJ rec-



tor presented ASIP shields to both committee members in appreciation of their efforts and distributed certificates of merit and financial rewards to the winning team members:

Team: Rank 1	Team: Rank 2	Team: Rank 3
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Anwar Al-Sukari - Hazem Kharfan - Azza Al-Zu'bi 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Badr Artimeh - Kholood Kanakriyeh - Rola Deeb - Rawan Al-Lawzi 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Shoroog Al-Tamimi - Omar Al-Homsi - Abeer Al-Qaysi

Roundtable May 2005

ASIP held Saturday evening on May 7th 2005 at ASIP headquarters in Queen Noor Street, the monthly roundtable with the theme "Filing at the National Library Directorate". The forum was moderated by Mr. Justice Hazem Al-Simadi, the Judge of Amman First Instance Court and the Chairman of ASIP's Development and Training Committee.

The forum was attended by ASIP executive manager Adv. Jameel Al-Shalabi, ASIP's Assistant Manager, Adv. Mutasem Al-Domor, a number of experts and specialists and some ASIP members.

The keynote speakers was Mr. Mohammed Al-Abbadi, the assistant director of the National Library Directorate. His paper introduced legal filing, the significance of filing and legal regulatory provisions of filing in the Hashemite Kingdom of Jordan.

Al-Abbadi explained and interpreted the filing related provisions of the copyright law for the year 1994, which, he said, is



out of date and needs to be amended to cope with technological advancement in the field of dissemination of knowledge. He also pointed out to the role of national libraries in some advanced Arab countries in this field like Algeria and Morocco. Mr. Abadi as well touched on the obstacles and challenges facing the national library in Jordan impeding it from executing its function completely.

At the end of the forum, Mr. Abadi answered a number of interventions and questions underlining the necessity for establishing laws for national archives and documents filing. He also talked about an existent Arab project for issuing a joint Arab filing law.

ASIP's roundtables are held every month. It invites ASIP's members, experts and those interested in intellectual property to spread out benefits. In this forum, attendants discuss all issues and changes in intellectual property on the local, regional and world levels.



AIPMAS holds IP adjudication course

The Association of the Arab Society for Mediation and Arbitration in Intellectual Property (AASMAIP) held a course with the theme "Adjudication in Intellectual Property" during 21-25 of May 2005 at the headquarters of Talal Abu-Ghazaleh Group in Amman.

This course comes within the continuous activities of the association to promote human resources and develop national qualified and professional cadres in the field of intellectual property to cope with international changes.

Participating in the course was a number of IP experts who received training from Mr. Justice Hazem Al-Simadi, from Amman First Instant Court, who surveyed during the course a number of key issues in intellectual property including:

- an introduction to intellectual property
- penalty protection of trademarks with a commentary on the concept of trademark counterfeit
- penal protection of copyrights in light of legislation and the judiciary
- formulation of polices and civil and penal protection of trademarks
- principles and standards to be observed to decide whether unfair competitive practices were existent or not.
- most important treaties on IP protection
- arbitration in intellectual property

The course participants expressed their satisfaction of the course level and asked ASIP to hold further courses specialized in the field of intellectual property.

Trend to harmonies West Bank and Gaza trademark register

Ramallah – from Maen Naser

Ministry of National Economy is putting a working plan to harmonise the trademark register among other industrial property ones in the West Bank and Gaza Strip according to the following:

1- Endorsing Jordanian industrial property laws currently in force in the West Bank (The trademark law No 33 for the year 1952 and the Law of Patents and Designs No. 22 for the year 1953 to be effective in Gaza Strip as well.

2- Taking a decision in an upcoming cabinet session to extend the validity of pertinent Jordanian laws

3- Merging the West Bank register and the Gaza Strip one into one register that would answer in administration and organization to the Ministry of National Economy

4- Harmonising governmental fees by applying the current fees in the West

Bank to Gaza Strip

5- Registering trademarks and other intellectual property rights, in the long run, at the headquarters of the Ministry of National Economy in Ramallah, noting that the current Gaza registration will remain in force for some time.

These decisions are expected to be issued next month.

13 new members join ASIP

ASIP is pleased to welcome the following new members, who have satisfied the membership requirements:

Luay Abu-Nimeh, Lubna Saleem Al-Zubi, Nasreen Jabir, Nancy Dababneh, Nora Jarar, Tareq Al-Taweel and Mahmoud Latoof (Jordan); Ahmad Saleem Al-Kahlout, Jamal Mohammed Al-Haj, Sami Mohammed Abu-Zarifeh, Maher Tayseer Al-Tabba' and Salam Omar Bseso Palestine); As'aad Aardah (UAE); and, Malek Al-Sayyed (Lebanon).



International patent classification system is upgraded to enhance retrieval, recognition and delivery of patent information

A committee of international experts meeting at the World Intellectual Property Organization (WIPO) in Geneva from February 14 to 18, 2005, endorsed a series of reforms of an international system for classifying patents which promises to significantly reduce the patent search workload of industrial property offices of WIPO member states by providing tools for easier and more efficient retrieval and delivery of patent-related information. Reform of the system, known as the International Patent Classification (IPC) system, will ensure consistent search results and their mutual recognition by industrial property offices. The committee of experts which has been responsible for undertaking the reform process since its launch, at WIPO's initiative, in 1999, welcomed the

successful conclusion of the IPC reform process which is designed to enhance the usefulness of the system as a global patent information resource. The Committee of Experts also approved plans for the publication of the new, eighth edition of the IPC. The new reformed IPC will enter into force on January 1, 2006.

The IPC is a hierarchical system in which technology as a whole is divided into a range of sections, classes, subclasses and groups. This system is an indispensable tool for industrial property offices in their search to establish the novelty of an invention or to determine the state of the art in a particular area of technology.

WIPO Recommends Uniform Mechanism to Regulate Domain Name Registrations with Introduction of New gTLDs

The World Intellectual Property Organization (WIPO) has recommended the introduction of a uniform intellectual property (IP) protection mechanism designed to further curb unauthorized registration of domain names in all new generic Top-Level Domains (gTLDs). This came in a report by WIPO's Arbitration and Mediation Center (WIPO Center) on the IP implications of introducing additional generic Top-Level Domains (new gTLDs). The report, "New Generic Top-Level Domains: Intellectual Property Considerations", which is available at <http://arbiter.wipo.int/domains/reports/newgtld-ip>, said that such a preventive mechanism would complement the curative relief provided by the existing Uniform Domain Name Dispute Resolution Policy (UDRP).

Introducing New gTLDs

The report is based on WIPO's experience in the area of IP protection in the domain name system (DNS). "The introduction of a new gTLD presents particular challenges for IP owners seeking to protect their domain names against unauthorized registration by third parties. With the growth of Internet usage and electronic commerce, the strategic importance of domain names as business identifiers has grown significantly," said Mr. Francis Gurry, WIPO Deputy Director General who oversees the work of the Center. Mr. Gurry said that registering their entire trademark portfolio may often be the only way for IP owners to protect their identifiers from being

"grabbed" by cybersquatters. "If domain names are randomly attributed in newly opened gTLDs, IP owners will be forced to compete with cybersquatters for their own trademarks – unless additional safeguards are introduced," he added. "Our new report makes practical recommendations for addressing such issues."

New gTLD Strategy

WIPO's report has been prepared in response to a request made by the Internet Corporation for Assigned Names and Numbers (ICANN), the institution that oversees the functioning of the DNS. Following the introduction of seven new gTLDs in 2000 (.aero, .biz, .coop, .info, .museum, .name, .pro), ICANN is developing a comprehensive strategy for further expansion of the DNS. The report provides input into that strategy from an IP and dispute resolution perspective.

WIPO Domain Name Experience

WIPO's recommendations made in the context of the First WIPO Internet Domain Name Process in 1999 led to the adoption of the UDRP – a quick and cost effective procedure for the independent resolution of disputes that arise from the abusive registration of trademarks as domain names. Under the UDRP, a complainant must demonstrate that the disputed domain name is identical or confusingly similar to its trade-



mark, that the respondent does not have a right or legitimate interest in the domain name and that the respondent registered and used the domain name in bad faith. The WIPO Center was the first UDRP service provider to be accredited in December 1999 and has since administered over 7,500 cases under this policy alone. The WIPO Center has also been involved in the implementation of certain trademark protection mechanisms developed by new gTLD operators, and has handled more than 15,000 dispute resolution procedures under such mechanisms.

Need for Preventive Measures

WIPO's report focuses exclusively on the IP aspects that need to be taken into account if and when such extensions of the domain name space take place, and does not comment on whether further extensions are necessary or desirable. The report summarizes the WIPO Center's UDRP experience, and notes that WIPO's UDRP case filing rate has remained stable over the last years and recently even increased. An additional mechanism to prevent unauthorized registration of domain names during the critical introductory phase of a new gTLD would, therefore, strengthen the ability to combat the still widespread practice of cybersquatting.

Continued Attraction of .com

WIPO's UDRP experience also shows that the first extension of the DNS in 2000 has not caused significant shifts in cybersquatting or enforcement patterns. UDRP disputes continue to concentrate heavily in the .com domain. Indeed, this trend has become even more pronounced since the introduction of the seven new gTLDs. While this may partly be explained by the availability of the start-up IP protection mechanisms adopted by .biz and .info, it more likely indicates that .com continues to be the most attractive domain for trademark owners as well as for cybersquatters.

WIPO's New gTLD Experience

The report summarizes the WIPO Center's experience in implementing various IP protection mechanisms developed by a number of new gTLDs and provides a comparative evaluation of existing approaches (watch services, defensive registrations, exclusion mechanisms, and pre-registration mechanisms). It notes a trend among TLDs towards sunrise mechanisms, i.e. the possibility for IP owners to register their identifiers before the general public. Experience shows that the need for IP protection mechanisms is most tangible in open gTLDs, which are not subject to clearly defined and policed registration restrictions, and which accept domain name applications from the general public. The fewer restrictions and prior verification requirements associated with the registration process, the greater the risk of abusive registrations.

Best Practices

The report confirms the need for effective IP protection mechanisms to prevent new gTLDs from turning into cybersquatting havens and recommends that mechanisms should: be effective and minimize the potential for abuse; take account of rights and interests of third parties; and be practicable and straightforward in order to avoid undue delays in the introduction or functioning of new gTLDs.

A Uniform IP Protection Mechanism

In conclusion, the report recommends implementing a single uniform preventive IP protection mechanism across all new gTLDs. Specifically, new gTLDs would be required to offer IP owners the option of registering their protected identifiers during a specified period before opening registration to the general public. In sponsored or restricted gTLDs where IP owners may not be eligible to register domain names, IP owners could instead be given the option of obtaining defensive registrations during this initial period. Such a uniform mechanism would have a number of advantages:

Operators of new gTLDs would not be required to develop their own IP protection mechanisms, a task for which they are not necessarily equipped;

ICANN would not be required to monitor the correct implementation of multiple protection mechanisms applied by different gTLDs (now that ICANN's experimental "proof of concept" phase on new gTLDs has been concluded);

IP owners would not be required to devote significant resources to understanding and using multiple different IP protection mechanisms; and

The general public would benefit from enhanced reliability and credibility of domains.

Member states agree basic text for revised TLT

Efforts to revise a key international treaty in the field of trademarks made significant headway as the World Intellectual Property Organization (WIPO) Standing Committee on the Law of Trademarks, Industrial Designs and Geographical Indications (SCT) agreed on a text to be proposed as a basis for negotiations at the Diplomatic Conference for the Adoption of the Revised Trademark Law Treaty (TLT), which will be convened in March 2006. Also, at a two-day session of the Preparatory Meeting for the Diplomatic Conference, Singapore made an official offer to host the diplomatic conference on the revision of the TLT, which is meant to revise the existing Trademark Law Treaty bringing it in line with the technological advances of the past decade. The SCT, which met from April 18 to 22, 2005, was attended by 79 member states, 3 intergovernmental organizations and 11 non-governmental organizations. The Preparatory meeting met on April 25 & 26, 2005.



WIPO offers new tool for analysis of UDRP trends

The Arbitration and Mediation Center of the World Intellectual Property Organization (WIPO) has created and made available online a new information tool that offers a concise overview of trends in decisions taken under the Uniform Domain Name Dispute Resolution Policy (UDRP) – a quick and cost effective

dispute resolution procedure relating to Internet addresses. The WIPO Overview of WIPO Panel Views on Selected UDRP Questions considers common and important substantive and procedural questions that have been extracted from the over 7,000 UDRP cases handled so far by WIPO.

WIPO hosts forum on IP and SMEs

Representatives of 20 national intellectual property offices and 10 institutions promoting the competitiveness of small and medium sized enterprises (SMEs) participated on May 25-26, 2006 in the third annual WIPO Forum on Intellectual Property (IP) and SMEs for IP Offices of the OECD (Organization for Economic Co-operation and Development) and South Mediterranean Countries at the Geneva headquarters of the World Intellectual Property Organization (WIPO).

A program is available at [HERE](#).

Discussions covered a wide range of issues including outreach and support programs for students (at all levels), researchers, spin-offs, start-up companies, SME support institutions and marketing of the services of IP offices, e-learning programs, IP infor-

mation, search services and programs dealing with IP theft.

A number of presentations were devoted to user-friendly tools for awareness raising and capacity building among educational institutions. Noteworthy presentations were made by the United Kingdom Patent Office, France's National Institute of Industrial Property (INPI), and the "Idea Pilot" Project of the National Board of Patents and Registration of Finland. The "Idea Pilot" Project, supported by WIPO, is designed to enhance coordination among SME support and educational institutions to promote an holistic approach to the use of intellectual property.

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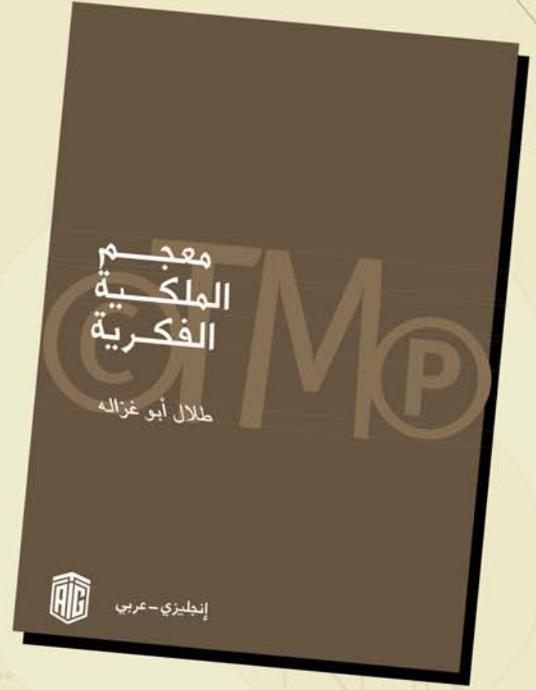
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