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1- Egyptian Patent Office (EGPO)

Historical background

The Egyptian patent office was established in 1951 for patents issuing and protecting inventors' rights, in application of patent and industrial designs law 132 of 1949, modified to IPR law 82 of 2002.

The Egyptian patent office is one of the most prominent states bodies. It is crucible of creativities and innovations directed to the world of technology and industry and global market, thus pushing the wheel of economic and industrial development in Egypt.

Due to its high importance, Egypt directs its effort towards innovation support and linking scientific research with industry for industrial application of research outcomes and technical information. Such efforts are exerted for the sake of public benefit and coping with technology revolution.

Accordingly, the Egyptian patent office has undergone different developmental phases since its establishment in 1951 until it reaches the highest level of coping with modern technology under the effect of international treaties and agreements. As a result, the Egyptian patent office has acquired the first rank among Arab patent offices and becomes on an equal footing with European patent offices.

Objectives

The Egyptian patent office has been established with the aim of protecting the intellectual property of patents and utility models in Egypt as well as encouraging invention and innovation, hence contributing to the economic growth.

Tasks

- Proceeding with actions required for patent and utility models protection
- Filing and examining patent applications and utility models
- Granting inventions and utility models patents for both Egyptians and non-Egyptians
- Contributing to develop the citizens' innovation skills
- Supporting industries
- Encouraging specialists in the production and scientific research sector to register their inventions



2- Patent Information

Introduction

Patent information adds to the value of protection applications; it reveals the latest technical information in different fields of science. Therefore, the Egyptian patent office seeks to build a public database of all published documents in accordance with the system and executive legislation of patents and utility models.

The statistical report for year 2017 includes the most important information and statistics of protection applications submitted to the Egyptian patent office. It is the starting point for more reports for those interested.

2- Patents

Introduction

The current vision of economic development focuses on supporting innovation and invention. Therefore, the Egyptian patent office seeks to improve patent system management as the most important factor for increasing and enhancing the services provided to both national and international patent applicants. An electronic network for supporting inventions, equal to the biggest world ones, is used for this purpose.

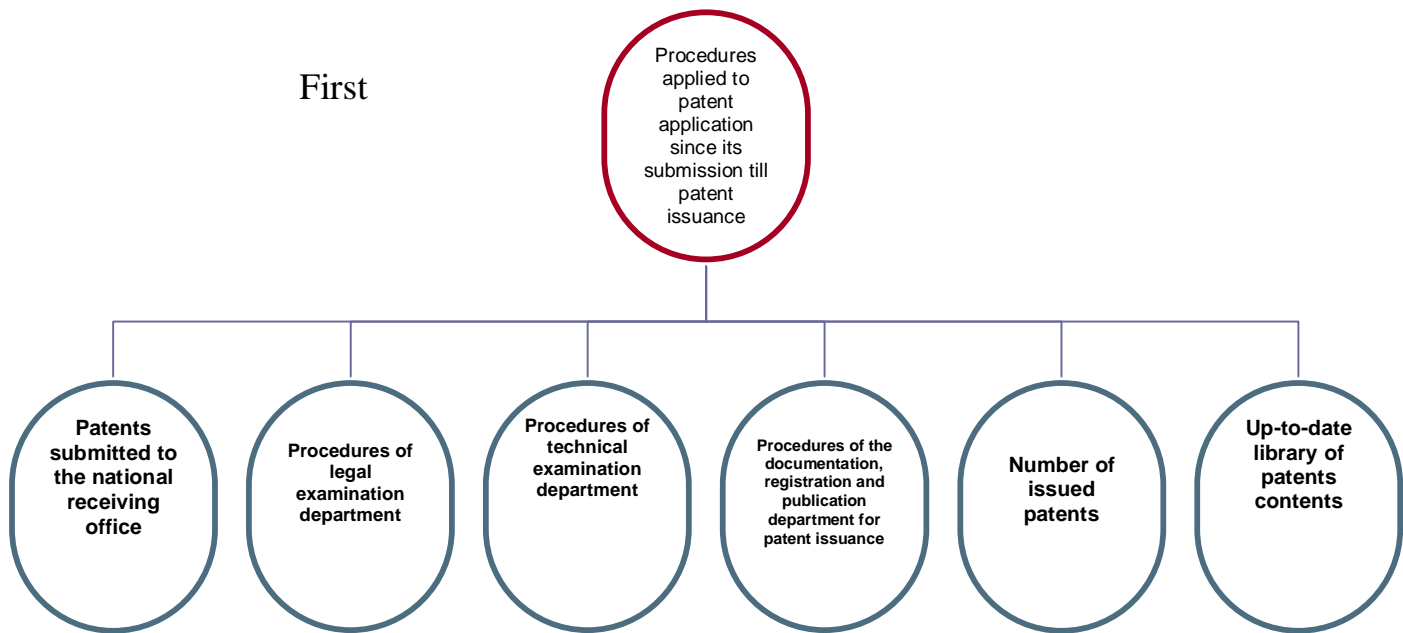
Introducing information technology tools and supporting their use in office work administration is one of the office dynamics to confront IP challenges of

the age. As a result of the previously mentioned efforts, an agreement has been signed between the Academy of Scientific Research and Technology (ASRT) and the World Intellectual Property Organization (WIPO) for opening technology support and development center and technology transfer center to be



a cornerstone for boosting small and medium-sized industries for the economic benefit of both society and individuals.

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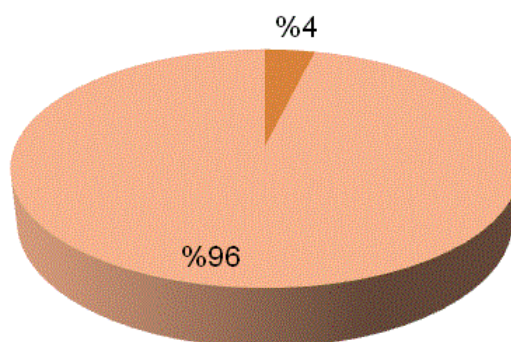


Number of patents filed to the receiving office:

Description	Total
Applications filed under Paris convention (non-Egyptians)	٤٠
Applications filed under Paris convention (Egyptians)	١٠٠٩
Applications filed under PCT treaty (non-Egyptians)	١٢٢٥
Applications filed under PCT treaty (Egyptians)	٣
Total filed applications	٢٢٧٧

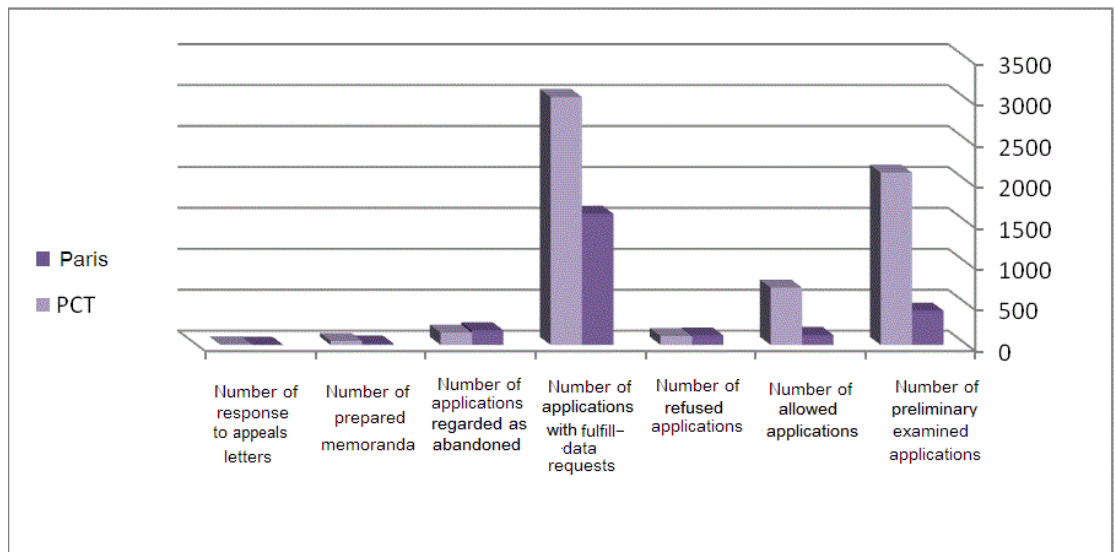
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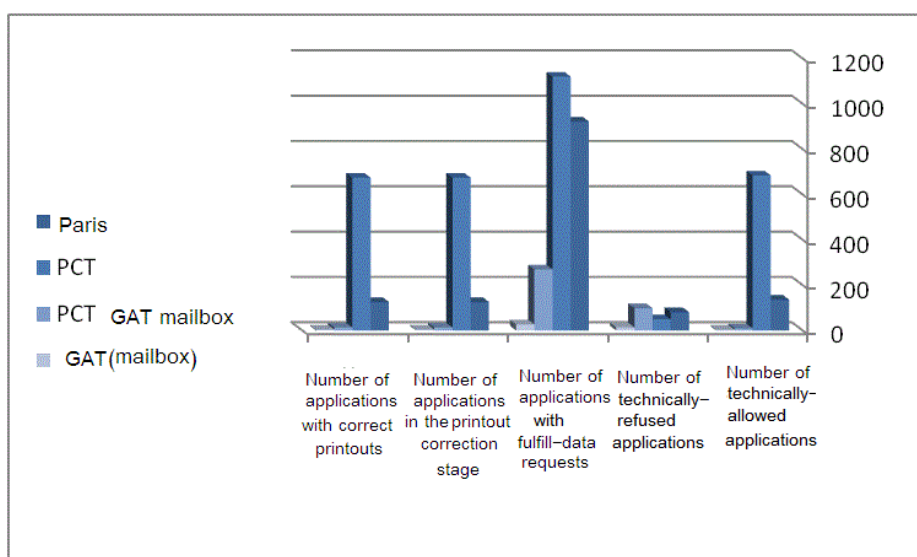
A statistics on the procedures of legal examination of applications

Description	Paris	PCT	Total
Number of preliminary examined applications	٤١٨	٢١٠٣	٢٥٢١
Number of allowed applications	١٢٠	٦٩٩	٨١٩
Number of refused applications	١١٤	١٠٨	٢٢٢
Number of applications with fulfill-data requests	١٦٠١	٣٠٢٧	٤٦٢٨
Number of applications regarded as abandoned	١٧٧	١٤٨	٣٢٥
Number of prepared memoranda	١٨	٤٨	٦٦
Number of response to appeals letters	.	٦	٦



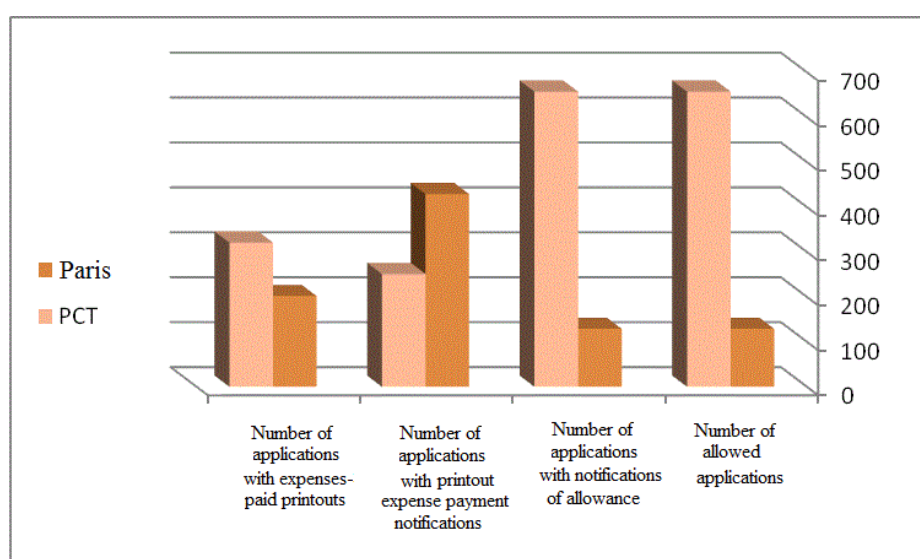
A statistics on procedures of technical examination of applications:

Description	Paris	PCT	PCT GAT (mailbox)	GAT (mailbox)	Total
Number of technically-allowed applications	۱۳۶	۶۸۴	۹	۳	۸۳۲
Number of technically-refused applications	۸۱	۴۹	۹۸	۱۴	۲۴۲
Number of applications with fulfill-data requests	۹۲۲	۱۱۲۰	۲۶۹	۲۷	۲۳۳۸
Number of applications in the printout correction stage	۱۲۶	۶۷۴	۱۳	۴	۸۱۷
Number of applications with correct printouts	۱۲۶	۶۷۴	۱۳	۴	۸۱۷



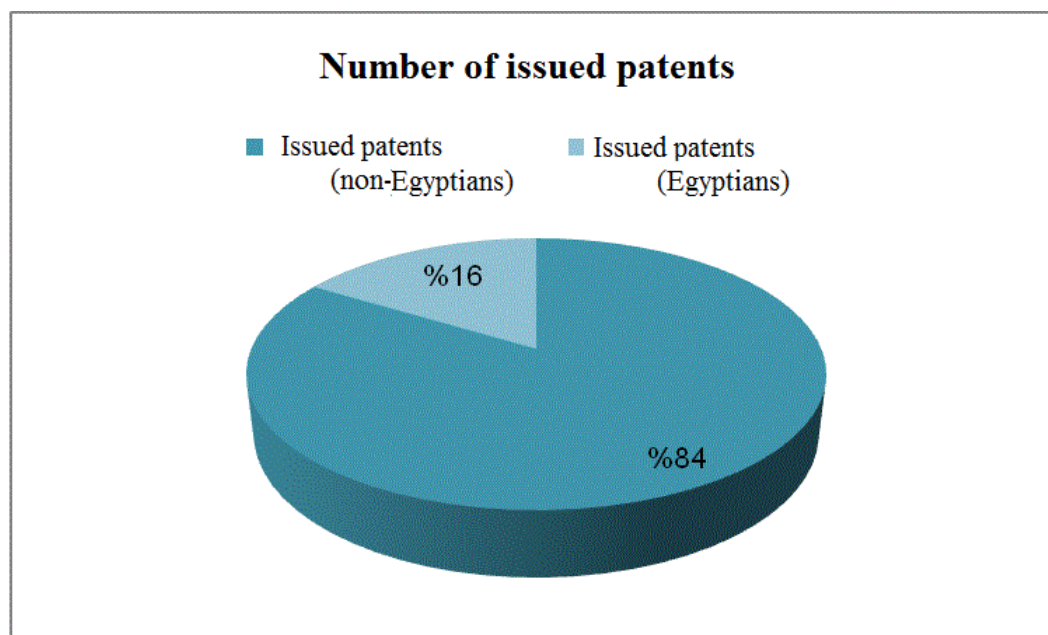
A statistics on the procedures of documentation, registration and publication department for issuing patents:

Description	Paris	PCT	الإجمالي
Number of allowed applications	١٢٩	٦٥٧	٧٨٦
Number of applications with notifications of allowance	١٢٩	٦٥٧	٧٨٦
Number of applications with printout expense payment notifications	٤٢٩	٢٥١	٦٨٠
Number of applications with expenses-paid printouts	٢٠٢	٣٢١	٥٢٣



Number of issued patents, classified as follows

Description	Total
Issued patents (non- Egyptians)	٤٨٦
Issued patents (Egyptians)	٩٥
Total number of issued patents	٥٨١

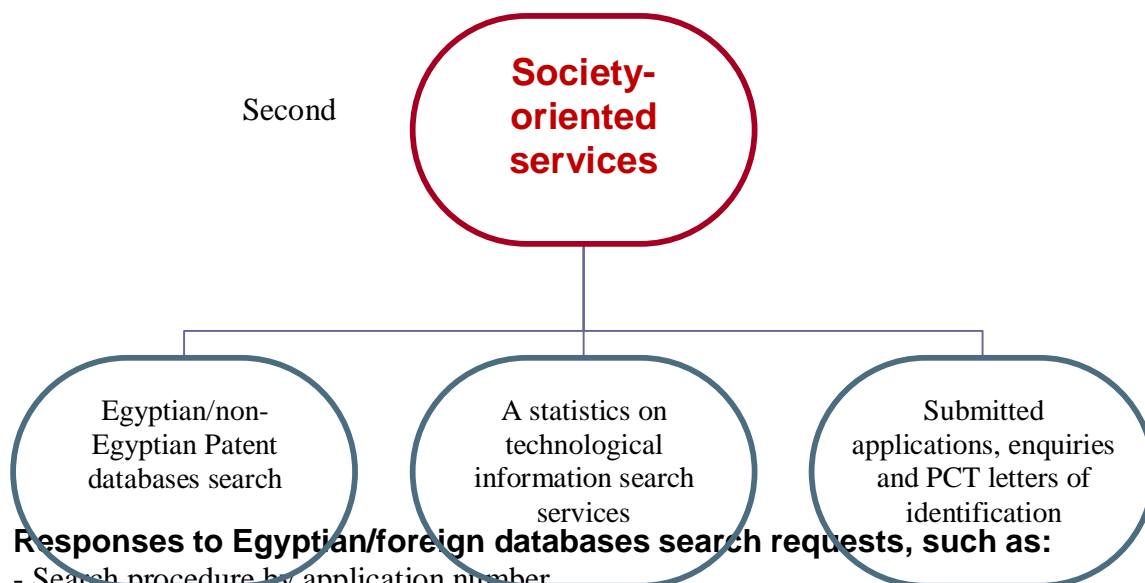


A Statistics on the contents of the Egyptian patent office library

Description	Total
CD-ROMs	5190200
Microfilm (non-Egyptians)	396420
microfiche (non- Egyptians)	810134
Filed patents	27021

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Responses to Egyptian/foreign databases search requests, such as:

- Search procedure by application number
- Search procedure by corporation name
- Search procedure by patent subject matter
- Search procedure by patent number
- Issued patents photocopying
- Photocopying applications fallen into public domain
- Documents delivery
- Technical information selective broadcasting
- Preparations and arrangements required for patents nominated for awards

A Statistics on technological information search services:

Description	Total
Technical search	١٢١
Bibliography search	١٧١
Patent photocopying	٢٦

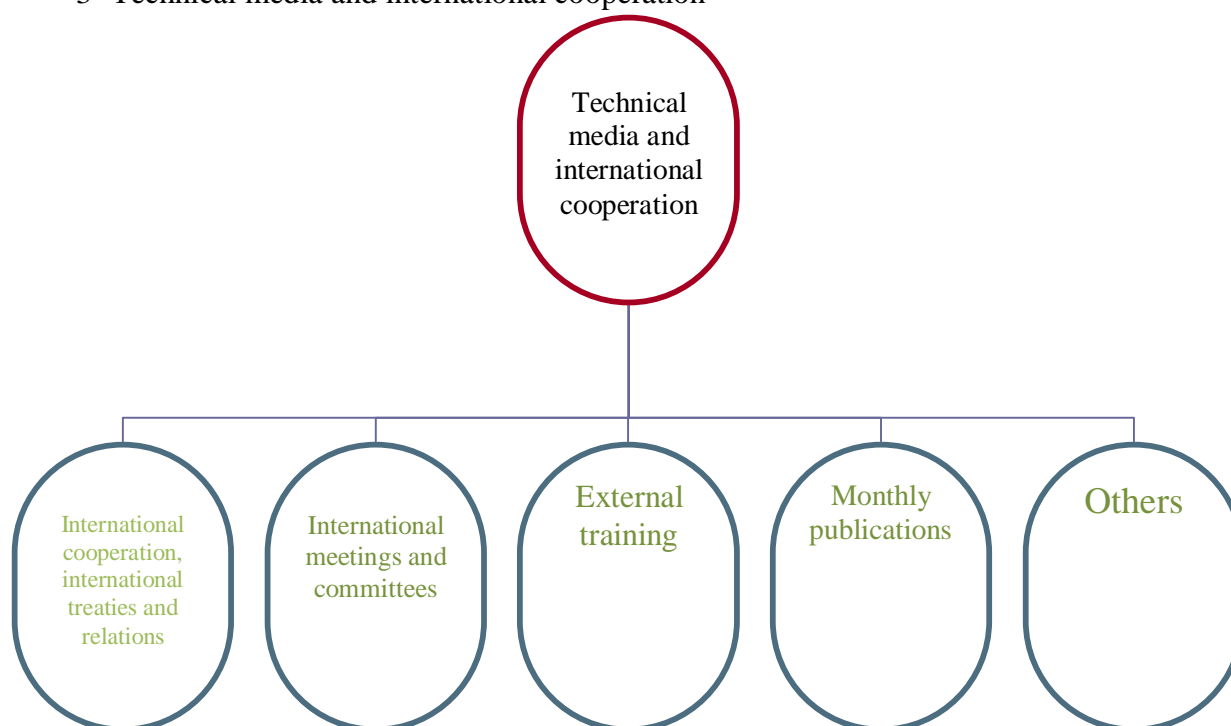
A statistics on submitted applications, enquiries and PCT letters of identification under Patent Cooperation Treaty (PCT)

Description	number
First phase applications	٣٤
Numbers of enquiries	٨٧
Numbers of Letters	٨٦

Egyptian patent office revenues

The state share of revenue	٢.٣٤٦.٥٨٦
Research-funding revenues	١٧.٨٢٥.٨٤٠

3- Technical media and international cooperation



1- International cooperation, international treaties and relations:

International cooperation with China

- On June 20, 2017, the rapid path agreement for applications examination was concluded between both the Egyptian and Chinese patent offices. According to the agreement, the PPH program would be adopted for two year trial in order to facilitate the examination procedures of applications submitted to both offices, decisions follow-up and exchange between technical examiners.
- In its capacity as an international searching and examination authority, technical examiners of EGPO are responsible for applications searching and examination.
- In its capacity as an international searching and examination authority, EGPO technical examination department should apply quality measures to filed PCT applications, according to Handbook of Procedures, chapter 21.

International cooperation with the European Commission

On February 2017 and March 2017, a meeting was held for agreement renewal with experts from the European Commission with the aim of drafting a twinning project between the Egyptian patent office and a EU patent office.

2- Meetings and International Committees

EG patent office participation in meetings and international committees

Name of Conference	Duration	Place	Number of participants
PCT meeting of international searching and examination authorities	February 3-5, 2017	Iceland	١
Training workshop on WIPO CASE program	May 21-23, 2017	Geneva	١

China-Africa high-level seminar on intellectual property policies	July 23-29, 2017	China	٢
WIPO standing committee	October 1-10, 2017	Geneva	٣
WIPO regional meeting of the technology and innovation support centers (TISCs) staff in the Arab region	November 13-14, 2017	Oman, Jordan	٢
Lasting law committee	December 11-15, 2017	Geneva	١

3- External training:

Name of training course	Duration	Place	Name of Participants
Training program on IP applications (for judges)	April 12-20, 2017	Tokyo- Japan	٢
IPC revision workgroup	May 15-19, 2017	Switzerland, Geneva	١
Training course on the procedures of Korean patents legal examination	May 15-26, 2017	Korea	٢
Training course on patent law and examination	June 19-29, 2017	Switzerland	١
Training course on APO patent-related information and documents	June 25- July 2, 2017	Austria	٢
PhD scholarship in IP law	September 2- December 16, 2017	Torino in Italy	١
IPAS applications workshop	September 18-21, 2017	The Arab region in Jordan	١
The JPO/IPR Operational Patent Examinations	September 12- November 1, 2017	Japan	٢

Training Program (OPET)			
Workshop on WIPO IT training plan related to intellectual property	October 16-20, 2017	Switzerland- Geneva	,

4- Monthly Publications:

- Official patent gazette Nos 786-797
- Abstract publications Nos 244-255 in both Arabic and English

5- Statistics to the International Patent Documentation Centre (INPADOC)

- A number of 581 Egyptian patents were sent to INPADOC

6- Additional technical media tasks

- Preparing quarterly and semi-annual reports for the attention of head of the academy
- Preparing quarterly and semi-annual reports for the attention of WIPO

4- Internal training and regional courses

- Performing a workshop on evaluating, supporting and developing Innovation Support Center (TISC) in the presence of WIPO experts from January 17 to January 19, 2017
- Sponsoring the second visit of the Korean delegation for discussing further ways of cooperation between the Egyptian and Korean patent offices on January 22 to January 26, 2017
- Holding workshop for putting future plan for SMEs project in the presence of two WIPO experts on January 30 to January 31, 2017
- Participating in the meeting between the innovation and invention support office supervisor and the contact persons on January 2, 2017.
- One lecturer's participation in the conference of scientific research and technological innovation in Mansoura; the lecture entitled "intellectual property role in encouraging scientific innovation".
- Participation of three technical examiners in TICO project training courses entitled "an entry to intellectual property"
- Participation of three staff members in "searching in different databases" training course
- Participating in the world IP day on April 26, 2017
- Participation of two staff members in "Innovation and IP in pharmacology" workshop in the faculty of Pharmacy- Helwan university on April 19, 2017
- Participation of two staff members in mini Master of Business Administration from May 7 to June 8, 2017

- Participation of three WIPO experts and some PCT applicants in “Patent Cooperation Treaty PCT & ePCT” training course from August 21 to August 24, 2017
- Ten members’ participation in ASRT technical examination training course for Arab trainees from African countries.
- Eight members’ participation in ASRT distance learning training (DL301) with a WIPO expert from September 17 to September 20, 2017
- Giving nomination to seven members to enroll in IP diploma and join IP regional institute in Helwan University for the study year 2017-2018.