

Annual Technical Report 2006 on Patent Information Activities submitted by Egypt (SCIT/ATR/PI/2006/EG)

I. Evolution of patent activities

- Changes experienced in terms of application filing and grants with respect to the previous year:

Year	Applications FILING			Patents granted		
	Resident	Non resident	Total	Resident	Non resident	Total
2005	428	123	551	50	97	147
2006	481	191	672	58	72	130

- PCT Applications:

Year	National Phase	International phase	Total
2005	885	44	929
2006	1292	41	1333

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

In 2006 the patents from IPC section A human necessities have been in the lead (30.8%) ,followed by these sections:

- C Chemistry 23.1%
- B Performing operations; transporting 17%
- G Physics 11.5%
- F Mechanical Engineering,lighting,heating,weapons,blasting 9.2%
- E Fixed constructions 4.6%
- H Electricity 3%
- D Textiles .,8%

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 as well as the foreign patent offices abroad.

Main types of announcements of the Office in the field of patent information

The Egyptian patent office web site (www.Egypo.gov.eg) plays an increasingly important role in the dissemination of information regarding patents.

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

The Egyptian patent office has a data base containing the Egyptian applications and patents grants .

The office has a DVD and CD-ROM collection containing published/granted patents for US , WO , EP , GB , 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

Abstracting, reviewing, translating

Our staff can translate the abstract of the invention into the English language, and patent examiners check all patent abstracts provided by the applicant besides amending them when necessary to ensure that the abstract represents a useful search tool .

Classification and reclassification activities; Classification system used, e.g., International Patent Classification (IPC), other classification (please indicate whether or not patent documents are classified by your Office and, if so, which classification is used)

Our office classifies the Egyptian patent applications according to the IPC (8th edition), the office doesn't reclassify documents and we don't use local classification

Bibliographic data and full-text processing

Bibliographic data, abstracts of Egyptian documents (checked by examiners) can be searched from the Egyptian patent office data base .

IV. Search file establishment and upkeep

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

the Egyptian Patent Office database is the only in-house system that we have for searching

In-house systems (online/offline)

Technical searching can be carried out on combination of terms from different headings . IPC terms can be searched too.

External databases

We have a list of some external databases that we use regularly, including Esp@cenet, JAPIO, USPTO, WIPO databases, and other databases. Our official policy is that a world-wide online search should be carried out as whole or part of every patent search done in this office.

Administrative management systems (e.g., register, legal status, statistics, administrative support, etc.)

Registration and legal status information are stored in the Egyptian Patent Office database

Equipment used (hardware, including the types of terminal and network used, and software), carriers used

Hardware

We have a Network (internet LAN) on which local applications are running and supports internet browsing and searching.

This LAN consists of 200/250 PC /persons

usage	type
main server (Domain)	Dell 6600
Backup server	hp helwet pack ADLHpro
Database server	Compaq
Archive server	Dell 6300
Web site server	Dell 4400

VI. Administration of the industrial property office library and information products 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)

Planning, administration, automation, security, buildings

We have a big collection of patent documents from many countries in our library such as DE, US, FR, GB, EPO, etc.

The available collection includes also various pamphlets, manuals and other publications such as law reports, official journals of the Egyptian Patent Office and of many different countries, magazines, etc. These collections are located in our main building and are therefore secure.

Information services available to the public (including computerized services and search files contained in libraries remote from your Office and patent information posted by your Office on the World Wide Web)

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

We made 271 state of the art searches for users as follows :

Kind of search	Number of searches
Technical Search	81
Bibliographic Search	93
Patent copying	97
Total	271

2005	2006
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VII. Matters concerning mutual exchange of patent documentation and information

[Medium used for exchange of priority documents](#)

We can accept priority documents in paper format only

[Medium allowed for filing applications](#)

Currently , filing is done in paper format but means of electronic filing are being developed

[Implementation of the Statement of Principles Concerning the Changeover to Electronic Data Carriers for the Exchange of Patent Documents \(please provide a status report on the extent to which your Office has changed over to electronic data carriers for the exchange of patent documents\)](#)

We exchange our Egyptian patent gazettes and abstract gazettes with the foreign patent offices. We get patent documents in paper form , on microfilm, on microfiche and CD-ROMS. We are preparing 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 (please indicate URLs of web pages of the Office's website wherever appropriate)

[Training courses for national and foreign participants, use of audiovisual means](#)

- VII. Other relevant matters concerning education and training and promotion of , the use of patent information , including technical assistance to developing countries**
- **Training courses for national and foreign participants and the use of audiovisual means :**

Course	Trainee	Country	<i>Course</i>	Trainee	Country
Search and examination of European patent applications with focus on physics, mechanics and electricity	1	Germany	Biotechnology	1	Germany
Databases, data capturing and IP documentation	1	Netherlands (Hague)	Strategy of search tools	1	Germany
Skills development search in EPOLOC and free available databases	2	Austria (Vienna)	Management	1	Netherlands
IP services- the role of national IP office in a changing global environment	1	Germany (Munich)	Eposcan	1	Syria
EPO regional forum for Africa on industrial and intellectual property	1	Senegal (Dakar)	IP training design for NPO staff	1	Germany
Search and examination of European patent application with focus on chemistry, in particular pharmaceuticals	1	Netherlands (Hague)	Quality control regarding the patent grantee procedure	2	Germany
Official visit at the EPO	1	Germany (Munich)	Strategy use of intellectual property for economic and social development	1	Oman
Visit to patent and trademark office in Kuwait	1	Kuwait	Interregional intermediate seminar on industrial property	1	Geneva-Czech Republic
Training course on patents	1	Norway (Oslo)	The role of patents in the scientific research	1	Syria
Advanced training course on industrial property in the global economy	1	China	Documentation and information technology	2	Syria
Obtaining, Enforcing and evaluating Intellectual property Rights in EUROPE	1	Germany (Munich)	The role of patent in the scientific research	2	Jordan

Advanced international training program in the field of negotiating trade agreements, principles and practice	3	Sweden (Stockholm)	IT technology	1	Korea
The role of intellectual property rights for innovation in small and medium-sized enterprises	2	Geneva			
Training course on the Patent Cooperation Treaty (PCT)	10	Sweden (Stockholm)			

We sent some of employees to attend the conferences which are held in abroad such as :

Conferences	Participant	country
Workshop on strengthening administrative and innovative capacity on industrial property offices	1	Turkey (Ankara)
The permanent committee for patent law	2	Switzerland (Geneva)
Committee on intellectual property and genetic resources, traditional knowledge and folklore	1	Switzerland (Geneva)
The working group on reform of the Patent Treaty (PCT)	2	Switzerland (Geneva)
The working group on (IPC)	2	Switzerland (Geneva)
Standing committee on information technology	1	Switzerland (Geneva)
The workshop on Nan technologies	1	Morocco
Assembles of the member states of WIPO	1	Switzerland (Geneva)
PCT Union	1	Switzerland (Geneva)

Committee of experts of PCT Union	1	Switzerland (Geneva)
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EPIDOS Annual conference	2	Cyprus
WIPO Budget committee		Switzerland (Geneva)
The scientific research and technological development in Arab countries	1	Syria

Assistance to developing countries (sending consultants and experts, receiving trainees from developing countries, etc.)

The Egyptian Patent Office has an active program for cooperation with the Arab countries, including sending consultants and experts in the field of information technology to Syria.

The regional in The Egyptian Patent Office has continued receiving trainees from Arab countries such as Syria, Iraq, Sudan, Yemen and Palestine.

Promotional activities (seminars, exhibitions, visits, advertising, etc.)

The Egyptian Patent Office participate in many conferences in Egypt such as :

Conference	Participant
The intellectual property rights and their effect on investment and trade in arab world	2
Polices and legislations of communications for cooperating with the regional office for international federation of communications	2
Supporting program of the Egyptian – European cooperation agreement	3
Knowledge departments in the Arabian institutes: the actual and the expected	1
Scopes of scientific research and technological development in arab world	1
The third coordinating meeting for director of intellectual property offices in arab world	1

Furthermore the Egyptian Patent Office has continued in participating in several exhibitions , to give seminars and to host visits .