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On 28 March this year, at the AGEPI was held the quarterly meeting of patent attorneys, in which they discussed the Amendment Draft to the special intellectual property Laws, online submission of IPO applications, including online payment of fees. The audience was informed on the procedure for reexamination and appeal of decisions for trademarks submitted by international way, as well as on the adoption of the National IP Strategy until 2020 and its provisions.

In her opening speech, Dr. Lilia Bolocan, AGEPI Director General, emphasized the importance of intense collaboration between the AGEPI specialists and patent attorneys, advocating for the creation of an Association of Patent Attorneys in IP, which will contribute to the activation of communication between the specialists in IP, will facilitate the exchange of views and solution of various common problems.

Further, Mrs. Ludmila Revun, coordinating lawyer, Litigation and IPO Legal Status Management Division, presented some statistical data on the activity of patent attorneys during 2012. Thus, in the reference period, through patent attorneys, to the AGEPI were submitted 1460 IPO applications, representing 58% of the total of applications submitted by national way. At present, in the National Register of Patent Attorneys are registered 121 patent attorneys in IP, of which 107 persons activating.

Then followed the presentation of the Amendment Draft to the special IP laws (Rapporteur - Corina Cristea, senior lawyers, Legislation Division). The draft aims at updating the content of the special legislative acts in the IP field, considering their practical application since their adoption, including under proposals of patent attorneys. Thus, it is supposed to be updated the following IP laws: Law no. 38-XVI of 29.02.2008 on the Protection of Trademarks, Law no. 39-XVI of 29.02.2008on the Protection of Plant Varieties, Law no. 50-XVI dated 07.03.2008 on the Protection of Inventions, Law no. 161-XVI from 12.07.2007 on the Protection of Industrial Designs.

In the communication “Online Submission of IPO Applications, including Online Payment of Fees”, Vitalie Rusanovschi, Head of Electronic Document Management Division, mentioned that starting from January 3, 2013, applications for patenting/registration of intellectual property objects (IPO) and related documents, using the electronic signature, may be submitted to AGEPI in electronic format. The advantages of the new service consist in the exclusion of the need of applicants and patent attorneys to travel to AGEPI in order to submit applications (documents); reduction of financial costs and time required for the correspondence with AGEPI by mail. By the end of March this year, through the Service "Online Submission of IPO Applications" were created 33 applications for registration of intellectual property objects, of which 13 have already been submitted successfully.

Next, Natalia Mogol, Deputy Director of the Trademarks, Industrial Designs Department, informed patent attorneys on the procedures for reexamination and appeal of decisions for trademarks filed by international way, including on the Memorandum of Cooperation between AGEPI and WIPO on Electronic Communication under the Madrid System, signed on 23 October 2012, during the visit of the Director General of WIPO to Chisinau. By implementation of the electronic communication system is provided the facilitation of communication between offices in the process of international registration of marks, are lowered the costs for delivery of paper documents and those for correspondence, and procedure becomes more rapid and effective for both national and foreign applicants.

Information on adoption of the National IP Strategy until 2020 and its provisions was made public by Iurie Badar, Head of Economy and Finance Directorate. National IP Strategy until 2020 was approved by the Government on 21 November 2012 and defines the perspectives of the national intellectual property system, objectives, measures and specific actions for their achievement. Draft Strategy was subjected to an extensive public consultation procedure, currently representing the consolidated position of the parties involved.

Finally, Alexandru Lutcan, Chief of Economy and Statistics Division, communicated about the results of the Public Consumer Awareness Campaign "STOP Piracy and Counterfeiting!" The campaign in question was conducted from April 26 to October 26, 2012, its goal being awareness of society, especially the younger generation, on the negative effects of counterfeiting and piracy phenomena on economic, social and cultural development of the country.

At the end of the meeting discussions were held on the topics addressed.

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