

# Annual Technical Report 2002 on Patent Information Activities submitted by Egypt (SCIT/ATR/PI/2002/EG)

## I. Evolution of patent activities

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

We amended the format of patent gazettes by adding the codes of bibliographic data. The Egyptian patent abstract gazette is published every month and it is sent to universities, industrial companies and research institutes.

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

We completed the database numerical collection of EG patents till number 22280 with the following bibliographic data:

- Patent number
- Application number / year
- Filing date
- Priority number / year
- Country of priority
- Title

IPC boxed collections: the full text of patent documents from different countries (EG, US and others) is continuously added to our library. Please see attached file.

#### Library Activities

##### 1. Patents

We transferred granted patents to microfiche from No.21623 to No.22280  
Total = 657 patents

##### 2. Patent Applications

###### 1-Filed applications

We transferred patent applications from paper format to microfilm for the year 2002.  
Total = 1415 applications

###### 2 - Applications on duty

We transferred the patent applications from 2001 up to December 2002 from paper format to microfilm.  
Total = 1415

#### Reclassification

We reclassified old patents from local classification to the new IPC edition from patent No.1 to 22398.

Under classification = 3883 patents

We search through:

- Catchword by data computer (IPC)
- Data computer / CD-ROMs and DVD system and through the Internet

– The library was provided with the following :

Storing media	Number of documents
CD-ROMs	5,803,684
Microfilms	2,074
Microfiche	18,792
Paper forms (full text)	884
Paper forms (abstract)	15,6142
APP./yy	1280
Total	5,982,856

– Total Number of Documents

Storing media	Number of documents	
CD-ROMs	10,823,417	
Microfilms	3,096,327	
Microfiche	809,649	
Paper forms (full text)	4,166,520	
Paper forms (abstract)	6,801,364	
Patent Applications on Microfilm	0005199	
Total	25,702,476	

#### **IV. Search file establishment and upkeep**

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

- We installed 17 new computers on our network. Now we have 107 work stations.
- We have a new Web based database which is running very well.
- We developed and installed a new archiving system by Sakhr company; it is working and is connected with our new database.
- We have a website the address of which is <http://www.egypo-gov.eg>.

#### **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)**

We made 210 state-of-the-art searches for users as described in the attached file.

– State-of-the-art searches

Users	Number of searches
Institutes and research centers	32
Companies	130
Attorneys	48
Total	210

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

Documentation and information:

- We exchange our Egyptian patent gazettes and abstract gazettes with foreign patent offices.
- We exchange our patent documents in paper format and receive patent documents on microfilm, microfiche and CD-ROM.

N.B. We prepare to exchange our patent documents on microfiche.

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

External training of the staff of the EG Patent Office

Course	No. of trainees	Country
USPTO visiting scholars program	2	USA
USPTO copyright semiconductor chip examination program	2	USA
USPTO biotechnology patent examination program	2	USA
Intellectual property and transfer of technology	2	USA
Study visit for two official from the Academy of Scientific Research and Technology (ASRT) to the Foundation for Finnish Inventions	2	USA
Industrial property management	2	USA
Training Course on the administration of patents	1	Norway
Interregional specialized training course on patent documentation searching and examination techniques	1	Sweden
Study visit for two officials from the Academy of Scientific Research and Technology (ASRT) to the Foundation for Finnish Inventions	2	Finland
Intellectual property rights	2	Japan
Patents, a source of information	1	Switzerland (Geneva)
Information technology concepts and infrastructure for small and medium sized patent and trademark offices	2	Greece
Industrial property information on the Internet, on CD-ROM and on-line database	1	Austria