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From 25 to 27 July 2016, the State Agency on Intellectual Property (AGEPI), received in a working visit the Eurasian Patent Office (EAPO) delegation, led by Ms. Saul Tlevlesova, President of EAPO.

In the working meeting, which took place on 26 July, was approached the stage of cooperation between the AGEPI and EAPO in the context of implementation of the Agreement between the Government of the Republic of Moldova and the Eurasian Patent Organization on Legal Protection of Inventions in the Republic of Moldova after denunciation by the Republic of Moldova of the Eurasian Patent Convention, signed in Chisinau on 12 April 2012.

It was also made an exchange of information on the examination/patenting activity, the dynamics of filing Eurasian and national applications, short- and medium-term forecasts for granting patents for invention and maintenance in force thereof. It should be noted that the number of Eurasian patents currently valid in Moldova is significant: around 4,000 Eurasian patents enjoy protection in the Republic of Moldova. More than 3,000 patent applications, filed until April 26, 2012, the date on which the Republic of Moldova left the Eurasian Patent Convention, are at various stages of examination or grant of patents.

The parties talked about changing financial relations between EAPO and AGEPI with reference to the amount of fee for maintenance in force of Eurasian patents in the part incumbent on AGEPI.

During the talks, AGEPI Director General, Octavian Apostol, said that for Moldova is extremely important that Eurasian patent owners, wishing to maintain in force their patents in our country continue to enjoy protection in the Republic of Moldova, taking into account that between inventions and socio-economic development of the country there is a directly proportional link.

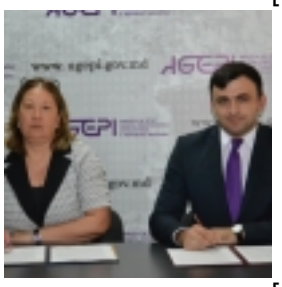
In this vein, it was agreed that, in 2017, AGEPI will enter into negotiations with the Eurasian Patent Organization in the context of the review of fees for maintenance in force of Eurasian patents in Moldova, a process initiated by the Administration Board of the Organization.

Finally, the parties decided to intensify bilateral cooperation in areas of mutual interest, by making exchanges of experience, participation in training and improvement activities organized by the two institutions in order to increase the level of knowledge of experts and improve the quality of examination of applications and grant of patents for invention.


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