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In the period of 28-29 March, at AGEPI was held the Workshop entitled “Practical Aspects of using the Patent Cooperation Treaty (PCT)”.

The action was organized by AGEPI in collaboration with the World Intellectual Property Organization (WIPO) to familiarize the AGEPI patent experts, patent attorneys from the Republic of Moldova and representatives of rightholders in science and innovation - potential users of the PCT system - with the information-technology tools and services of the PCT system.

This Seminar falls in the list of activities included in the WIPO-AGEPI Joint Program for 2012. According to the program, there were organized two sessions of the workshop, in which Mr. Mikhail Gavrikov, chief expert, Services Division, PCT International Cooperation Directorate of WIPO, and Peter Waring, Chief of Technical Cooperation Division, PCT International Cooperation Directorate, Innovation and Technology Sector, WIPO, have made presentations and case studies and organized practical exercises, with the involvement of all participants, on the advantages of the PCT system, practical aspects related to the procedure for submission and processing of international applications under the PCT system, specificity of research and international preliminary examination, the role of PCT information resources and new WIPO projects in the fields of patent information (PATENTSCOPE, ARDI, ASPI).

The seminar was attended by patent attorneys of RM: representatives of “INDEPRIN” Ltd, SUM, SUMP “N. Testemitanu”, etc., providing services in the field of protection of inventions.

Patent Cooperation Treaty (PCT) is a special international agreement under the Paris Convention for the Protection of Industrial Property of March 20, 1883. PCT Treaty was signed in Washington on June 19, 1970 and entered into force in 1978. As initially applied to a group of 18 Contracting States, this number is currently 139 member states, among them the Republic of Moldova, which joined it in 1991.

The treaty is aimed at solving the following problems:

- filing of an international application which is tantamount to filing several national applications in the Contracting States in which protection of the invention is desired;
- carrying out of the international search for determining the prior art in relation to the claimed invention;
- carrying out, at will, of the international preliminary examination to assess compliance of the claimed invention with the criteria of patentability: novelty, inventive step and industrial applicability.

The objective of solving these problems is to avoid duplication by national patent offices of the procedures for processing applications for the same invention filed simultaneously in several countries, as well as simplify and streamline the procedure for obtaining protection of inventions in these countries.

Another problem is the collection and distribution of technical information and technical assistance that is made by the international publication of patent applications and providing technical assistance to developing countries.

<http://www.wipo.int/pct/ru/> [1]

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