

Annual Technical Report 2004 on Patent Information Activities submitted by Egypt (SCIT/ATR/PI/2004/EG)

I. Evolution of patent activities

Changes experienced in terms of application filings and grants with respect to the previous year

Year-Applications Filed –Patents Granted (see following)
2003-1119-638
2004 - 545 - 3

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

Publishing, printing, copying (main types of publications of the office in the field of patent information, etc.)

- The Egyptian patent office publishes three journals as follows :
 - 1-The Egyptian patent gazette
 - 2-The patent applications bulletin
 - 3-The Egyptian patent Abstracts

These publications are published every month, and we send them to the universities, industrial companies and research institutes in Egypt and the foreign patent offices abroad .

Mass storage media used (paper, microforms, optical storage, etc.)

We used paper, Microfilm , Microfilm Jackets , tapes , HD , and DVD as Mass storage for our Applications and Patents

Word processing and office automation

All office action is done on the application or Patent Produced Automatically from our data base as word processing.

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

IV. Search file establishment and upkeep

We completed the database numerical collection of EG patents until number 23345 with the following bibliographic data:

patent number
application number/year
filing date
priority number/year
country of priority
title

We continuously provide it with the full text of patent documents from different countries (EG, US and others) according to this addition according to the International Patent Classification (IPC).

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

We have in - house systems done by cooperation with WIPO attached archiving system EPO scan.

We are planning to apply a security system in mid-2005 and will add a monitoring and quality control component to our administrative system at the end of June 2005.

Equipment used:

-Hardware:

We have a LAN network with 123 terminals (Dell, HP, IBM) and 5 servers (see attached document "hardware").

-Software:

We use Oracle and Asp in our databases and web site.

-Information services available:

We have a Web site for our office which includes the published patents and searchable database where we can find the bibliographic data for any granted patent. Also, it includes all information needed to register patents and others. The web site is : [www. Egypco.gov.eg](http://www.Egypco.gov.eg)

We made 222 state of the art searches for users (see attached document "searches").

Users	Number of Searches
Institutes & research centers	25
Companies	111
Attorneys	59
Persons	27
Total	222

Usage	Type
Main server (domain)	Dell 6600
Backup server	HP Helwet Pack ADLHpro
Datasbase server	Compaq
Archive server	Dell 6600
Web site server	Dell 4400

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)

The library's acquisitions are indicated in the attached documents "Acquisitions" and "Total documents".

Activities of library

1- Patents

We transferred the granted patents into microfiche

From No. 23033 to No 23345 (Total = 312 patents)

Patent Applications:

We transferred patent applications from paper form to microfilm for the year 2004 (total = 536 applications)

We search through:

- Computerized IPC Catchword

- CD-ROMs and DVD systems which are available in the Egyptian Patent Office.

- The International network (Internet) through the foreign patent office databases such as:

1. ESP@cenet

2. Japan Patent Office

3. U.S. Patent and Trademark Office

4. Egyptian Patent Office database

Storing media	Number of documents
CD-ROMs	2811398
Microfilms	0000574
Microfiche	0000000
Paper forms (full text)	0000450
Paper forms (Abstract)	0020170
Total	2832592

Storing media	Number of documents
CD-ROMs	17332584
Microfilms	03097081
Microfiche	00810134
Paper forms (full text)	04167755
Paper forms (Abstract)	06846759
Total	32254313

VII. Matters concerning mutual exchange of patent documentation and information

- We exchange our Egyptian patent gazette and abstract gazette with the foreign patent offices .

- We get patent documents in paper form , on microfilm, microfiche and CD-ROMS.

- N.B. We prepare to exchange our patents 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 conferences for the staff of EG Patent Office

Course	Trainees	City
The committee of experts of International Patent Class Union	1	Geneva
Committee of experts information technology	1	Geneva
Standing committee on information technologies (SCIT)	1	Geneva
Working Group on reform of the PCT	1	Geneva
IPC Revision working group	1	Geneva
Advisory committee on Enforcement (ACE)	1	Geneva
Assemblies of the Member states of WIPO	1	Geneva
EPIDOS Annual conference	3	Prague
Committee of Experts of the IPC union	2	Geneva
Standing committee on information technologies (SCIT)	2	Geneva
Working group on IPC union	3	Geneva

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Course		Country	Course		Country
Intergovernmental committee on intellectual property and genetic resources traditional knowledge and folklore	1	Geneva	Innovation support : IP for SME	1	Estonia
WIPO/ ESC WA Arab Regional Conference on Intellectual Property	1	Beirut Lebanon	Access to IP information and documentation on the internet and CD – ROM	1	Vienna (Austria)
Standing committee on the law of patents (SCP)	1	Geneva	IP Issues for government officials and information administrators	1	Hungary
Epidos annual conference / patinnova 2003	1	Luxembourg	Workshop on information technology concepts and infrastructures for patent offices	1	Portugal
Thirty – ninth series of the assemblies of the member states of WIPO	1	Geneva	Symposium on patents in biotechnology with a focus on food industry	1	Italy
The ordinary session of the assembly of the PCT union	1	Geneva	Search and examination of European patent applications	1	Germany
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Course		Country	Course	Trainee	Country
Committee of experts (IPC)	1	Geneva	Search and examination of European patent applications with focus on chemistry in particular pharmaceuticals	1	Netherlands
Wipo / las Arab Regional Consultation Meeting for heads of Industrial Property and copyright offices	1	Muscat	Search and examination with focus on a particular technical field physics electricity, mechanics	1	Munich
IPC revision working group	1	Geneva	Visit to EPO	2	Netherlands

Working group on reform of the patent cooperation treaty (PCT)	1	Geneva	Advanced training course on intellectual property system	1	Korea
IPC revision working group	1	Geneva	Administrative issues in patent and trademark procedures	1	Netherlands
WIPO – ARIPO symposium on topical intellectual property issues for heads of industrial property and copyright offices	<u>1</u>	Dar es Salaam	Interregional intermediate seminar on industrial property	1	Geneva