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EUROPEAN COMMUNITIES

Addendum

The following communication, dated 11 November 2003, is being circulated at the request of the Delegation of the European Commission. It was circulated as an advance copy for the Council's meeting on 18 November 2003.

This document complements the information on the implementation of Article 67 of the TRIPS Agreement, as provided in document IP/C/W/377/Add.7 of 15 November 2002.

It concerns the technical cooperation activities carried out during the past year – until summer 2003 - by the European Communities and individual member States in favour of developing and least-developed country Members, with the objective to facilitate the implementation of the TRIPS Agreement. It is intended to update this notification upon availability of additional information from other member States.

The EC draw the attention of the Members of the TRIPS Council to the fact that the above-mentioned technical cooperation providers undertook considerable activities in the Acceding and Candidate Countries to the EU (Bulgaria, Cyprus, the Czech Republic, Estonia, Hungary, Latvia, Lithuania, Malta, Poland, Romania, Slovakia, Slovenia and Turkey).

Additional information on the activities of the Office for Harmonisation in the Internal Market (OHIM) and the European Patent Office (EPO) will be distributed as supplements to this document.

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EC-CHINA IPR COOPERATION PROGRAMME

This programme is an EC initiative, implemented by the European Patent Office (EPO), the Office for Harmonisation in the Internal market (OHIM) and ERIN, in cooperation with various Chinese agencies: MOFTEC, State Intellectual Property Office (SIPO), Trademark Office (TMO), National Copyright Administration of China (NCAC), Supreme Peoples' Court (SPP), AQSIQ, universities, etc.

The programme consists of four components:

H = Horizontal component, dedicated to transversal subject-matters and enforcement issues

S1 = component dedicated to Patents, Utility Models, Industrial Designs

S2 = component dedicated to Trademarks, and to Geographical Indications

S3 = component dedicated to Copyright and Related Rights

| Beneficiary country (ies) | Title and date of the event | Organising agency | Description |
|---------------------------|---|-------------------|--|
| China | Horizontal component Judicial enforcement November 2002 | EPO | Provincial level training facility focusing on the judicial enforcement of IPR - 3-day seminar organised in Nanjing and Chongqin |
| China | Horizontal component Investigation and policing November 2002 | EPO | Provincial level training facility focussing on investigation and policing of IPR – 3-day seminar organised in Shanghai and Chengdu |
| China | Horizontal component Administrative and border enforcement October/November 2002 | EPO | Provincial training facility focusing on administrative and border enforcement of intellectual property – 3 days in Beijing |
| China | Horizontal component Development of IPR Long Distance Training December 2002 and March 2003 | EPO | Training at University of Munster (Germany) focusing on IPR and information Law, new developments in China and in Europe, involving European and Chinese IPR research and academic institutions. Training in cooperation with University of Saarbrucken – video conference focusing on the new developments in Copyright Law in China and in Europe. |
| China | Horizontal component IPR Laws and Enforcement Systems Study Visit January 2003 | EPO | A group of civil servants from the ministry of economics visited the several institutions, including the German Federal Patent Court together with representatives of the Chinese patent office and representatives from other fields of industrial property protection from the People's Republic of China. Subjects of the expert discussions were: status and function of the Federal Patent Court within the national system of industrial property protection, infringement proceedings in civil courts, term and practical meaning of "independence of the judiciary". |
| China | S1 – Study visit for SIPO officials 13-27 October 2002 Europe | EPO | Study visit organised for 8 SIPO officials to EPO + national patent offices in Germany, Sweden and Portugal. Subjects addressed were: Upgrading Patent Enforcement Nation-wide, expanding provincial and national level officials' exposure to new developments in patent law and administration in Europe. |

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|---------------------------|---|-------------------|---|
| China | S1 – Training seminar Munich 18-22 November 2002 | EPO | China-Europe exchange of newest developments in examination procedure for forefront technologies in key selected sectors: training seminar attended by SIPO and partner Chinese organisations on Patents in electronics, computer technology and telecommunications and the associated International Forum on protection of computer related and business model inventions in Munich, which gave then an opportunity to meet top level European IP experts and practitioners to discuss these forefront challenging fields. |
| China | S1- Netherlands 31 March- 9 April 2003 | EPO | Training of 8 Chinese national and provincial level co-trainers in enforcement and administration of patents, utility models and industrial designs in the Netherlands |
| China | S2 – Seminar on automation Alicante 24-27 March 2003 | OHIM | Seminar on automation of the Chinese Trademark Office in Alicante. Delegation of 6 officials from CTMO and SAIC. |
| | S3 (Copyright and related rights) Start August 2003 | ERIN | Kick-off mission started in August 2003. Overall work plan and budget to be submitted by the end of October for approval. |

EC - ASEAN IPR COOPERATION PROGRAMME

This programme, called ECAP II, is an EC initiative implemented by EPO and OHIM. It consists of a Regional Component and National Components. The first Regional and National activities took place in 2001. The programme will soon include Laos and Cambodia.

| Beneficiary country (ies) | Title and date of the event | Organising agency | Description |
|-------------------------------|--|-------------------|---|
| ASEAN (regional component) | EU-ASEAN Symposium on copyright and neighbouring rights (Manila, 24-25 October 2002) | EPO | <p>The symposium constituted the highlight of the IP week in the Philippines. Four topics have been addressed:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Current status of copyright and neighbouring rights in ASEAN - Basic principles of international copyright and neighbouring rights treaties - Management of copyrights in ASEAN and Europe - Copyright contract law - Specific aspects of preventing piracy <p><i>Audience:</i> Five ECAP experts (from Max Plank Institute, CISAC, Queen Mary Intellectual Property Research Institute, SIAE and IFPI) Three participants by ASEAN country financed under ECAP:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - from the Ministry responsible for copyright law who is familiar with copyright legislation - familiar with the management of collecting societies - familiar with enforcement related aspects of copyright law <p>The symposium was open to the public.</p> |
| ASEAN (regional component) | Training course on Absolute Grounds for Refusal Examination (Bangkok, 21-22 November 2002) | OHIM | <p>The aim of this activity was to enable the ASEAN IPOs to exchange information on national practices relating to substantive examination on absolute grounds for refusal, taking into account new developments and practices. Comparative analysis and assessment of case examples formed part of the training course with information being provided on the EC system of regional trademark registration and protection.</p> <p><i>Audience:</i> two trademark examiners/registrars from each IP office</p> |
| ASEAN (regional component) | Preparatory mission by EU customs expert for the EU-ASEAN Operational Seminar on the Role of Customs in Combating Counterfeiting and Piracy (Manila, 17-21 November 2003) | EPO | <p>Mission to prepare the operational seminar in Manila which will draw ten customs officials from all ASEAN countries participating in ECAP and six EU customs officials who will explain and demonstrate selection and targeting techniques for the identification of counterfeited goods. European TV stations have expressed interest in filming the event. First contacts with Philippine customs authorities at the port and airport in Manila to explain the objective of the event and assistance required.</p> <p><i>Audience:</i> ASEAN customs officials of an operational/technical level, right holders, IPO</p> |

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|-------------------------------|---|-------------------|---|
| ASEAN (regional component) | ECAP II Newsletter 1 st issue and brochure, May 2003 | EPO | Presentation of ECAP II programme, Articles on specific IP topics, including Articles by ASEAN IPOs and case studies. <u>Audience:</u> Interested circles in the field of IP in Europe and ASEAN, general public |
| ASEAN (regional component) | ECAP II website on-line, May 2003 | EPO | www.ecap-project.org Presentation of ECAP II programme, future, on-going and past activities, IP links, IP information <u>Audience:</u> Interested circles in the field of IP in Europe and ASEAN, general public |
| Philippines | Patent claim drafting course (Singapore, 13-17 May and 18-23 November 2002) | EPO | <p>2 x 1 week training for two professional representatives from the Philippines (May and November 2002).</p> <p>An established programme for training IP agents in this topic is the FICPI (Fédération Internationale des Conseils en Propriété Industrielle) SEAD (South East Asian Patent Drafting Training Course) course for patent agents. It is a practical hands-on training in the preparation of patent applications and claims. The course is directed to teaching the art of drafting. Tuition is given in drafting techniques used in the major jurisdictions in Europe, United States of America and Japan.</p> <p>After successful completion of the SEAD course, FICPI will attempt to provide a short-term (3 months) placement with a firm of experienced patent attorneys. The activity assisted in improving skills in patent claim drafting of professional representatives.</p> <p><u>Audience:</u> 2 Philippine participants were funded under ECAP: a Senior science research specialist at the Technology Application and Promotion Institute of the Department of Science and Technology and an intellectual property rights specialist at the documentation, information and technology transfer bureau of the IPO</p> |
| Philippines | Provision of books, journals and ESPACE CD-ROM collection (Manila, October 2002) | EPO | Books on IP for a value of €10,000 were sent to the Philippines. CD-ROM collection was provided under EPO bilateral funds |

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| Philippines | Fellowship at a European Research Institute (London, September/October 2002) | EPO | 2 month fellowship at the Queen Mary Intellectual Property Research Institute in London. The research proposal was entitled: 'potential mechanisms and policy considerations for intellectual property management and plant variety protection of selected Philippine Crop Biotechnology R&D programmes' <i>Audience:</i> 1 Philippine Science Research Specialist II, of the Philippine Council for Agriculture, Forestry and Natural Resources Research and Development of the Department of Science and Technology |
| Philippines | Training in new developments in electronics and telecommunications (Munich, 18-22 November 2002) | EPO | 2 Philippine patent examiners studied EPO examination procedures for electronics and telecommunication technologies as well as current issues on patenting these technological fields. They also participated in the "Forum on protection of computer-related and business model inventions" designed as an information & expertise exchange platform open to relevant international IP circles. <i>Audience:</i> IPO patent examiners |
| Philippines | Training for mechanics, physics and chemistry (Berlin and The Hague, September/October 2002) | EPO | 6 Philippine examiners were explained the basic principles of patent examination in the fields of mechanics, physics and chemistry. The course focused on patent granting procedures, patentability conditions, novelty, inventive step, industrial applicability and clarity, the opposition procedure step by step, relevant case law, and case studies. <i>Audience:</i> IPO patent examiners |
| Philippines | Workshop for domestic SMEs (Manila, 14-15 November 2002) | EPO | 2 European experts (OHIM and Philipps representative) participated at this workshop which was attended by 43 representatives from SMEs. The objective of the event which focused on trademark, design and invention protection was to inform and exchange views with Philippine SMEs on the use of IP for export enhancement. <i>Audience:</i> Local SMEs |
| Philippines | Office modernization - institution building (Manila, 13-24 January 2003) | EPO | As Government subsidies to the IPO are due to end shortly, self-financing is a key (and urgent) issue for assistance in the area of office planning and resource management. Two experts spent up to two weeks at the IPO in Manila to <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • study current system of financial management • help identify other possible revenue streams within the organisation • recommend financial management planning and system that will support a self-financing IPO The mission's findings have been studied attentively by the IPO and resulted in a proposal for further assistance. <i>Audience:</i> Director General of IPO - IPO officials |

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| Philippines | Development of IP related services, (Manila, 31 March-4 April 2003) | EPO | During one week, an EPO expert in the area of patent administration and patent search systems consulted with the IPO, with the aim of identifying needs, where appropriate, for enhancement of the patent administration system as well as possibilities for developing patent search tools. The expert submitted a report which links the areas that require improvement and the infrastructure required to bring this about. <i>Audience:</i> IPO officials |
| Philippines | Analysis of the structure of the patent administration/search facilities and proposal of activities, (Manila 7- 11 April 2003) | EPO | An EPO expert in the area of patent administration and patent search systems consulted during one week with the IPO, with the aim of improving the management and search systems. The facilities for doing prior art search needed to be improved and assistance in enhancing search tools was requested. The expert submitted upon his return a report which linked the areas that require improvement and the infrastructure required to bring this about. <i>Audience:</i> IPO officials |
| Philippines | Mediation and investigation and assistance; Committee of Three work, Bureau of legal affairs (Manila, 5-9 May 2003) | EPO | An EPO expert spent one week at the IPO in Manila to provide assistance to the Bureau of Legal Affairs (BoL) to provide training on the Committee of Three system. The BoL staff needed to be familiarized with the mechanics of this system through studies of actual patent cases resolved through the application of the Committee of Three. This would help the IPO-Philippines set up a similar mechanism as mandated by law. The possibility of introducing mediation and arbitration in patent-related cases was also envisaged. <i>Audience:</i> IPO Bureau of Legal Affairs |
| Philippines | Training seminars in specific areas of examination: "Search and examination of patent applications in biotechnology" (Munich, 2-6 June 2003) | EPO | Two IPO examiners specialised in biotechnology spent one week at the EPO International Academy to be trained in search and examination in patent applications in the field of biotechnology. <i>Audience:</i> 2 IPO examiners |
| Philippines | Training on new technical issues: Patent examination, business methods and software (Manila, 10-14 March 2003) | EPO | An EPO examiner spent one week at the IPO to hold a workshop on patent protection of business methods and of software which is a new field in which an increasing number of patent applications are received. The EPO expert assisted examiners in acquiring a sound understanding of the problems and possible solutions in these particular technical fields in order to be able to define a procedure, which is best adapted to their respective situation. The expert's assistance is expected to contribute to increase the ability of the IPO to facing more efficiently the number of patent applications received. <i>Audience:</i> IPO examiners |

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| Thailand | Course on Trademark Law Treaty, Bangkok (25-26 September 2002) | OHIM | Thailand is not party to TLT. A training course was held on the TLT and at the request of DIP, absolute grounds examination of trademarks. <i>Audience:</i> 2 European experts and around 40 examiners and other DIP staff |
| Thailand | Patent claim drafting course (Singapore, 13-17 May and 18-23 November 2002) | EPO | 2 x 1 week training for two professional representatives from Thailand (May and November 2002). Description (see Philippines) <i>Audience:</i> ASEAN professional representatives 2 Thai participants were funded under ECAP: the Director of Mahidol University Applied and Technology Service Center, and a Representative of the Department of Biochemistry, Faculty of Science, Prince of Songkla University. |
| Thailand | Provision of books, journals and ESPACE CD-ROM collection (Bangkok, August 2002) | EPO | Books on IP for a value of €10,000 were sent to Thailand (will be placed in the DIP's library). CD-ROM collection was provided under EPO bilateral funds <i>Audience:</i> IPO and general public |
| Thailand | Fellowship at a European Research Institute (London, September/October 2002) | EPO | 2 months fellowship at the Queen Mary Intellectual Property Research Institute in London. The research proposal is entitled: "Private Use On Musical Works, Rights of Public Performance, and Collecting Society Systems". <i>Audience:</i> 1 judge attached to the office of the Judiciary acting as Judge of the Central Intellectual Property and International Trade Court. |
| Thailand | Course on the Trademark Law Treaty and Absolute Grounds for Refusal Examination (Bangkok, 25-26 September 2002) | OHIM | A training course was provided on the main provisions of the Trademark Law Treaty which relate to formality procedures for registering trademarks. The aim of the course was to provide examiners with a greater understanding of the standards currently prevailing at international level as well as the revisions that are foreseen to the treaty. In addition, at the request of the DIP training was also provided on substantive examination, namely absolute grounds for refusal. <i>Audience:</i> DIP trademark examiners |
| Thailand | Workshop for domestic SMEs (Bangkok, November 2002) | EPO | 1 European expert (OHIM) participated at this workshop which was attended by more than 300 representatives from SMEs. The event was opened by the Thai Deputy Minister of Commerce. The objective of the event which focused on trademark, design and invention protection was to inform and exchange views with Philippine SMEs on the use of IP for export enhancement. <i>Audience:</i> Local SMEs |
| Thailand | Assistance in the establishment of an arbitration division (Bangkok 24-28 February 2003) | EPO | A UK judge (Judge Fysh) of the Patent High Court spent one week at the DIP to provide advice on the establishment and operation of an arbitration division established at the DIP. <i>Audience:</i> DIP officials - Judges from IP and IT Court IP lawyers |

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| Thailand | Training on new technical issues; Patent examination, business methods and software (Bangkok, 17-21 March 2003) | EPO | An EPO examiner spent one week at the DIP to hold a workshop on patent protection of business methods and of software which is a new field in which an increasing number of patent applications are received. The EPO expert assisted examiners in acquiring a sound understanding of the problems and possible solutions in these particular technical fields in order to be able to define a procedure, which is best adapted to their respective situation. The expert's assistance is expected to contribute to increase the ability of the DIP to facing more efficiently the number of patent applications received. <i>Audience:</i> DIP examiners |
| Thailand | Investigation into patent search facilities (Bangkok, 31 March-4 April 2003) | EPO | An EPO expert in the area of patent administration and patent search systems consulted with the DIP, with the aim of identifying needs, where appropriate, for enhancement of the patent administration system as well as possibilities for developing patent search tools. The expert analysed the DIP requirements for enhancement of patent search tools (off-line and on-line) as well as the technical aspects of existing search tools and needs in view of making available in future an ESPACENET server as well as specific search tools which are presently being developed at the EPO. <i>Audience:</i> IPO officials |
| Singapore | Training materials for trademarks (Singapore, 30 September to 4 October, 2002) | OHIM | An expert mission to investigate and analyse the necessary training materials that would be most suitable for IPOS in the short to medium term. A recommendation report will be prepared with current and future strategies for the Trademark Training Unit. Also some training on trademark issues for the IPOS trainers will be given. <i>Audience:</i> 1 EU expert IPOS administration and staff |
| Singapore | Identification of Training Materials for the Trademark Training Unit (Singapore, 30 September to 4 October 2002) | OHIM | An expert from the UK Patent Office carried out a one-week mission to Singapore in order to draw up a recommendation report that would assist the IPOS in identifying appropriate training materials and methods for enhancing the effectiveness of the unit. In addition, at the request of the IPOS, training was also provided on the Madrid Agreement, non-conventional marks as well as the application of the Nice Classification concerning the international classification of goods and services. <i>Audience:</i> Trainers and trademark examiners |

EC/CARDS NATIONAL ACTION PROGRAMME FOR CROATIA

The overall objective of the CARDS Programme (Community Assistance for Reconstruction, Development and Stabilisation) is to support the participation of the countries of the Western Balkans (Albania, Bosnia and Herzegovina, Croatia, Serbia and Montenegro and the former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia) in the Stabilisation and Association Process.

| Beneficiary country (ies) | Title and date of the event | Organising agency | Description |
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| Croatia | Croatia national action programme 2001 - Intellectual property rights - started in June 2003 | Croatian initiative, MIP priority. Implementation by GTZ | <p>The programme will:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • provide support to legal approximation of European and international rules and praxis; • contribute institutional building and training; • contribute to the development of a long-term strategy for implementation and enforcement. <p>It will consist of 3 components:</p> <p><i>Component 1- Legal approximation</i> To reach harmonisation of the Croatian legislative framework in the field of industrial property rights with the EC acquis;</p> <p><i>Component 2- Institutional capacity building and training</i> To strengthen the institutional capacity of SIPO, enabling improved implementation and application of the current and upcoming legal framework in the field of intellectual property rights.</p> <p><i>Component 3- Strategy for implementation and enforcement</i> To develop a strategy to support further implementation and enforcement of legislation in the field of intellectual property rights.</p> <p>This programme is completed by several additional projects that are presently in the preparatory or starting phase :</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • A regional CARDS programme on Industrial and Intellectual Property Rights (as of September 2003); • A programme on Intellectual Property Infrastructure for the R&D sector (Possible start in September 2004); • Under the CARDS National Action Programme Croatia 2003, a programme for the strengthening of Intellectual property implementation system • (in preparation). |

AUSTRIA

| Beneficiary country (ies) | Title and date of the event | Organising agency | Description |
|--|---|--|---|
| Armenia | Administrative training (Vienna, 13-19 September 2002) | Austrian Patent Office | Presentation of the Austrian Patent Office and its tasks in Industrial Property Protection. <i>Audience:</i> Armenian delegation from various sectors of Armenia's administration |
| China | Meeting of the mixed Chinese-Austrian Working Group on Questions of Industrial Property Protection (Vienna, 8-15 November 2002) | Austrian Patent Office | Lectures and workshops concerning developments in international Industrial Property Protection especially in the field of granting of patents and utility models. <i>Audience:</i> Leading Officials from the Patent Office of China |
| China | Training course on information services, databases and computer systems (Vienna, 18-28 November 2002) | Austrian Patent Office | Experts from the Austrian Patent Office presented recent developments in the fields of information services, databases and computer systems. <i>Audience:</i> Professionals from SIPO |
| Countries of the Gulf Co-operation Council (Saudi Arabia, Bahrain, Qatar, Kuwait, Oman, United Arab Emirates) | Training course on patent documentation and information (Vienna, 2-20 June 2003) | Austrian Patent Office | Training Course concerning the fundamental principles of patent law, international developments in this area, search strategies and databases relating to patents. <i>Audience:</i> Patent examiners of the Patent Office of the Co-operation Council for the Arab States of the Gulf |
| Cambodia, Fiji Islands, Libya, Pakistan, Saudi Arabia | Training course on patent information and documentation (Vienna, 10-20 June 2003) | Austrian Patent Office, in cooperation with WIPO | Introduction in search strategies and electronic databases relating to patents. <i>Audience:</i> Patent examiners of National Industrial Property Offices |
| Egypt, Estonia, Ethiopia, Lesotho, Malawi, Russia, Slovakia, Tajikistan, Trinidad and Tobago, Zambia, Zimbabwe | Joint seminar on patents and trademarks (Vienna, 10-18 June 2003) | WIPO and EPO, in cooperation with the Austrian Patent Office | Seminar concerning the fundamental principles of trademark and patent law, international developments in this area, search strategies and databases, relating to patents. <i>Audience:</i> Patent examiners and legal officers of National Industrial Property Offices |

| Beneficiary country (ies) | Title and date of the event | Organising agency | Description |
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| Countries of the Gulf Co-operation Council (Saudi Arabia, Bahrain, Qatar, Kuwait, Oman, United Arab Emirates) | Follow-up course on patent documentation and information (Vienna, 6 July-1 August 2003) | Austrian Patent Office | Follow – up training course concentrating on practical work. <i>Audience:</i> Patent examiners of the Patent Office of the Co-operation Council for the Arab States of the Gulf |

DENMARK

| Beneficiary country (ies) | Title and date of the event | Organising agency | Description |
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| Jamaica Malaysia Georgia | A 2-week course in IPR as a part of WIPO's training programme (Copenhagen, 10-20 June 2003) | Danish Patent and Trademark Office | As part of WIPO's Training Programme, Danish Patent and Trademark Office received 3 participants from the World Wide Academy. These three participants were from Jamaica, Malaysia and Georgia. They received a thorough 2-week course on Intellectual Property Rights. <i>Audience:</i> 3 participants from the World Wide Academy (part of WIPO' s Training Programme). |

FINLAND

| Beneficiary country (ies) | Title and date of the event | Organising agency | Description |
|--|--|---|---|
| Azerbaijan | Implementation of the EU-Azerbaijan Partnership and Cooperation Agreement (Helsinki, 28 August 2002) | National Board of Patents and Registration of Finland, Ministry for Foreign Affairs, Ministry of Agriculture, Finnish Customs, National Food Agency | <p>The purpose of the visit was to increase the knowledge of participants of WTO issues, EU legal approximation and organisational issues with regard to membership in the European Union and WTO in the field of Sanitary and Phytosanitary, Agriculture and Intellectual Property.</p> <p><i>Audience:</i> Participants of the study tour: Total 21</p> |
| Armenia, Bhutan, Gambia, Jordan, Kyrgyzstan, Nepal, Nigeria, Pakistan, Syria, Zimbabwe | Practical Training Course on Copyright and Related Rights (Helsinki, 4-15 November 2002) | Ministry of Education and Culture + Kopiosto (Joint Copyright Organisation) | <p>The Ministry of Education organised and financed together with the Finnish Copyright Society and Finnish Copyright Organisations this Practical Training Course.</p> <p>The participants were provided with an introduction to the Finnish and Nordic solutions concerning copyright and neighbouring rights legislation, collective administration of rights and questions relating to enforcement.</p> <p>One of the objectives was also to provide an overall view of the recent developments in the field of copyright legislation in the European Union</p> |
| China | Study visit (Helsinki, 11 February 2003) | National Board of Patents and Registration of Finland, Denmark China Business Network | <p>Study tour to the Nordic countries with focus on the Nordic patent law and the respective regulations. The members of the delegation were all involved in the Tianjin (China) patent administration.</p> <p><i>Audience:</i> Participants of the study tour: Total 8</p> |

FRANCE

Ministry of Agriculture, Food, Fisheries and Rural Affairs (MAAPAR)

The MAAPAR organizes technical cooperation activities in the fields of geographical indications and plant varieties. Assistance activities mostly form part of agricultural and agri-food technical cooperation under agreements signed between the Ministry and the authorities of other countries. The Directorates-General in charge of customs and the suppression of fraud, the bodies reporting to the Ministry of Agriculture and professional and joint-trade groups are also involved.

In accordance with their respective areas of competence, these government departments and bodies take part in technical cooperation activities conducted by international organizations, in particular the World Intellectual Property Organization (WIPO) and the European Patent Office (EPO), and in those organised by other French government departments, in connection more specifically with geographical indications. They are also involved in the EC's PHARE, TACIS and TAIEX programmes and activities.

| Beneficiary country(ies) | Title and date of the event | Organising agency | Description |
|--------------------------|---|---|---|
| Latin America | 2002 | WIPO/INPI ¹ | Development of the system for the protection and use of appellations of origin in Latin America in order to promote trade in and exports of indigenous products. |
| Argentina | Seminar on geographical indications – May 2002 | MAAPAR | Two seminars on geographical indications (held in Mendoza during SITEVI Mercosur and at the University of Buenos Aires). |
| Argentina | Visit by high-ranking officials – October 2002 | MAAPAR | G. Idigoras (Director, Markets and International Policies) and R. Domenech (Undersecretary of State for Agriculture in charge of agri-food policies) received by the DPEI ² and the senior management of INAO ³ . |
| Argentina | Legal expertise on new Argentine legislation on controlled appellations of origin (AOC) – December 2002 | INAO | INAO expert mission (reconnaissance of geographical production areas/international protection /marks containing geographical indications/certification marks). |
| South-East Asia | December 2002 | INAO | Establishment of a map of potential geographical indications in the region. |
| Brazil | 2002 Portability of certification systems | CIRAD ⁴ INRA ⁵ | Collaborative research project: Comparison between "geographical indication", "organic farming" and "farm product" procedures. |

¹ National Industrial Property Institute

² Directorate of Economic and International Policies

³ National Institute of Appellations of Origin

⁴ Centre for International Cooperation in Agronomic Research for Development

⁵ National Institute for Agronomic Research

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| Brazil | Raising awareness of geographical indications 2002 | MAAPAR/INAO | Mission to familiarise Ministry of Agriculture (Plant Inspection Directorate) officials/negotiators with the geographical indications system (INAO/ONIVINS ⁶ /DGDD ⁷ /DGCCRF ⁸ /FEVS ⁹ /Professions): draft technical protocol. |
| Brazil | Visit by delegation 2002 | MAAPAR/INAO/ONIVINS | Reception of delegations from the States of Parana and Mina Gerais to discuss the geographical indications system/certification (INAO/ONIVINS). |
| Chile | Agricultural agreement March 2002 | MAAPAR | Following a visit by the Chilean Secretariat of State (March 2002), protection of geographical indications included as a priority issue on the agenda for bilateral cooperation under the France-Chile agricultural agreement. EuroChile President invited to present Chile's experience with AOCs at SITEVI Mercosur. |
| China | Cooperation programme on geographical indications (training, information) 2002 | Cognac Joint-Trade National Bureau (BNIC) | Reception of delegations of Chinese experts + BNIC participation in the France/China Joint Committee. 2 AQSIQ ¹⁰ delegations (September 2002) 1 AQSIQ delegation (December 2002) |
| China | Cooperation programme (geographical indications) 2002 | BNIC | Implementation of the geographical indications training, management and monitoring programme, training in analytical methods, fight against counterfeiting. |
| China | Cooperation programme (geographical indications) 2002 | BNIC and <i>Maison de l'agriculture</i> (Agricultural Centre) | Contribution to the implementation of the cooperation programme in the form of services provided by the <i>Maison de l'agriculture</i> . |
| China | Cooperation programme (geographical indications) 2002 | MAAPAR | Reception of delegation (Mr LIU/AQSIQ/CONGRILAIT). |
| China | Cooperation programme (geographical indications) 2002 | MAAPAR | Contribution to the implementation of the cooperation programme in the form of services provided by the <i>Maison de l'agriculture</i> . |
| Georgia | WIPO – SAKPATENTI (Georgian intellectual property office) technical assistance April 2002 | INAO | Mission to France by SAKPATENTI representatives. |
| Indonesia | May to December 2002 Identification of a | CIRAD, in conjunction with INAO | Assistance to Indonesia in launching a process of recognition of geographical indications and AOCs, on the basis of a practical situation involving coffee to |

⁶ National Joint-Trade Wines Office

⁷ Directorate-General of Customs and Indirect Taxes

⁸ Directorate-General of Competition, Consumption and Suppression of Fraud

⁹ Federation of Wine and Spirits Exporters

¹⁰ General Administration of Quality Supervision, Inspection and Quarantine of the People's Republic of China

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| | geographical indication for coffee in Indonesia | | serve as a future example. 2002: field missions (quality, technology, socio-economic aspects, <i>terroir</i> (soils/locale)) |
| | | | Results for 2002: identification of a potential, popular Arabica coffee, with good typicity, produced by an organisation of producers in a well-defined production area. Missions to Sulawesi, Iryan Jaya and Bali. Outcome: Kintamani (Bali) coffee selected. |
| Laos/ Cambodia | Late 2002/early 2003 | CPOV ¹¹ /GNIS ¹² | Drafting of a model law: Following a request by these two countries to the respective French diplomatic representations (in the case of Cambodia, with a view to its accession to the WTO), a model law to provide for UPOV-type property rights was drawn up, in English, by the General Secretary of the Standing Committee on Plant Variety Rights and forwarded to the two governments concerned. |
| The 16 member countries of the African Intellectual Property Organisation (OAPI)/French-speaking Africa | February/March 2002 | GNIS/GEVES ¹³ | Training for 2 administrative officers: Following the ratification of the revised Bangui Agreement, two OAPI administrative officers responsible for establishing and coordinating procedures for the issuing of plant variety certificates for the region received in-depth training in France, covering all administrative procedures. The Community Plant Variety Office (CPVO) was also involved. |
| Morocco | June 2002 | INPI | Mission by a senior Moroccan official to discuss the system for the protection of appellations of origin. |
| MERCOSUR + Chile | Visit by delegation December 2002 | MAAPAR | Invitation to the Vinitech Fair (Bordeaux, December 2002) for meetings and participation in a round table entitled " <i>Qualité des vins: sciences, organisation, techniques au service d'une identité</i> ", 3 day-tour of the AOC vineyards. |
| Mexico | 2002 | INPI | 5 th Joint Committee held in Roquefort: Discussions on the organization of a workshop to promote appellations of origin as contributing factors for a region's economic development. |
| Moscow | September 2001 (action for 2002) | INPI | 4 th Joint Committee; discussion on the organisation of a symposium on protection of trademarks and appellations of origin. |
| OAPI | 2002 | WIPO/INPI | Information and awareness-raising workshop on the promotion and protection of geographical indications (Burkina Faso, Cameroon, Côte d'Ivoire); expert from INAO and MAO. |
| Russia | October 2002 | City of Dijon | Seminar on wines and spirits. Russia: guest of honour. |
| Russia | December 2002 | INPI | IP training for magistrates. |
| Thailand | 2002 | INPI | Development of bilateral cooperation between the MAAPAR and the Thai Ministry of Agriculture and Fisheries with a view to establishing a system of |

¹¹ Committee for the Protection of Plant Varieties

¹² National Joint-Trade Association for Seeds and Plants

¹³ Research and Control Group for Plant Varieties and Seeds

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| | | | geographical indications and a labelling system (Thai jasmine rice). |
| Thailand | May 2002 | INPI/DREE ¹⁴ | Protection of geographical indications addressed in the context of ASEM IP seminar on the enforcement of intellectual property rights. |
| Ukraine | March 2002 | MAAPAR, BNIC | Seminar on geographical indications held in Kiev. |
| Viet Nam | October 2002 | INPI | 3 rd INPI/NOIP (Vietnamese Industrial Property Office) Joint Committee held in Cognac, meeting with the BNIC following the establishment of French/Vietnamese cooperation on geographical indications and the fight against counterfeiting. |
| Viet Nam | 1 st semester of 2002 | BNIC | Cooperation: Establishment of control measures and recognition by Viet Nam of a French AOC (Cognac). |
| Argentina | Legal expertise on new Argentine legislation on AOCs 2003 | INAO | Follow-up to the mission conducted in 2002. |
| Argentina | Training – 1 st semester of 2003 | MAAPAR | Training in area delimitation provided in France for the area delimitation project leader from the National Institute of Wine and Vine (INV) and support for the establishment of a delimitation methodology in Argentina. |
| Brazil | 2003 Portability of certification systems | CIRAD INRA | Research project: Comparison between "geographical indications", "organic farming" and "farm products" procedures. |
| Brazil | Institutional cooperation 2003 | MAAPAR | Cooperation with EMETRO formally requested at the meeting of the France-Brazil Joint Committee on 6/7 July. Exchanges of views needed to define the substance of such cooperation. Mission to provide the ministry in charge of small-scale farming with an expert opinion (autumn) + 2 days devoted to Mina Gerais project (MAF, INAO/FERT). Expert to attend CIRAD/SEBRAE ¹⁵ /MAE ¹⁶ seminar scheduled in October. Request for an institutional seminar by the Brazilian Embassy in Paris. |
| Cambodia | 1 st semester of 2003 | INAO | Assistance in drafting and implementing regulations on geographical indications. |
| Chile | Visit by a high-ranking individual – May 2003 | MAAPAR/INAO | Nino de Zepeda received at INAO, study of the "REBLOCHON" AOC. Seminar on geographical indications in Santiago de Chile scheduled for 2 nd semester. |

¹⁴ French Directorate of Foreign Economic Relations

¹⁵ Brazilian support service for micro- and small-sized enterprises

¹⁶ French Ministry of Foreign Affairs

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| China | Cooperation programme (geographical indications) 2003 | BNIC/MAAPAR | Preparation of EU/CHINA agreement on mutual recognition and protection of geographical indications. Training in computerized management of geographical indications given at the BNIC for AQSIQ staff. Visit of an AQSIQ delegation in September 2003. Participation in World Bank "RURAL WEEK" in March 2003. Technical training in analytical methods for AQSIQ experts. Summing-up meeting (December 2003). |
| Costa Rica | 2003 Typicity (coffee) | CIRAD | Ongoing study on the variability of coffee typicity in Orosi and Santa Maria de Dota, in conjunction with the Coffee Institute. |
| Indonesia | Identification of a geographical indication for coffee in Indonesia 2003 | CIRAD, in conjunction with INAO | Assistance to Indonesia in launching a process of recognition of geographical indications and appellations of origin, on the basis of a practical situation involving coffee to serve as a future example. 2003: Training visit to France for the Indonesian partners (January-April 2003); pursuit of the Kintamani-Bali pilot project: missions to assess quality, typicity, organisation of producers. |
| Morocco | July 2003 | OMPIC ¹⁷ /INPI | Regional seminar on appellations of origin and geographical indications: two INPI experts, SG of the Nyons cooperative. |
| Mexico | 1 st semester of 2003 | INPI/MAAPAR | Visit by a French expert in the context of a study to gather data on, examine and compare the various systems for the international protection of appellations of origin. |
| OAPI | June 2003 | WIPO/INPI | Visit by the Director-General of OAPI with a view to establishing a collaborative action programme on appellations of origin and geographical indications. |
| Member countries of the Southern African Development Community (SADC) | July 2003 | GNIS | Presentation on plant variety certificates for all SADC member countries during a seminar on seed control and certification held in Maputo, to explain the relevance of plant variety certification in a region where only South Africa and Zimbabwe have intellectual property legislation. |
| Philippines | June 2003 | EPO | Presentation on international protection of geographical indications, the TRIPS Agreement, new aspects and recent developments regarding geographical indications within the WTO and WIPO (meeting: INAO, BNIC). |
| Dominican Republic | 2003 Updating of single-origin coffees | CIRAD | Reappropriation of geographical origins within the framework of a specialty coffee development project. |
| Serbia and Montenegro | March 2003 | GNIS | 2-day IP seminar, organised in Belgrade in conjunction with the Serbia and Montenegro Seedtraders' Association for the country's public and private sector, on intellectual property systems in Europe and plant variety certification in particular. |

¹⁷ Moroccan Industrial and Commercial Property Office

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| Thailand | June 2003 | INAO | One-week visit to France, as of 26 June, of Thai journalists, organised by the Ubifrance press agency. Dispatch of French experts to take stock of progress made by the working group. |
| Thailand, Cambodia, Laos | March 2003 | INPI | Presentation by an INPI expert in the context of a roving seminar, on differences between the protection provided by geographical indications and that offered by collective marks, with a view to the preparation of legislation on the protection of geographical indications. |
| Tunisia | April 2003 Enhancement of geographical quality | INAO INRA CIRAD | Joint mission to provide the Agency for the Promotion of Agricultural Investment (APIA) and 8 joint-trade associations with technical support so as to enhance the geographical quality of Tunisian products. Planned follow-up: Tunisia (wine production; other crops) and Middle East. |
| Ukraine | June 2003 | BNIC | Meeting with Minister S. Rijouk and players in the wines and spirits sector. |

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| Cambodia | Mission from 22 to 26 April 2002 | ADETEF ¹⁸ | Evaluation of existing legislation in the light of the TRIPS Agreement. |
| Tunisia | Mission, fourth quarter of 2002 | ADETEF | Study and analysis of fraud risks. |
| Tunisia | Visit from 13 to 17 May 2002 | ADETEF | Identification of counterfeiting networks through the examination of customs documents. |
| Viet Nam | Mission, fourth quarter of 2002 | ADETEF | Training for customs officials. |
| Argentina | Mission from 19 to 23 May 2003 | ADETEF | Fight against counterfeiting. |

¹⁸ Association for the Development of Exchange in Economic and Financial Technologies

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| ASEM countries | Seminar in Hanoi (Viet Nam) on the enforcement of IPRs May 2002 | INPI/DREE | ASEM seminar on the enforcement of IPRs, organised in conjunction with Customs, the INPI, the Ministry of the Interior (Directorate of the Criminal Investigation Department), the Ministry of Justice and the MAAPAR. |

National Industrial Property Institute

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| China | February to June 2002 Trademarks | INPI | Visit by 2 Chinese officials from the SAIC ¹⁹ Trademarks Office to follow the trademarks course held at the International Industrial Property Studies Centre (CEIPI) in Strasbourg. |
| Mexico | February to June 2002 | INPI | Cooperation |
| Haiti | 4 to 6 February 2002 Patents | WIPO/INPI | Assistance in setting up a technical information service (patents). |
| Algeria | 10 to 12 February 2002 IP | INPI | INPI lawyer served as a facilitator at an international seminar on IP and the protection of distinctive signs. |
| Cameroon | 12 February 2002 | INPI | INPI/OAPI Joint Committee. |
| Brazil | 27 February 2002 Trademarks | INPI | Presentation by 2 INPI experts at a seminar on the Madrid Protocol, the International Trademark Register and its registration system. |
| Saudi Arabia | 4 March 2002 Patents | INPI | Fact-finding visit by 2 officials of the regional organisation of the Gulf States (establishment of a regional patent system). |
| Morocco | 11 to 16 March 2002 IP and innovation | INPI | Awareness-raising mission: Promotion of innovation, SMEs and support for enterprises. |
| China | 25-26 March 2002 Trademarks | INPI | Presentation by an INPI lawyer on three-dimensional marks at a seminar organised under the EU/China programme. |
| Morocco | 25 to 30 March 2002 IP and regional policy | INPI | Visit by an expert from the Moroccan Office: Partnership in selecting innovative schemes; training. |
| South Korea | 28-29 March 2002 IP law and protection | INPI | Training visit by two officials of the Korean Industrial Property Office (KIPO): Enforcement of intellectual property rights. |
| Morocco | 8-9 April 2002 Institutional communication | INPI | Visit to the Moroccan Office by the INPI communications delegate, to present France's experience with communication in the industrial property sphere. |
| South Korea | 12 April 2002 Trademarks | INPI | Study visit to the KIPO by two INPI experts: Electronic filing. |
| Uruguay | 27-28 May 2002 Management of an IP office | WIPO | Visit by the Director of the Uruguayan Office: Planning and implementation of strategies for promotion of the use of industrial property. |
| China | 25 to 29 May 2002 | INPI | Visit by 6 SAIC officials (Trademarks Office): Presentation of the service and of |

¹⁹ Chinese State Administration for Industry and Commerce

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| | Trademarks | | examination and opposition procedures. |
| Morocco | 1 to 5 June 2002 | INPI | Training visit by an OMPIC expert: Communication strategy and circulation of databases. |
| Morocco | 11 to 14 June 2002 | INPI | Training visit by an OMPIC expert: Databases. |
| China | 11 June 2002 | EURASYS CONSEIL | Training visit by 16 Chinese officials: Management of an IP office. |
| Côte d'Ivoire, South Korea, Senegal, Niger, Tunisia | 10 to 21 June 2002 IP awareness and training | INPI/WIPO | Interregional course at the CEIPI; practical training for 6 people. |
| Morocco | 15 to 20 June 2002 Trademarks | INPI | Training visit by an OMPIC lawyer: Opposition system and operation of the Paris Court of Appeal. |
| Morocco | 24 to 27 June 2002 Patents | INPI | Training visit by an OMPIC engineer: Patent examination procedure. |
| Morocco | 26 to 30 June 2002 Circulation of IP information | INPI | Training visit by an OMPIC expert: Databases and potential enhancements. |
| OAPI | 26 June to 6 July 2002 | INPI | Training visit by 2 OAPI experts: Patentability, use of the International Patent Classification (IPC), use of patent documents for technical research purposes, assistance to applicants. |
| China | 26 June to 8 July 2002 Databases | INPI | Visit to the Chinese Patents Office to arrange for the exchange of data on the basis of the INPI's "MMS" (pharmaceuticals) database. |
| China | 26 July 2002 IP | INPI | Information visit by a Chinese delegation from the SAIC Trademarks Office: Status and role of the INPI, trademark registration procedure, and the French Trade and Business Register (RCS). |
| Argentina | 27 July to 2 August 2002 IP and regional action | INPI | INPI assistance and support for regional action and the establishment of an IP training centre. |
| Lebanon | 11 to 13 September 2002 IT and IP | INPI | Audit by an INPI expert of the Lebanese Office's computer system, databases, and database archiving system and network operation. |
| China | 7 to 12 September 2002 | INPI | Study visit of the Patent Office of the Chinese State Intellectual Property Office (SIPO): Promotion of research. |
| OAPI | 16 to 22 September 2002 IT | INPI | Assistance in setting up a secure computer system. |
| Senegal | 17 September 2002 IP | WIPO | Information visit by 3 Senegalese Technological Innovation Agency (ASIT) officials. |
| Mexico | 1 October 2002 Patents | INPI | University-level training (patent course) at the CEIPI in Strasbourg for 2 experts from the Mexican Office. |
| OAPI | 1 October 2002 Trademarks, patents and industrial designs | INPI | University-level training (long course on patents, trademarks and industrial designs) at the CEIPI in Strasbourg for an OAPI expert. |
| Viet Nam | 26 September 2002 IP | MAE | Information visit by 4 Vietnamese journalists: IP protection system. |
| Morocco | 28 September to 5 October | ADETEF | Visit to the OMPIC by a French customs official, to draw up an anti- |

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| | 2002 | | counterfeiting guide. |
| China | 29 September 2002 IP and INPI management | Guangzhou trademark association | Information visit by 10 Chinese industrialists: IP. |
| China | 14 October 2002 IP rights | Chinese association | Visit by 7 Chinese industrialists from Anhui Province to learn about France's industrial property regulations and protection. |
| FYR of Macedonia | 17 October 2002 IP | WIPO | Information visit by a 3-member delegation from the FYR of Macedonia: Role and operation of the INPI. |
| Morocco Algeria /Lebanon | 18 October 2002 R & D, innovation | WIPO | Information visit by 7 university professors: Teaching of IP. |
| Morocco | 19 to 23 October. 2002 IT | INPI | Visit by an OMPIC expert with a view to the computerisation of the Moroccan Office's trade and business register. |
| Tunisia | 19 to 23 October 2002 IT Trademarks | INPI | Information visit by an official from the Tunisian Office (INNORPI): Study on Research into Prior Art (Leblanc, Lesprit, DDI). |
| China | 23 October 2002 IP rights | Europe Asie Développement | Information visit by 22 Chinese sent by the National IP Office in Beijing: France's IP system, distinctive features of French and European legislation, and implementation of international treaties. |
| China | 28 to 31 October 2002 Databases | INPI | Study visit by 2 INPI experts: Circulation of information, presentation of the "PLUTARQUE" database, E-PATENT and E-MAGE systems (images and logos). |
| Burkina Faso | 2 to 9 November 2002 Innovation | OAPI | Information visit by the director of a research and design firm in Ouagadougou. |
| China | 19 November 2002 IP rights | Chinese association | Information visit by a 4-member regional Chinese delegation from Sichuan. |
| China | 10 to 20 November 2002 Databases, patents | Chinese Office (SIPO) | Information visit by a 6-member delegation of the SIPO (Patent Office): Databases, and in particular the French National Trade and Business Register (RCS). |
| China | 17 to 23 November 2002 Regional action | Chinese Office (SIPO) | Information visit by a 10-member delegation of the SIPO to the Marseille delegation and the INPI in Paris: Operation of a regional delegation. |
| China | 29 November 2002 IP | SIPO | Information visit by an 18-member Chinese delegation: General presentation of the INPI. |
| Viet Nam, Moldova | 5 December 2002 Regional action | WIPO | Information visit to the Lyon delegation by a 3-member delegation from WIPO: Operation of a regional delegation. |
| China | 9 December 2002 IP | Chinese association | Information visit by a delegation: General presentation of the INPI. |
| South Korea | 2 December 2002 IP rights | Korean Office (KIPO) | Information visit by a delegation of the KIPO and the Korean Embassy in France (4 people): Enforcement of IP rights in France. |
| Chinese Taipei | 7 to 13 December 2002 IP rights | Chinese Taipei Office | Information visit by a 6-member delegation from Chinese Taipei: Defence and enforcement of IP rights in France. |
| Morocco | 10 to 12 December 2002 | INPI | Study visit to the Moroccan Office (OMPIC) by an INPI expert with a view to |

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| | IP training | | establishing a training strategy and training modules for businesses. |
| Tunisia | 9 to 11 December 2002 Patents | INPI | Study visit to the Tunisian Office (INNORPI) by an INPI engineer: Management of patent files (security, traceability and management). |
| Morocco | 16 to 29 December 2002 RCS occupational register and coordination committee | INPI | Study visit to the OMPIC by an INPI expert: Procedure for setting up a business, the Regional Investment Centre as a single window, occupational register and coordination committee (Justice/industry). |
| Tunisia | 16 to 19 December 2002 IT | INPI | Study visit to the Tunisian Office by an INPI expert: Management of IT facilities – achievements and outlook. |
| Tunisia | 18 to 20 December 2002 Trademarks | INPI | Study visit to the Tunisian Office by an INPI expert: Management of trademark files (security, traceability and management). |
| South Africa | 31 March to 4 April 2003 | INPI | Seminar on cooperation and the promotion of innovation. |
| Cambodia, Laos, Thailand | March 2003 | INPI | Mission by an INPI lawyer: Protection of three-dimensional marks. |
| China | February to June 2003 Trademarks | INPI | University-level training (trademark course) at the CEIPI in Strasbourg for 2 officials from the Chinese Trademark Office. |
| EuroMed | 3 February 2003 Workshop | | Participation by 2 INPI officials in the EuroMed workshop on IP (within the framework of the regional programme for the promotion of the Euro-Mediterranean market instruments and mechanisms led by the European Commission). |
| Morocco | 26-27 March 2003 Fight against counterfeiting | INPI/Manufacturers' Union | Mission by the Director-General of the Manufacturers' Union to initiate a process of convergence and co-operation between French and Moroccan players in the fight against counterfeiting. |
| Morocco | 21-22 May 2003 Appellations of origin | INPI/OMPIC | Regional seminar on appellations of origin and geographical indications. |
| Morocco | 10 March 2003 Patents | INPI | Visit by an INPI engineer to examine procedures relating to the rejection and lapse of patent applications, exploitation of rights. |
| Morocco | 10 to 16 March 2003 Trademarks | INPI | Training visit by a senior Moroccan official: "Trademarks" advanced training module. |
| Morocco | 1st semester of 2003 Databases | INPI | INPI expert mission to the Moroccan Office: PLUTARQUE system (database interconnection and online consultation). |
| Mexico | April 2003 Trademarks | INPI | INPI expert mission to the Mexican Office: INPI criteria with respect to trademark review and the maintenance of rights. |
| Mexico | 1 May 2003 Internet | ADETEF | Mission to the Mexican Office by a representative of the <i>Association Française pour le Nommage Internet en Coopération</i> (AFNIC - French Network Information Centre): French legislation on Internet domain names. |
| Mexico | 1 st semester of 2003 Appellations of origin | INPI | Agricultural expert mission to the Mexican Office: Systems for the international protection of appellations of origin. |

GERMANY

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| Chile, Cuba, Mexico, Paraguay; African Regional Industrial Property Organisation (ARIPO) | Development cooperation with WIPO: Carrying out of free searches on the state of the art for developing countries | German Patent and Trademark Office (GPTO) | Within the framework of development cooperation with WIPO, 100 free searches on the "state of the art" were carried out for developing countries in 2002, namely for Chile, Cuba, Mexico, Paraguay and the African Regional Industrial Property Organisation (ARIPO). |
| Latvia, South Africa, Iran | WIPO Training Course on Industrial Property for Officials from Developing Countries (Munich, 10-18 June 2003) | GPTO | In June 2003, the German Patent and Trademark Office organised a seminar for trademark experts in cooperation with WIPO. The two-week training focused on individual training on the job with different trademark examiners. In addition, the three participants were thoroughly briefed on organisation and tasks of the Office and of the Federal Patent Court. This year's participants came from Latvia, Iran and South Africa. |
| Indonesia, Yemen | WIPO-InWEnt-Training Programme "Innovation Support and Management from 2 May to 30 September 2003" (Munich, 2 June 2003) | GPTO | Within the scope of a several month training programme to support innovation, organised by WIPO and InWEnt - Internationale Weiterbildung und Entwicklung GmbH - (Capacity Building International, former Carl Duisberg Gesellschaft e.V.), three experts from Indonesia and Yemen visited the German Patent and Trademark Office. They were briefed on the range of information facilities and patent information services of the Office. |
| Albania, Bolivia, Bosnia and Herzegovina, Cameroon, Egypt, Honduras, FYR of Macedonia, Morocco, Namibia, Peru, Tanzania, Zambia | WIPO-InWEnt-Workshop on Innovation Support Services and their Management from 30 June to 11 July 2003 (Munich, 30 June 2003) | GPTO | Further 15 experts from mentioned developing countries to attend a workshop at the end of June 2003 at the German Patent and Trademark Office for gaining insight into the tasks, organisation and information facilities of the Office. This workshop is also organised by WIPO and InWEnt. |

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| Belarus, China, Croatia, Hungary, Japan, Mongolia, Russia, Slovakia, Slovenia, Thailand | Exchange of Search and Examination Results | GPTO | <p>The German Patent and Trademark Office has agreements with the following offices on the regular exchange of search and examination results relating to applications for which a priority has been claimed in the respective other country:</p> <p>Belarus Patent Office State Intellectual Property Office of the People's Republic of China (SIPO) State Intellectual Property Office of the Republic of Croatia Hungarian Patent Office Japan Patent Office Intellectual Property Office of Mongolia Russian Agency for Patents and Trademarks (ROSPATENT) Industrial Property Office of the Slovakia Slovenian Intellectual Property Office Department of Intellectual Property in Thailand</p> |
| Algeria, Australia, Belarus, Brazil, Canada, China, Colombia, Croatia, Cuba, Egypt, Hungary, India, Israel, Japan, Korea, Kazakhstan, Kyrgyzstan, Latvia, Lithuania, Mexico, Moldova, Mongolia, Norway, Peru, Philippines, Poland, Romania, Russia, San Marino, Slovenia, Chinese Taipei, Thailand, Ukraine United Arab Emirates, USA, Uzbekistan, Viet Nam, Serbia and Montenegro, African Intellectual Property Organisation (OAPI), African Regional Industrial Property Organization (ARIPO) Eurasian Patent Office (EAPO), European Patent Office (EPO), World Intellectual Property Organization (WIPO) | International Exchange of Literature | GPTO | <p>In the period under review, patent specifications and other publications were exchanged with the mentioned countries outside the European Patent Organisation and with the mentioned organisations.</p> |

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| Croatia | "Letter of Intent" | GPTO | In the year under review, the GPTO issued a Letter of Intent, on request of GTZ, declaring its willingness to support the State Intellectual Property Office (SIPO) in all fields of industrial property protection. The start date of activities has not yet been determined. |
| Albania | | GPTO | At the request of GTZ, the GPTO has accepted to assist Albania in improving legal practice and revising legislation. An exchange of experts may be considered as soon as the financial terms are clarified. |
| China | Visit of a delegation of judges (Munich, 7 November 2002) | GPTO | At the GPTO in Munich, a lecture on European trademark law and the protection of indications of geographical origin was held for a high-ranking delegation comprising eight judges of the 3 rd penal court of the supreme civil court of the People's Republic of China and the vice-presidents of the supreme people's courts of several Chinese provinces. |
| China | Visit of a SIPO delegation (Munich, 25 November 2002 Berlin, 27 November 2002) | GPTO | A guided tour of the GPTO information facilities in Munich and a lecture on the latest developments were organised for a 10-member delegation of the Chinese patent office - SIPO - and of patent information centres of several Chinese provinces. At TIC Berlin, this delegation attended a presentation of the public search room and its information tools. |
| China | Visit of a delegation of the "General Administration of Press & Publication of China" and the "National Copyright Administration of China" (Munich, 10 December 2002) | GPTO | The GPTO organised lectures and discussions on the organisational structure of the GPTO, on the government supervision of collecting societies and on the role of the Copyright Arbitration Board for a six-member delegation of General Administration of Press & Publication of China and of the National Copyright Administration of China headed by the competent Minister for General Administration of Press & Publication of China and CC member. |
| Russia | Seminar for patent and trademark experts (Munich, 17-20 September 2002) | GPTO | A seminar for 14 patent and trademark experts of the Russian Agency for Patents and Trademarks (ROSPATENT) was organised at the German Patent and Trademark Office in September 2002. The training stay was financed by Deutsche Stiftung für internationale rechtliche Zusammenarbeit - IRZ (German Foundation for International Legal Co-operation) and covered basic principles of trademark procedure, the protection of indications of geographical origin and the patent grant and opposition procedures. |

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| Russia | Assistance to the Russian Patent and Trademark Agency (ROSPATENT) in harmonisation of intellectual property legislation and training of personnel (EU-Tacis-Twinning KI 02-24) (Moscow, August 2003 – December 2004) | German Foundation for International Legal Co-operation (IRZ-Foundation) German Patent and Trademark Office Federal Patent Court | The project aims to improve the Russian legislation in the mentioned field in compliance with the EU-directives and to raise the professional level of civil servants by organising scientific and practical conferences, seminars and workshops with the participation of experts from EU Member countries and arranging topical internships in EU countries. A German expert will be resident in Moscow as a partnership-adviser (PA) to improve the implementation of the project in close cooperation with the Russian partners. |
| Ethiopia | Memorandum of Understanding | GPTO | At the beginning of the year, a "joint memorandum of understanding" was signed on request of the Ethiopian Ministry of Finance and Economic Development. In this memorandum, the German Patent and Trademark Office declares its readiness to assist the Ethiopian Patent Office, in principle, within the framework of a possible cooperation project. |
| Saudi Arabia | Cooperation project: Long-term expert of the GPTO at the Saudi Office; Short-term expert missions; Training measures | GPTO | In 2001, an agreement had been concluded for providing support to the General Directorate of Patents (KACST) in establishing a functioning system of industrial property protection in Saudi Arabia. The project, which has been scheduled initially for three years, has entered its active phase in 2003. Assistance relates to the patents, designs and topographies areas. In January 2003, a long-term expert of the GPTO started working at the Saudi Office at Riyadh, provisionally for a period of three years. The first training measure for five Saudi examiners at the German Patent and Trademark Office is to take place in Munich from 7 to 25 July 2003. The examiners will receive intensive training in processing patent applications in the field of chemistry. Further training activities and short-term expert missions are scheduled for 2003. |

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| To be determined | Possible founding of an "International Association of Copyright Administrative Institutions (IACAI)" | | In agreement with the Federal Ministry of Justice, the GPTO completed a detailed questionnaire, in August 2002, issued by the Copyright Board of Canada. The questions concerned the possible founding of an "International Association of Copyright Administrative Institutions (IACAI)". At the request of the Copyright Board of Canada, the chairman of the Arbitration Board has been taking part, as an informal member, in an international working group since 2002. This group has been established to assess the interest of potential members in the founding of such an international association and the prospects of realising the project. |
| Saudi Arabia | Further possible projects | Federal Patent Court | GTZ is cooperating with Saudi Arabia in the field of industrial property protection. The Federal Patent Court is examining in what way and to what extent it can participate in this cooperation. |
| Tajikistan | Visit of the Federal Patent Court on 16 and 17 October 2002 | Federal Patent Court | <p data-bbox="1160 600 2029 783">On 16 and 17 October 2002, the president of the National Centre for Patents and Information, Dr Inom Takhirov and the president of the Tajikistan Supreme Economic Court, Mr Ubaidullo Davlatov, visited the Federal Patents Court together with Ms Khursheda Safarova, judge at Tajikistan Supreme Economic Court. This visit took place in the course of the delegation's visit to the European Patent Office.</p> <p data-bbox="1160 815 2029 943">The main topic was the organisation and financing of courts which have jurisdiction over patent matters in Germany and the examination of realistic solutions for courts which have jurisdiction over patent and trademark matters in Tajikistan.</p> |

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| Several Developing countries | Master on Intellectual Property (Turin, May-July 2003) | University of Turin in cooperation with WIPO and ILO | Post-graduate specialisation course on intellectual property open to participants from developing countries (Egypt, Myanmar, Honduras, Costa Rica, Ghana, Zimbabwe, Colombia, Argentina, Nepal, Libia, Jordan, Sri Lanka and Senegal (4 Chinese participants, admitted to the Master, did not attend at last minute for SARS reason)) A. a distance learning segment B. a three-month residential segment at the campus of the ILO International training centre in Turin (From May to July 2003) C. the preparation of written research paper. |

SPAIN

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| Venezuela, Cuba, Bolivia, Nicaragua, Mexico and Guatemala | Theoretical and practical training in copyright and related rights (Madrid, 4-22 November 2002) | Ministry of Education, Culture and Sport | Officials of the Sub-Directorate of Intellectual Property gave theoretical and practical classes on all matters pertaining to copyright and related rights and on experience in management of such rights in Spain. <i>Recipients:</i> Latin American professionals with experience in copyright and related rights. |
| Chile | Counselling on strengthening the Copyright Office (Santiago, 26 May-4 June 2003) | Ministry of Education, Culture and Sport | A Spanish expert travelled to Santiago to advise the Chilean administration on strengthening the Copyright Office <i>Recipients:</i> Personnel of the Copyright Office |
| All Latin American countries | IV Latin American Congress on Copyright and Related Rights (Panama, 15-17 October 2002) | Ministry of Education, Culture and Sport | Co-organisation of the Congress, designed to enhance intellectual property rights protection in Latin America <i>Recipients:</i> Latin American professionals and experts |
| All Latin American countries | Training course on Copyright and Related Rights (Cartagena de Indias, 14-18 July 2003) | Ministry of Education, Culture and Sport Spanish International Cooperation Agency | Officials of the Sub-Directorate of Intellectual Property, Spanish judges and a member of WIPO gave a theoretical and practical course on all matters pertaining to copyright and related rights <i>Recipients:</i> Latin American judges |
| Latin America | 9-20 June 2003 Course on legal, administrative and economic aspects of industrial property | Spanish Patents and Trademarks Office (OEPM) | Industrial property training for experts and high-ranking officials from intellectual property offices in Latin America. A new "Course on legal, administrative and economic aspects of industrial property" was given at the OEPM headquarters from 9-20 June 2003 in Madrid, with the participation of 15 officials from industrial property offices in Latin American countries (Brazil, Chile, Costa Rica, Cuba, Dominican Republic, Ecuador, El Salvador, Honduras, Mexico, Nicaragua, Panama, Paraguay, Peru, Uruguay and Venezuela). The seminar is one of the oldest cooperation activities conducted by the OEPM in collaboration with the World Intellectual Property Organization. It is designed to provide industrial property training for experts and high-ranking officials from intellectual property offices in Latin America. |
| Nicaragua | 2-8 March 2003. Regional Seminar on the Patent Cooperation Treaty | OEPM-EPO-WIPO | Joint seminar on the Patent Cooperation Treaty Seminar to promote the PCT The Seminar was held from 2 to 8 March 2003 in Nicaragua. Organised by the World Intellectual Property Organization (WIPO), and the European Patent Office (EPO) and the OEPM, it was widely attended by heads of Latin American offices |

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| | | | and the private sector connected with industrial property. The OEPM made a statement on the OEPM's experience in the PCT search and examination procedure. |
| Cuba | 24-28 March 2003 Fourth Latin American Meeting on Disclosure of Patent Information | Cuban IP Office, EPO | Participation in workshops and also a stand to publicise its activities and technological information products |
| Latin America | 5-9 May 2003 Search and Examination Seminar, Madrid | OEPM (in cooperation with WIPO/EPO) | Seminar on technical aspects of patent search and examination procedures In 2003, the OEPM, in cooperation with WIPO and the EPO, held a new Patent Search and Examination Seminar in Madrid. The Seminar, from 5 to 9 May 2003, included 15 officials from industrial property offices in Latin American countries (Argentina, Brazil, Chile, Colombia, Costa Rica, Cuba, Ecuador, El Salvador, Guatemala, Honduras, Mexico, Nicaragua, Panama, Paraguay and Uruguay). The seminar has been held annually since 1982. It is designed to cover the technical aspects of patent search and examination procedures and consists of meetings at which participants practice with real cases of interest to them, under the direct supervision of OEPM patent examiners. |
| Latin America | 18-22 November 2002 Regional Seminar for Latin American Judges and Prosecutors | OEPM-WIPO-EPO | Industrial Property Seminar The First Regional Industrial Property Seminar for Latin American Judges and Prosecutors was held at the Ministry of Science and Technology from 18 to 22 November 2002. The Seminar was organised by WIPO, EPO and OEPM, with the collaboration of the General Council of the Judiciary. Organisation of the Seminar is an integral part of the duties of the Spanish Patent and Trademark Office, i.e. to facilitate international relations in connection with industrial property, to promote initiatives and develop activities conducive to better knowledge and more adequate industrial property protection at the international level and to maintain direct relations with all foreign organisations and bodies engaged in such matters. |
| Brazil | 1-2 July 2002 Regional Seminar on Industrial Property Information and the Patent Cooperation Treaty | OEPM (in cooperation with WIPO/EPO) | PCT Treaty and dissemination of technological information. Presentation of OEPM/WIPO/EPO cooperation project for electronic publication of Latin American patent applications on the Internet. |
| Latin American countries | Project for electronic publication of patent applications (LATIPAT) | OEPM-WIPO-OEPO | Operation of a server known as esp@cenet-LATIPAT with agreed technical specifications and a search engine for document searches in Spanish and Portuguese. LATIPAT is a project for a server to transmit Latin American patent data in Spanish and Portuguese. Bibliographical data will be published and for the |

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| | | | time being, in the future, the entire document will be published. The Parties, i.e. WIPO, EPO and OEPM, undertake to develop and introduce a server known as esp@cenet-LATIPAT with agreed specifications and a search engine for document searches in Spanish and Portuguese. An important aspect of this ambitious project is that the OEPM undertakes to place the server on its premises and the EPO to provide the requisite technical support. If the OEPM decides to combine the bibliographical data of its own national patents with the bibliographical data of Latin American patents, the database would be called CIBEPAT and the internet server esp@cenet-CIBEPAT. |
| Unspecified | 2002-2003 Cooperation with the Office for Harmonization in the Internal Market (OHIM) to publicise trademark legislation. | OEPM | Liaison meetings on various topics connected with trademark procedures. |
| Cuba | 26 March 2003 Bilateral memorandum with the Cuban Industrial Property Office | OEPM | Exchange of technical documentation, cooperation in joint activities and collaboration in international searches under the CIBIT Programme. |
| Nicaragua | 26 March 2003 Bilateral memorandum with the Nicaraguan Industrial Property Office | OEPM | Exchange of technical documentation, cooperation in joint activities and collaboration in international searches under the CIBIT Programme. |
| Latin American countries | Year 2003 CIBIT Programme Cooperation with Latin America in international patent searches | OEPM | Furthering the use of Spanish in international search processes, improving the training of examiners in international searches for PCT international applications. Start of activities with Mexico, incorporation of a Mexican patent examiner. |
| Dominican Republic | 26-27 June 2003 Subregional Meeting of Patent Office Heads of Central American Countries and the Dominican Republic. | WIPO | Exchange of information to draw up a technical cooperation plan. It was held on 26 and 27 June 2003 and was chiefly designed to analyse and exchange information to find out the present situation and main needs of patent offices in the Central American countries and the Dominican Republic, so as to draw up a technical cooperation plan and consolidate efforts for homogeneous administration, management and use of the patent system in the region. |
| Colombia | 6-9 November 2002 Technical assistance | WIPO/OEPM | Technological information services mission. An expert travelled to Colombia and El Salvador from 6-9 November 2002 for an international technical cooperation mission on technological information services. |

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| El Salvador | 6-9 November 2002 Technical assistance | WIPO/OEPM | Technological information services mission. |
| Uruguay | 13-19 November 2002 Technical assistance | WIPO | Preparing patent applications, in the WIPO National Seminar on Industrial Property, Inventions and Technological Information. An OEPM engineer/patent examiner travelled to Uruguay and Peru from 13-19 November 2002 on a mission arranged by WIPO with some national bodies in each country (the DNPI, the University and ALADI and INDECOPI in Peru) for a WIPO National Workshop on the preparation of patent applications, in the WIPO National Seminar on Industrial Property, Inventions and Technological Information. |
| Peru | 13-19 November 2002 Technical assistance | WIPO | Preparing patent applications, in the WIPO National Seminar on Industrial Property, Inventions and Technological Information. An OEPM engineer/patent examiner travelled to Uruguay and Peru from 13-19 November 2002 on a mission arranged by WIPO with some national bodies in each country (the DNPI, the University and ALADI and INDECOPI in Peru) for a WIPO National Workshop on the preparation of patent applications, in the WIPO National Seminar on Industrial Property, Inventions and Technological Information. |
| Mexico | 19-23 May 2003 Technical assistance | WIPO/IMPI | Workshop on the Nice Classification and absolute prohibitions on trademark registration. A OEPM expert travelled to Mexico from 19 to 23 May 2003 for a Trademarks Workshop organised by the Office for Harmonization in the Internal Market and the Mexican Intellectual Property Institute (IMPI). It covered such matters as the Nice Classification and absolute prohibitions on trademark registration. |
| Dominican Republic | 26 May-1 June 2003 Technical assistance | OEPM | Workshop on trademark law. Workshop on various aspects of patent management, such as the PCT procedure, search reports and the patent granting procedure. Two OEPM experts travelled to the Dominican Republic and El Salvador from 26 May to 1 June 2003 on a technical cooperation mission on trademark law in both offices and various aspects of patent management, such as the PCT procedure, search reports and the patent granting procedure. |
| El Salvador | 26 May-1 June 2003 Technical assistance | OEPM | Workshop on trademark law. Workshop on various aspects of patent management, such as the PCT procedure, search reports and the patent granting procedure. |
| Panama | 21-25 July 2003 Technical assistance | OEPM | Workshop on biodiversity and technological information. Two OEPM experts travelled from 21 to 25 July 2003 to Panama to discuss biodiversity and information technology and to develop practices and tutorials for officials of the Panamanian Patents Register. |
| Argentina | Year 2002 | OEPM | Exchange of documentation and material on intellectual property and technical |

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| | Bilateral cooperation programme with intellectual property offices in Latin American countries. | | assistance in information systems. |
| Bolivia | Year 2002 Bilateral cooperation programme with intellectual property offices in Latin American countries. | OEPM | Exchange of documentation and material on intellectual property and technical assistance in information systems. |
| Brazil | Year 2002 Bilateral cooperation programme with intellectual property offices in Latin American countries. | OEPM | Exchange of documentation and material on intellectual property and technical assistance in information systems. |
| Chile | Year 2002 Bilateral cooperation programme with intellectual property offices in Latin American countries. | OEPM | Exchange of documentation and material on intellectual property and technical assistance in information systems. |
| Colombia | Year 2002 Bilateral cooperation programme with intellectual property offices in Latin American countries. | OEPM | Exchange of documentation and material on intellectual property and technical assistance in information systems. |
| Ecuador | Year 2002 Bilateral cooperation programme with intellectual property offices in Latin American countries. | OEPM | Exchange of documentation and material on intellectual property and technical assistance in information systems. |
| Guatemala | Year 2002 Bilateral cooperation programme with intellectual property offices in Latin American countries. | OEPM | Exchange of documentation and material on intellectual property and technical assistance in information systems. |
| Honduras | Year 2002 Bilateral cooperation programme with intellectual property offices in Latin American countries. | OEPM | Exchange of documentation and material on intellectual property and technical assistance in information systems. |
| Mexico | Year 2002 | OEPM | Exchange of documentation and material on intellectual property and technical |

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| | Bilateral cooperation programme with intellectual property offices in Latin American countries. | | assistance in information systems. |
| Nicaragua | Year 2002 Bilateral cooperation programme with intellectual property offices in Latin American countries. | OEPM | Exchange of documentation and material on intellectual property and technical assistance in information systems. |
| Panama | Year 2002 Bilateral cooperation programme with intellectual property offices in Latin American countries. | OEPM | Exchange of documentation and material on intellectual property and technical assistance in information systems. |
| Paraguay | Year 2002 Bilateral cooperation programme with intellectual property offices in Latin American countries. | OEPM | Exchange of documentation and material on intellectual property and technical assistance in information systems. |
| Peru | Year 2002 Bilateral cooperation programme with intellectual property offices in Latin American countries. | OEPM | Exchange of documentation and material on intellectual property and technical assistance in information systems. |
| Uruguay | Year 2002 Bilateral cooperation programme with intellectual property offices in Latin American countries. | OEPM | Exchange of documentation and material on intellectual property and technical assistance in information systems. |
| Venezuela | Year 2002 Bilateral cooperation programme with intellectual property offices in Latin American countries. | OEPM | Exchange of documentation and material on intellectual property and technical assistance in information systems. |
| China | Year 2002 Bilateral cooperation programme with intellectual property offices in various countries. | OEPM | Exchange of documentation and material on intellectual property and technical assistance in information systems. |
| Russia | Year 2002 | OEPM | Exchange of documentation and material on intellectual property and technical |

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| | Bilateral cooperation programme with intellectual property offices in various countries. | | assistance in information systems. |
| Moldavia | Year 2002 Bilateral cooperation programme with intellectual property offices in various countries. | OEPM | Exchange of documentation and material on intellectual property and technical assistance in information systems. |
| Morocco | Year 2002 Bilateral cooperation programme with intellectual property offices in various countries. | OEPM | Exchange of documentation and material on intellectual property and technical assistance in information systems. |
| Morocco | Year 2002 Technical assistance | OEPM | Technical assistance in procedures for granting intellectual property rights and administrative management. |
| El Salvador | 13 November 2002 Visit by authorities from the Intellectual Property Directorate of El Salvador | OEPM | Meetings with OEPM heads. Treatment of personal data by the OEPM |
| China | 23-24 January 2003 Visit by experts for training | EPO/OEPM | Corporation programme between the European Union and China in intellectual and industrial property rights, meeting with representatives of the Anti-Piracy Commission Delegation of China, 23 and 24 January. Organised by the European Patent Office under the cooperation programme between the European Union and China on intellectual and industrial property rights. The delegation met representatives of the Anti-Piracy Commission |
| Morocco | 6 February 2003 Visit by authorities | OEPM | Discussion on industrial property legislation developments in both countries and on cooperation Delegation of Morocco, on 6 February. Various aspects of industrial property legislation developments in both countries were discussed, as well as closer relations and cooperation between the two offices |
| WIPO/EPO | 14 April 2003 Visit by experts in international corporation activities | OEPM | Meeting on joint cooperation projects for Latin America, electronic publication (LATIPAT); second seminar for Latin American judges and prosecutors; training seminars for Latin American officials in patent search and examination procedures and also in economic, administrative and legal aspects of industrial property; proposal for joint action in new seminars; WIPO trust fund. WIPO's Director of Cooperation with Latin America and EPO's Director of Technical Cooperation, on 14 April. They visited the OEPM to discuss joint cooperation projects for Latin America. The meeting took up aspects of the |

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| | | | LATIPAT electronic publication project; a second seminar for Latin American judges and prosecutors; training seminars for Latin American officials both in patent search and examination procedures and also in economic, administrative and legal aspects of industrial property; proposal for joint action for new seminars as well as the WIPO trust fund |
| Ecuador | 5 May 2003 Visit by Director of the Ecuadorian Intellectual Property Institute | OEPM | Meeting on joint cooperation activities 2003; most important OEPM projects; project to computerise patent archives President of the Ecuadorian Intellectual Property Institute, on 5 May. Activities were discussed and worked out at the meeting on joint cooperation activities for the year 2003. Lastly, the most important OEPM projects were discussed, with special mention of the project to computerise patent archives |

SWEDEN

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| Ethiopia, Kenya, Tanzania and Uganda BIOEARN, Biotechnology policy capacity building under the East African Regional programme and Research Network for Biotechnology, Biosafety and Biotechnology policy Development | Capacity building of biosafety and biopolicy January 1999-March 2005 | BIOEARN in cooperation with Sida (Swedish International Development Co-operation Agency) | <p>Courses and seminars within biosafety and biopolicy, including intellectual property rights. Objective of the project is to strengthen national and regional capacity within biotechnology, biosafety and biotechnology policy development and develop a foundation for regional collaboration among the four East African countries.</p> <p><i>Audience:</i> Scientists, policy makers, research organisations, practitioners in the field, private sectors, donors and media</p> |
| Developing countries | The biodiversity and biosafety programme January 2000-June 2003 | Third World Network (TWN) and Sida (Swedish International Development Co-operation Agency) | <p>Support to Third World Network (TWN) for seminars, workshops, consultation meetings for politicians and conferences. The objective is to strengthen developing countries' knowledge within the areas biosafety, biotechnology and biological multitude. The programme is focusing on establishing national institutions and mechanisms to enable adequate implementation of the Biosafety Protocol. That includes research into appropriate models and forms of access and benefit-sharing arrangements (including policies and laws) for developing countries at national level, advice to policy makers in developing countries in developing such national policies and laws, arrangements at international level (particularly the Biodiversity Convention and the International Undertaking) that would assist developing countries to achieve the goals of equitable benefit-sharing and assisting developing countries in negotiations. It also includes monitoring trends in IPR regimes and practices at national, regional and international levels and analysing such trends for their potential effects on the goals of equitable benefit sharing and biodiversity conservation and use. And research into existing and evolving international IPR regimes and providing suggestions on possible options in implementing such regimes at national level, as well as in the review and possible reform of such regimes, to make them more in line with the principles of equitable benefit-sharing and the conservation and use of Biodiversity.</p> <p>All this involves the building of research and negotiating capacity of developing countries to bring forward their case and concrete proposals in various relevant international fora. The programme includes training, workshops and capacity-building activities</p> <p><i>Audience:</i> Politicians in developing countries.</p> |

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| African countries | Research and education within biopolicy January 2000-March 2004 | African Centre for Technology Studies (ACTS) financed by Sida (Swedish International Development Co-operation Agency) | Support to African Centre for Technology Studies (ACTS) concerning biopolicy. |
| Developing countries, primarily LDCs | Course on copyright Protection and Administration May 2000-April 2003 | Swedish Patent and Registration Office and the Ministry of Justice in cooperation with Sida (Swedish International Development Co-operation Agency) | An international Intellectual Property Right copyright course in Sweden. It mainly covered copyright administration through collective management and copyright legislation as well as recent changes and trends in international treaties and procedures. |
| Developing countries | WIPO/WTO: redefining rights of biodiversity December 2002-April 2003 | Genetic Resources Action International (GRAIN) financed by Sida (Swedish International Development Co-operation Agency) | Support to Genetic Resources Action International (GRAIN) |
| Developing countries | Genetic Resources and Intellectual Property Rights - Pathways for Development 5-23 May 2003 | Stockholm Environment Institute, Swedish Biodiversity Centre and Svalöf Weibull AB financed by the Sida (Swedish International Development Co-operation Agency) | Advanced International Training Programme The course intended to assist towards optimising the benefits for developing countries in the context of international conventions, agreements and obligations. <i>Audience:</i> policy makers, researchers and practitioners |

UNITED KINGDOM

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| China | Visit to SIPO by the UKPO 1-7 September 2002 | SIPO | Meeting to sign the bi-lateral agreement on implementing cooperative activities 2003. |
| China | Visit of 5 Chinese Patent Office officials 20 September 2002 | Copyright Directorate | Study visit to the Copyright Directorate to learn about the work of the UK Patent Office |
| Trinidad and Tobago | Visit to UKPO by IPO (Trinidad and Tobago) 16-20 September 2002 | UK Patent Office | Awareness visit to increase understanding of patent procedures |
| Singapore | Visit to Singapore Patent Office October 2002 | Singapore PO | TMD asked to undertake a one-week training visit on UK trademark practice and policy |
| Ukraine | Visit of Ukrainian Delegation 4 October 2002 | Copyright Directorate | Study visit to the Copyright Directorate to study copyright law and enforcement |
| China | Visit to SIPO by UKPO | SIPO | Expert Mission of UKPO to SIPO – part of the agreed programme of cooperation between the UKPO and SIPO |
| Bangladesh, Bulgaria, Indonesia, Korea, Latvia, Lithuania, Malawi, Mongolia, Russia, Sudan, Tajikistan, Thailand, Trinidad & Tobago, Zambia | Copyright Course 4-15 November 2002 | British Copyright Council/ WIPO/ Copyright Directorate | Course on copyright and related rights |
| China | Visit by Chinese partners 29 November 2002 | Copyright Directorate | Study visit to the Copyright Directorate |
| Bermuda | Visit by the Bermudan Trademark Registry 27 January-14 February 2003 | UKPO | Study visit to the Trademark Directorate to learn about trademark examination |
| Bermuda | Visit by Bermuda Trademark Registry official 11 February 2003 | Copyright Directorate | Awareness visit to increase understanding of copyright procedures in the UK |
| Russia | Visit of Russian Govt officials 21 February 2003 | Copyright Directorate | Awareness visit to improve understanding of copyright and related rights in the UK |

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| China | Visit of Chinese Govt officials 21 February 2003 | Copyright Directorate | Study visit for a better understanding of the UK patent system |
| China | Visit to UKPO by SIPO 23 February- 2 March 2003 | UKPO | Study visit to discuss patent procedures |
| Various countries | UKPO attend PCT colloquium in Nice 7-9 April 2003 | FICPI (Nice) | Discuss PCT cooperation between the UKPO and other countries |