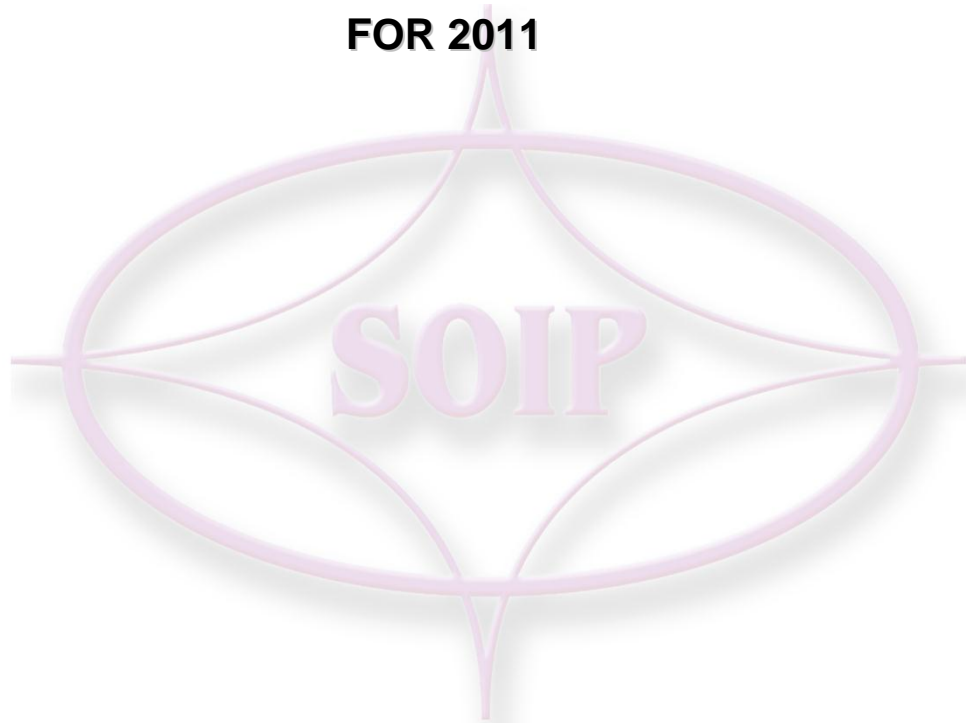


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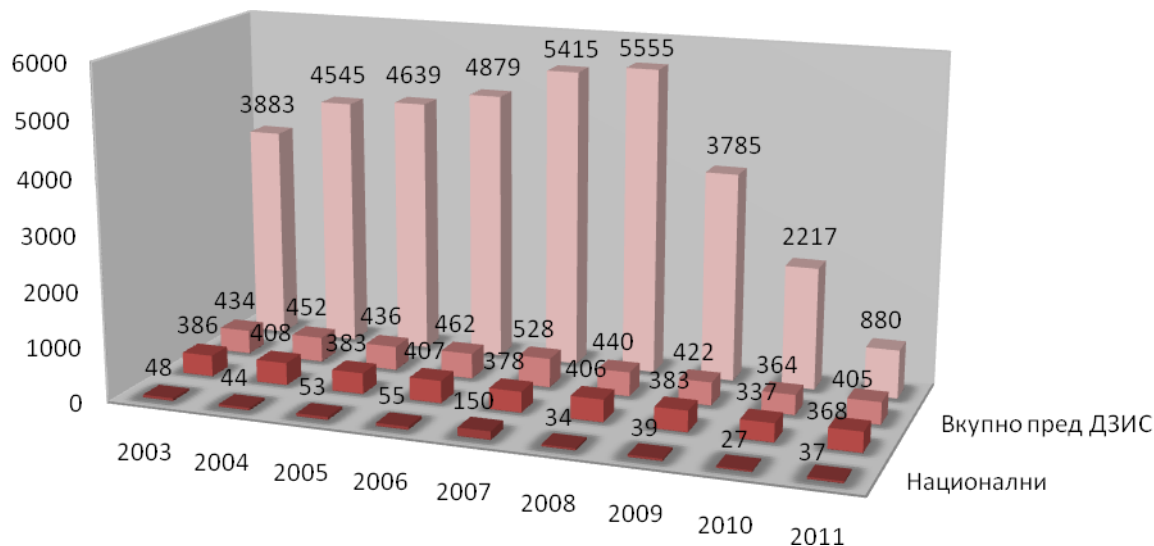
I STATISTICS

PATENTS

Patent applications by years

Year	National	Foreign, National phase			Total before SOIP	Designations		Issued decisions
		PCT	EPO extensions	Before SOIP		PCT	EPO	
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2003	48	23	363	386	434	87469	3883	105
2004	44	9	399	408	452	38076	4545	102
2005	53	15	368	383	436	3381	4639	373
2006	55	4	403	407	462	3	4879	463
2007	150	13	365	378	528	0	5415	524
2008	34	5	401	406	440	0	5555	328
2009	39	11	372	383	422	0	3785	334
2010	27	1	336	337	364	0	2217	406
2011	37	3	365	368	405	0	880	392
Total	487	84	3372	3456	3943	128929	35798	3027

Patent applications by years



In the course of 2011, a total of 405 patent applications were filed at the State Office of Industrial Property, 37 of which were national, and 368 were foreign applications. The number of filed patent applications in 2011, compared to 2010, was increased by 11.3%. This increase of the number of filed patent applications in 2011 is due to their increase by foreign and national applicants.

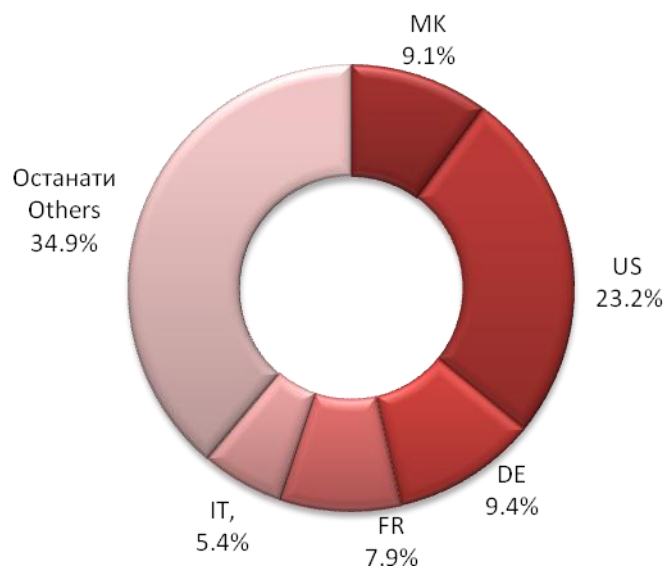
This change was reflected on the structure of filed patent applications by sources in 2011, so that, compared to 2010, there was an increase of the participation of national patent applications from 7.4% to 9.1%, and in this respect the structure of the countries where the applications come from, has changed.

During 2011 in the Republic of Macedonia, an increase was achieved in regard to the number of national patent applications: the number of national patent applications increased from 27 in 2010 to 37 in 2011, or an increase of 37.0%, while their participation in the total number of submitted patent applications increased from 7.4 to 9.1%.

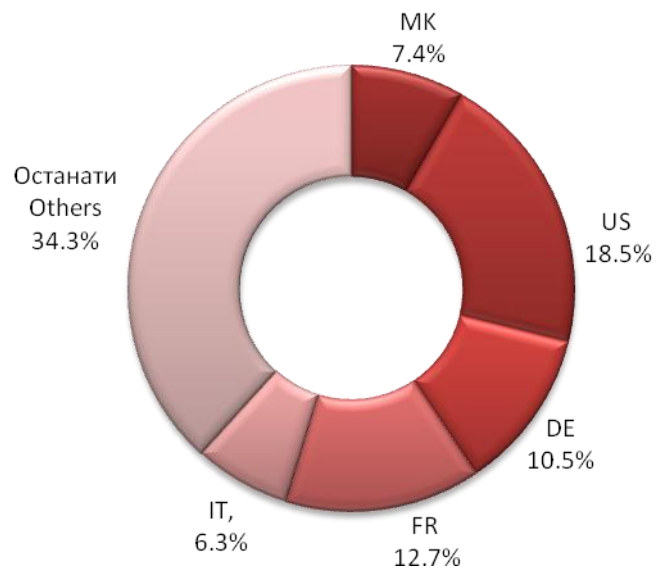
Yet, the interest of the foreign companies remains, though they are significantly decreasing, as it can be seen from the presence of the designations of the Republic of Macedonia as a country of interest, under PCT, and in particularly under the Agreement with EPO.

Patent applications by sources in 2010 and 2011

2010

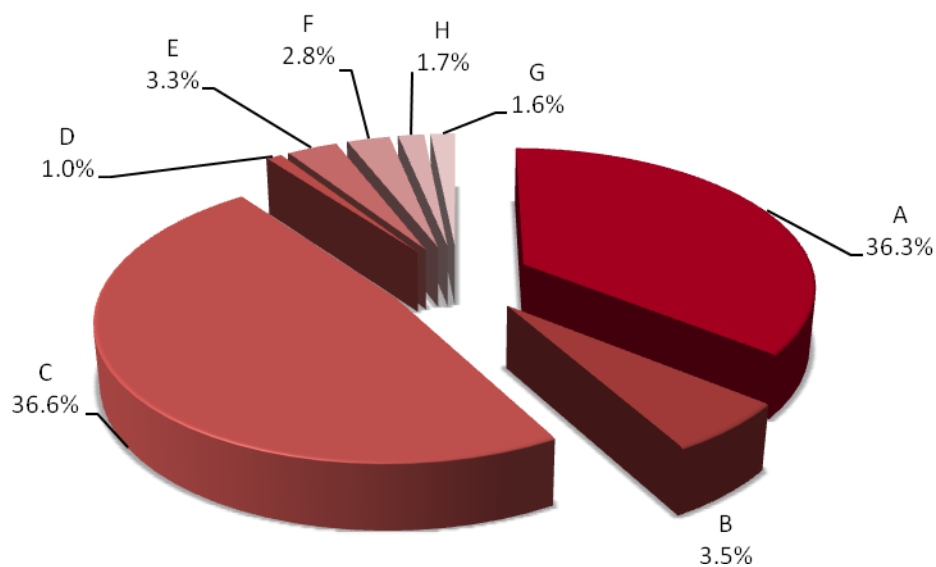


2011



Granted patents under MKP in 2011

The structure of the granted patents under MKP is with a major participation in the section C (chemistry, metallurgy) of 48.7% and section A (current life necessities) of 36.3%, which suggests that the interest for protection is related to the structure of the production capacities in the Republic of Macedonia.



Other statistical information for the patents

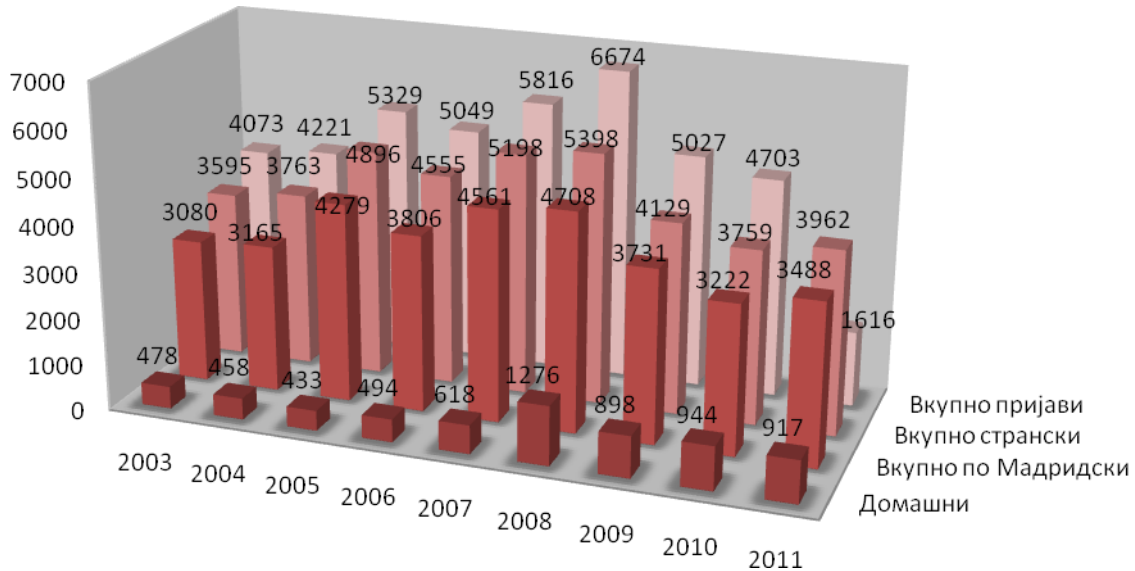
Apart from this, during 2011 the State Office of Industrial Property also carried out other activities in the field of the patents: 459 requests for granting patents were processed, 392 decisions for patents were issued, out of which 364 EP applications, 26 national and 2 PCT, 59 requests for granting patents were rejected, 8 requests for granting patents were refused, 147 request for search in the database were resolved.

TRADEMARKS

Trademark applications, total and by years

Year	National	Foreign applications				Total under Madrid Agreement	Total foreign	Total applications	Issued decisions
		Before SOIP	Under Madrid Agreement						
			New	Territorial extensions	Extension of validity				
	1	2	3	4	5	6=3+4+5	7=6+2	8=7+1	9
2003	478	515	2490	590	-	3080	3595	4073	535
2004	458	598	2678	487		3165	3763	4221	294
2005	433	617	3659	620		4279	4896	5329	626
2006	494	749	3311	495		3806	4555	5049	1290
2007	618	637	3854	707		4561	5198	5816	979
2008	1276	690	4057	651		4708	5398	6674	1822
2009	898	398	3130	601		3731	4129	5027	1433
2010	944	537	2623	599		3222	3759	4703	783
2011	917	474	2788	600		3488	3962	4906	1616
Total	6516	5215	28590	5350	0	34040	39255	45798	9378

Trademark applications, total and by years



During 2011, the State Office of Industrial Property of the Republic of Macedonia received a total of 4906 trademark applications, of which 66.7% were under the Madrid Agreement, and the rest were filed to the State Office. In the structure of the total number of applications 69% were from abroad. In 2011 a total of 4906 trademarks applications arrived, which is an increase of 4.1% compared to the previous year. This increase is due to the increased influx, above all of foreign applications under the Madrid Agreement.

Before State Office in 2011, a total of 1391 applications were filed, and compared to the previous year their number rose for 14.3%. In the total number of filed applications, 944 were filed by domestic applicants, which marks a growth compared to the previous year by 5.1%, and 537 were filed by foreign applicants, which also marks a growth by 34.9%, compared to the previous year.

Under the Madrid Agreement, during 2010, a total of 3222 trademark applications were filed, of which 2623 are new applications and 599 are territorial extensions. Compared to 2009, the number of applications under this Agreement dropped by 16.2%, in regard to the new applications, and dropped by 0.3%, in regard to the territorial extensions.

In 2003-2011, the State Office of Industrial Property received a total of 40892 trademark applications, of which 74.6% under the Madrid Agreement and 25.4% were filed to the Office.

In the structure of the total number of applications 86.3% are foreign, and only 13.7 are from domestic applicants.

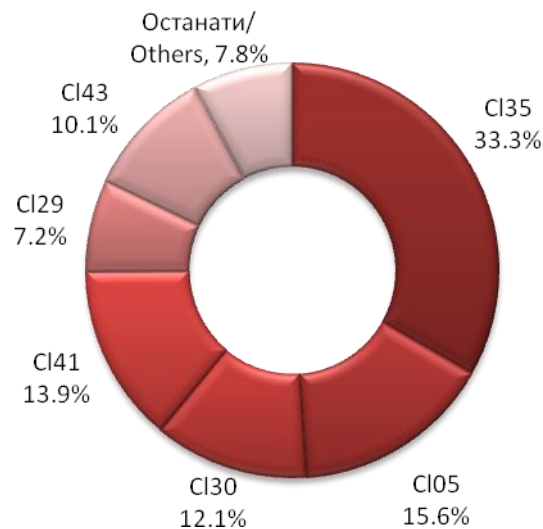
Trademark applications filed at SOIP

Year	National	Foreing	Total
2003	478	515	993
2004	458	598	1056
2005	433	617	1050
2006	494	749	1243
2007	618	637	1255
2008	1276	690	1966
2009	898	398	1296
2010	944	537	1481
2011	917	474	1391
Total	9112	5215	11731

In 2003-2011 at the State Office of Industrial Property of the Republic of Macedonia, a total of 11731 trademarks applications were filed, of which 44.5% are applications for trademarks from abroad, and 55.5% are from domestic applicant and they mark a slight decrease compared to the previous year, in particularly the foreign ones, and also the national ones slightly decreased.

The number of filed trademark applications in 2011 was 1391 and compared to the previous year it was decreased by 7%. A decrease of the number of trademark applications in 2011 was registered with the national applications, by 5.1%, and with the foreign applications by 11.7%. This proportion of filed application is reflected in the increased participation of the foreign applications from 30.7% in 2009 to 36.3% in 2010, while the participation of the national applications decreased.

Trademark applications under Nice Classification in 2011



Under the international classification of products and services (Nice Agreement) the situation of the filed trademark applications by classes is almost the same as in the previous year. Thus, in 2010 the most common were the trademark applications from the classes 35, 05, 30, 41, 29 and 43, and in 2011, most of the applications were filed from the classes 35, 05, 41, 43, 29 and 30. Most of the received applications were for the goods from the class 35 (453, with a participation of 33.3%), in the second place is the class 05 (217 with a participation of 15.6%) and in the third place is the class 41 (193, with a participation of 13.9%). Next are the applications for the products from the classes 30, 29 and 43 (169, 100 and 140, with participation of 12.1%, 7.2% and 10.1%). These data suggest a growing interest in the protection of trademarks in the field of retail and wholesale, advertising, business management, business administration and office functions from the class 35. Also, there is a high interest in the protection of products from pharmaceutical industry and other products for medical use from the class 05, due to the fact that there is a pharmaceutical industry in the Republic of Macedonia. It is worth noting the applications of trademarks in the field of vegetable foodstuff, for eating or preservation, as well as supplements intended for improvement of the food taste from the class 30. Also, it is worth noting the trademark application from the field of the class 29. The participation of the applications in the field of class 43 is also significant. Of all the received applications by classes in 2011, there is a noticeable tendency of bigger dispersion of applications from different classes, i.e. apart from the shown six most common classes, there are additional six classes with around a hundred or more applications. As a conclusion, the most significant is the participation of applications related to the production and trade of pharmaceutical product and products for medical use, as well as the production or preparation of foodstuff, as the Republic of Macedonia has a developed pharmaceutical and alimentary industry.

Granted trademarks by years

Year	National	Foreign	Total
2003	137	398	535
2004	127	167	294
2005	129	497	626
2006	322	968	1290
2007	278	701	979
2008	620	1202	1822
2009	791	642	1433
2010	944	537	1481
2011	1012	604	1616
Total	3899	5479	9378

The presented table shows that the number of registered trademarks by years has significantly dropped in 2004 compared to 2003, and in the next two years (2005 and 2006) it soars for more than 100%, and then in 2007 again it decrease compared to 2006, while in 2008 it reaches an increase of 86.1% compared to 2007, and in 2009 it falls again by 21.4% compared to 2008. In 2010, compared to 2009, the number of granted trademarks slightly grows, and in 2011 compared to 2010 this growth is 8.3%.

Internationally registered trademarks in Macedonia

The number of internationally registered Macedonian trademarks under the Madrid Agreement in 2011 compared to 2010, increased by 7%. In 2011 through SOIP in the World Organization (OMPI) 17 trademarks were registered, and in 2009 a total of 20 trademarks were internationally registered. Apart from the negative movements in 2010, there is a space for improvement of the situation with the internationally registered Macedonian trademarks, so it is necessary to point out to the fact that Macedonian companies have not yet grasped the meaning of the international protection of trademarks and the fact that the use of Madrid system provides benefits (lower price, one application for several countries etc.), compared to the application by countries.

Other statistical information for trademarks

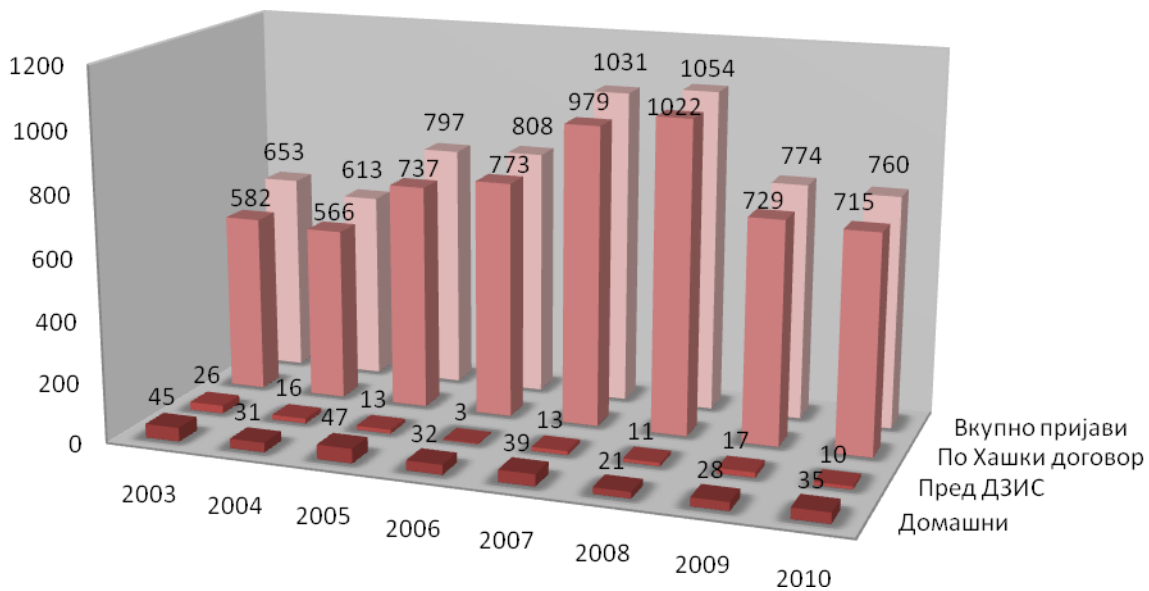
In the course of 2011, the State Office of Industrial Property carried out some other activities in the domain of trademarks, issuing: 104 decisions for extension of the validity of trademarks, 300 decisions for halting the validity of trademarks, 1377 orders for paying taxes on decisions for trademarks, 558 documents for trademarks, 222 certificates and excerpts for reported and registered trademarks, 335 researches, 245 trademarks applications are rejected, 115 decisions for refusal of trademark applications, 793 orders for paying expenses for the publication of trademark, 742 dates of filing the application were set, 30 decisions for return to the previous state, and for 19 trademark applications the procedure was halted.

INDUSTRIAL DESIGN

Applications for industrial design, total and by years

Year	National	Foreign applications		Total foreign	Total applications	Issued decisions
		Before SOIP	Under Hague Agreement			
	1	2	3	4=2+3	5=4+1	6
2003	45	26	582	608	653	621
2004	31	16	566	582	613	577
2005	47	13	737	750	797	798
2006	32	3	773	776	808	815
2007	39	13	979	992	1031	1016
2008	21	11	1022	1033	1054	1064
2009	28	17	729	746	774	759
2010	25	10	715	735	760	746
2011	45	16	726	742	803	758
Total	278	109	6103	6242	6490	7154

Industrial design applications, total and by years



During 2011, the State Office of Industrial Property received 803 applications for industrial design. The number of filed applications for industrial design in 2011 compared to the previous year increased by 9.7%. Within the total number of filed applications for industrial design to the State Office, the national ones in 2011 compared to the previous year increased by 28.6%, while the foreign applications increased by 60%. Of the total number of filed applications, 61 were filed at the Office, while 726 were filed through Hague Agreement for international registration of industrial designs, of which 301 are new, and 425 refer to the industrial design with extended validity on the territory of the Republic of Macedonia.

Typically for the designs, with one application for granting industrial design right it is possible to request protection for several designs of products (multiple application), with all the designs on the application intended to be applied for products classified in the same class of the International Classification (Locarno Classification). Given this, of the 61 applications for industrial design filed at the Office, most are multiple, with a total of 144 industrial designs.

Industrial design applications filed at the SOIP

Year	National	Foreign	Total
2003	45	26	71
2004	31	16	47
2005	47	13	60
2006	32	3	35
2007	39	13	52
2008	21	11	32
2009	28	17	45
2010	35	10	45
2011	45	16	61
Total	323	125	448

In the period 2003-2011, a total of 448 applications for industrial design were filed at the State Office of Industrial Property of the Republic of Macedonia.

The number of filed applications for industrial design in 2011 is 61, and compared to the previous year it is increased, i.e. there is an increase of 35.5%. An increase in the number of applications for industrial design in 2011 is registered with the national applications by 28.6%, and with the foreign applications by 60%. This proportion of filed applications for industrial design results in increased participation of national applications from 25% in 2010 to 28.6% in 2011, and of the foreign applications from 37.8% to 60%.

Granted industrial designs, total and by years

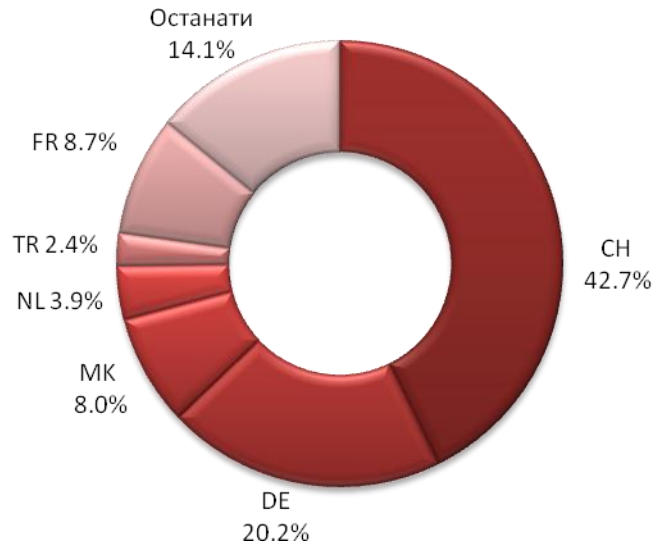
Year	National	Foreign	International	Total
2003	28	11	582	621
2004	8	3	566	577
2005	23	38	737	798
2006	32	10	773	815
2007	34	3	979	1016
2008	26	16	1022	1064
2009	23	7	729	759
2010	24	7	715	746
2011	27	9	726	762
Total	225	104	6100	7158

In 2011 the Office reached 36 decisions for granting industrial design rights, 27 of which were national, 9 were foreign, granted before State Office and foreign internationally granted for the territory of the Republic of Macedonia 726.

The total number of granted industrial designs in the mentioned year was up by 2.1%, which is a result of the increased number of national and internationally granted industrial designs.

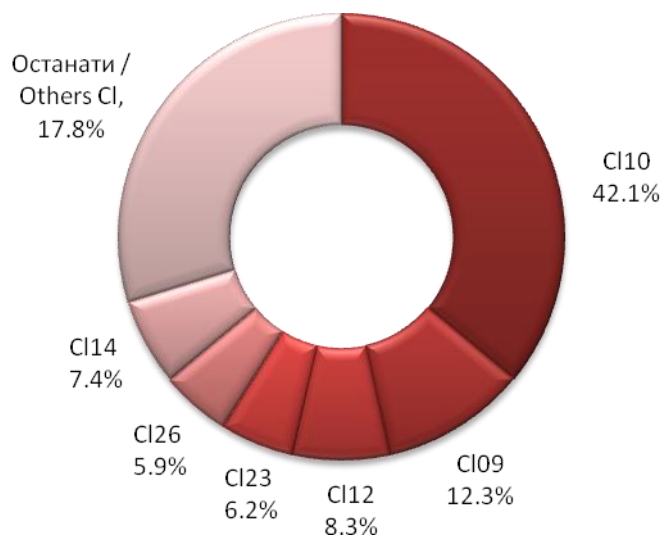
Also, one should mention here that in the total number of internationally filed and registered applications under Hague Agreement, 1700 were registered with one or as multiple applications for industrial design.

Granted industrial designs by origin, total in 2011



By origin, Switzerland has the highest share in the total number of industrial designs valid on the territory of the Republic of Macedonia in 2011, with 325 registered industrial designs or 42.7%. Next are: Germany, with 154 or 20.2%, France with 66 registered industrial designs or 8.7%, Macedonia with 61 or 8.0%, Netherland with 30, or 3.9%, and Turkey with 18, or 2.4% etc.

Industrial design applications under Hague Agreement in accordance with the International classification of industrial design (Locarno classification)



The presented graph shows that in 2011 in the State Office of Industrial Property of the Republic of Macedonia, structurally most common, with 42.1%, are the industrial designs of the class 10 and industrial designs of the class 9, with participation of 12.3%. Industrial designs of the class 10 refer to the horologic products and other instruments for measuring, control and signalization, while the industrial designs of the class 9 refer the packing and transport containers, as a result of the increased development of the production of packing, thus increased competition on the market. Next are 32 industrial designs of the class 12, with participation of 8.3%, referring to the transportation means and means for lifting load. These are followed by 26 industrial designs of the class 23, with participation of 6.2% and 19 industrial designs of the class 26, with participation of 5.9% and 28 industrial designs of the class 14, with participation of 7.4%. The graph shows 98 industrial designs of all the other classes, with participation of 17.8%.

Other statistical information for the industrial design

During 2011 the State Office of Industrial Property also undertook other activities in the domain of industrial design, and 8 applications for industrial design were rejected, 3 applications for industrial design were refused, 15 decisions for change were issued, 34 documents were issued, 20 researches were conducted, the procedure was stopped for 3 applications, 3 decisions were issued on suggestion for pronouncing annulment of decision, 61 notifications for set date of submission were issued, 51 orders for paying taxes for publication of application were issued and 20 decisions for extension of the validity of industrial design were issued.

II LEGISLATION

Law for amending and supplementing the Industrial property law

The Parliament of the Republic of Macedonia has enacted the Law for amending and supplementing the Industrial Property Law (Official Gazette of the Republic of Macedonia n.24/11). The amendments are aimed at horizontal harmonization of the Industrial Property Law with the Law for quality of the agricultural products, regulating the protection of the geographical names which refer to the agricultural products. One of the most important change established with the Law is the possibility for the state market inspectorate when implementing the supervision in the trade of protected industrial property rights to seize immediately the products with which the protected right of industrial property was breached, and to hand them over to the competent court. Also, the Law introduces the possibility for settlement before launching the criminal procedure.

Law for amending and supplementing the Law for protection of topography of integrated circuits

The Law for supplementing the Law for protection of topography of current circuits ("Official Gazette of the Republic of Macedonia" n.136/2011) was passed, in order to introduce the institution of "silence is approval", which represents a horizontal harmonization with the Law for general administrative procedure. On the basis of the supplementation to the Law, a Regulation for the form and the content of the request for non-issuance of decision for granting the right for topography of current circuit, i.e. the decision for rejection of the request for granting the right and entering in the registry ("Official Gazette of the Republic of Macedonia" n.117/2011) was passed.

International agreements

In order to facilitate the procedure for granting patents, the Parliament passed the **Law for ratification of the Agreement for implementation of the Article 65 of the European Patent Convention – London agreement** ("Official Gazette of the Republic of Macedonia" n.132/11), which through the facilitation of the regime for translation, has significantly reduced the expenses for translation of the European patents. With the new language regime, patent applications are always available on the official language of the state in which the European patent was registered, while the translation of the patent lists is not necessary (except in a case of legal dispute regarding the European patent).

I

II BILATERAL COOPERATION

Cooperation with other countries in the domain of protection of industrial property

- Three seminars on the topic: "Trademark – one of the preconditions for success of the companies on the market", organized under the Project of EU "Support of the patent offices", were held **from 22 to 24 March**, in Kosovo.
- Sub-regional conference for implementation and commercialization of the industrial property rights – strengthening of the capacities, was held **on 12 and 13 April**, in Belgrade, R. Serbia;
- The participation on the 31-st International exhibition of inventions, new technologies and industrial design "Invention Belgrade 2011", was held **from 23 to 27 May**, in Belgrade;
- Training on the topic: "European institutions and the process of decision-making", within the bilateral cooperation between the Republic of Macedonia and the Kingdom of Norway, was held **from 13 to 17 June**, in Skopje;
- The meeting of the Technical group for the IP rights of the Venice initiative for cooperation, on the topic: "Cooperation of the customs administrations of the countries in the Western Balkan and Turkey with other national institutions involved in the protection of industrial property rights", was held **on 5 and 6 July**, in Skopje;

- Seminar on the topic: “Trademark – a necessity or possibility”, organized by the Office for inventions and trademarks of Romania”, was held **from 24 to 26 August**, in Venus, Romania.

IV INTERNATIONAL COOPERATION

Cooperation with the World Intellectual Property Organization

The 49-th session of meetings of the Assembly of member countries of the World Intellectual Property Organization, was held in Geneva in the period **from 26 September to 5 October 2011**. The Industrial Property Protection Office was representative of the Republic of Macedonia in the work of the Madrid Union and the Union of the Patent Cooperation Convention.

The general director of the Organization, while addressing the Seminar, emphasized with great pleasure the achieved results in the field of enhancement of the information systems of the countries, pointing out that such projects are carried out in 50 countries, and more than 40 countries are waiting for implementation of project of this kind. He had a pleasure of announcing the upcoming Diplomatic conference for enactment of International agreement which will regulate the protection of the audiovisual works of the visually impaired persons. He encouraged the countries into the creation of positive environment for investing in the research and development leading to competitive economy and pointed out the example of the United States of America, which have invested 1.3 trillion dollars annually for these purposes.

On this session of the Assembly the new building and conference hall that were built in the previous three years, were promoted.

On the margins of the Assembly the delegation of the Office had a number of meetings with the responsible people of the Organization, who administer international agreements in the field of industrial property that the Republic of Macedonia has ratified.

Important meeting was held with the responsible person for cooperation with the Office, on which the fields of cooperation for 2012 and 2013 were identified. A special emphasis was given to the education of the employees of the Office, seminars and workshops for different target groups, which are aimed at enhancement of the capacity for management of industrial property in the national economy, as well as projects related to the building and upgrading of the existing systems for information technology in the function of efficient implementation of the administrative procedure of the Office and dissemination of information regarding the reported and protected industrial property rights.

Cooperation with the bodies of the World Organization of Intellectual Property

- 43-th session of the Committee of experts of the Union of Strasbourg Agreement for international classification of patents was held **from 14 to 18 February**, in Geneva, Switzerland.
- Committee for traditional knowledge and genetic resources was held **from 21 February to 4 March** in Geneva, Switzerland;
- Committee for trademarks, industrial designs and geographical names was held **from 28 March to 1 April** in Geneva, Switzerland;
- The meeting of the Work group for development of legislation of the Hague system for international registration of industrial designs was held **from 30 May to 1 June**, in Geneva, Switzerland;
- “19-th session of the Intergovernmental committee for intellectual property for genetic resources, traditional knowledge and folklore” was held **from 18 to 22 July**, in Geneva, Switzerland, in the World Organization of Intellectual Property;
- 26-th session of the Committee for trademarks, industrial designs and geographic names was held **from 24 to 28 October**, in Geneva, Switzerland;

- The permanent committee for the patent right, organized by the World organization of intellectual property was held **from 5 to 9 December**, in Geneva, Switzerland;
- The study visit at the World Organization of Intellectual Property for the present and future development of the Lisbon system of international registration of geographical names in the Republic of Macedonia, in the period **of from 12 to 16 December**, in Geneva, Switzerland.

Seminar in cooperation with the World Organization of Intellectual Property

SOIP in cooperation with the World Organization of Intellectual Property organized the seminar: "Transfer of technologies", aimed at encouraging the economic entities in the country to reach competition on the markets through the use of mechanisms of technological transfer as an instrument in the system of building economy based on knowledge.

Cooperation with the European Patent Organization

The State Office of Industrial Property participated in the work of the bodies of the European Patent Organization. The regular meetings of the Administrative Council, the Committee of budget and finances, the Committee for the patent right and the Committee for technical cooperation were followed by the designated representatives from the Office.

The bilateral activities were carried out in the set frameworks of cooperation, given in the National action plan.

The operational part consisted of realization of four seminars, which produced three printed publications intended for entrepreneurs, students and agents for industrial property rights.

As part of the cooperation, important place in the previous year was given to the strengthening of the awareness for the protection and the importance of the industrial property rights as a means for boosting the competition of the products and services of the domestic industry.

Cooperation with the European Patent Academy

As a part of the cooperation with EPO, through the European Patent Academy, representatives of SOIP participated in:

- Seminar on the topic "P4inno-Intellectual property and innovations of the member-countries", **from 9 to 11 February**, organized by the European Patent Academy, in Vienna, Austria;
- Seminar on the topic "Practice of search and research of the nanotechnology and green technologies" **from 23 to 27 May**, in Hague, Netherlands;
- Seminar on the topic "Application of Article 39 of EPO – taxes for maintenance of the patent right", held **from 9 to 10 June**, in Vienna, Austria;
- Workshop on the topic "Machine translation", held **on 12 December**, in Vienna, Austria.
- Seminar on the topic: "Exchanging data of the patent registry", organized by the European Patent Office, **on 14 July 2011** in Vienna, Austria.
- The State Office of Industrial Property participated in the work of the conference "PATLIB 2011", organized by the European Patent Organization – EPO, held **from 23 to 25 May 2011** in Hague, Netherlands.

Cooperation with the European Patent Organization in the implementation of the Action plan

In accordance with the Action plan for bilateral cooperation with EPO, during 2011, a number of activities were carried out:

Four publications were issued:

- "Scientific forum for industrial property – collection of works",
- "Intellectual property in the economy",

- “Development of the intellectual property right in the Republic of Macedonia”
- “Macedonia-harmonization with the EU law and the European Patent Convention” and
- “The role of the agents in the system of protection of intellectual property rights”.

Four seminars were held, on the topic:

- “Development of the intellectual property in the Republic of Macedonia, with a focus on the harmonization of the legislation and the European Patent Convention”, at the University “St. Cyril and Methodius” in Skopje, for the students on postgraduate studies at the Law faculty and the Faculty of Economy and at the State University in Tetovo, for the students on postgraduate studies from the Law faculty and Faculty of Economy;
- “Intellectual property and economy”, intended for small and middle-size enterprises, entrepreneurs and business managers;
- “The role of the agents in the system of intellectual property”.

V. PARTICIPATION ON CONFERENCES, COMMITTEES, SEMINARS, TRAININGS

Representatives of SOIP participated in the work of the bodies of WIPO and EPO, on trainings, fairs and other events, such as:

- Specialization at the Center for international studies of intellectual property of the University of Strasbourg, within the frameworks of the Tempus project “Regional postgraduate studies of intellectual property”, in the period **from 26 April to 1 May**, in Strasbourg, France;
- Training on the topic “Industrial policy of competition”, organized by the Ministry of Economy, held **from 18 to 20 May**, in Skopje;
- Manifestation “European awards for inventions”, organized by EPO and EK, held **on 19 May**, in Munich, Germany;
- “Fifth annual meeting for cooperation with the member countries”, organized by EPO, held **on 14 and 15 June** in Bratislava, Slovakia;
- International exhibition of inventions – IENA 2011, held **from 26 to 30 October** in Nurnberg, Germany;
- Working meeting of the Directorate of the countries in Europe and Asia in order to review the bilateral plan for cooperation of the World Organization of Intellectual Property in 2012, held **on 19 and 23 December**.
- State Office of Industrial Property participated in the work of the Sixth world congress for fighting against forgery and piracy **on 2 and 3 February 2011** in Paris, France.
- 40-th meeting of the Committee for patent law held **on 28 November**, in Munich. The topic of the meeting were the recent SPLH events regarding the main characteristics of the European, Japanese and American patent laws or comparative studies of the group “Tegernsee Experts” and the next steps of SPLH. The ruling of ECJ, on the exclusion of patentability of inventions related to the use of human embryos for industrial and commercial purposes, was also discussed at the meeting.

VI STRATEGY FOR INTELLECTUAL PROPERTY

Стратегија за интелектуална сопственост на Република Македонија (2009-2012) и акционен план за нејзино спроведување

On the basis of the chapter VIII of the Strategy for intellectual property 2009-2012, the State Office of Industrial Property is a responsible institution for comprehensive coordination of the implementation of the Strategy.

As part of the measures contained in the Strategy for intellectual property (2009-2012), in 2011 Information for implementation of the activities of the Strategy for intellectual property, in accordance with the Action plan, was prepared and adopted. The general assessment is that the overwhelming part of the projected activities was carried out.

Subcommittee

The seventh meeting of the Subcommittee for internal market and competition between Republic of Macedonia and the European Union, was held **on 22 and 23 March 2011** in Brussels. At the meeting, the representatives of the Republic of Macedonia, i.e. the responsible institutions presented the advancement in this field.

The European Commission hailed the enactment of the Law for ratification of the Lisbon agreement for protection of appellations of origin and their international registration, the changes to the Law for industrial property and the activities for raising public awareness, improvement of the implementation, cooperation between institutions, increased number of procedures for protection of the intellectual property rights and preparation of the Methodology for statistic monitoring and statistic data processing for implementation of the intellectual property rights.

The European Commission briefed on the latest developments in the European Union regarding the trademarks and patents.

Committee for stabilization and association

On 19 October 2011 the 8-th Committee for stabilization and association took place. Regarding the preparations on the Report of this committee, the Office had active cooperation with the institutions involved in the work of the working group for Intellectual property law.

The progress made in the field of intellectual property rights was presented at the meeting. The European commission hailed the enactment of the Law for ratification of the London agreement for application of the Article 65 of the European patent convention and organization of media campaigns for raising public awareness on the importance of the intellectual property rights. The commission pointed out to the commitment made with the Agreement for stabilization and association for provision of similar degree of protection of intellectual property rights to that of the European Union.

VII COORDINATIVE BODY

The main performer of the activities in the fight against the piracy and forgery and the undertaken activities related to it was the **Coordinative body for intellectual property (CBIP)**. CBIP cooperates on the issues related to the surveillance of the market and implements protection of the intellectual property rights, identifies problems of the intellectual property, proposes solutions, performs activities related to the creation of appropriate policy for protection of the industrial property and protection of copyright and related rights and directly participates in the coordinated actions with the representatives of the authorized inspection services for implementation of the regulations in the field of intellectual property, in accordance with the established monthly action plan, for which it regularly delivers information to the Government of the Republic of Macedonia.

In accordance with the Operational program for the fight against piracy and forgery, adopted in February 2010, Coordinative body for intellectual property from 01.01.2011 to 31.12.2011 carried out twelve coordinated actions. In

these actions a total of 2.746 objects breaching the copyrights and related rights were seized, and 2.056 objects violating the industrial property rights.

31 applications for starting a criminal procedure at the authorized court were submitted, 16 requests for opening criminal procedure; 1 procedure for equalization was proposed; 3 mandatory penalties were issued, and a total of 50 payment orders for paying a fine.

CBIP, in cooperation with the Agency for handling the seized property and Ministry of justice, conducted public actions for destroying seized objects upon completion of the court procedures, on **26 April and 10 December 2011**. In these two public actions, 38.648 products violating the copyrights and related rights, were destroyed, 3.084 cartons of cigarettes and 80 liters of alcohol. The actions were covered by the media.

In accordance with the Operational program for the fight against piracy and forgery, the Strategy of intellectual property 2009-2012 and the Program of work of the State Office of Industrial Property for 2011, the Coordinative body for intellectual property launched the promotional activities for enhancement of awareness on the importance of protection of the intellectual property rights and primarily in direction of the effects that it has over the economy of a country, enhancement of the competition of the domestic companies, attraction of foreign investments and as a tool for creation of new jobs and reduction of unemployment. During 2011, two educational public forums in Kumanovo and Skopje were organized, for more than 100 participants. The topics of the forums were the protection and implementation of protection of industrial property rights. The forums were covered by the media.

Representatives of the Coordinative body for intellectual property took part in 3 conferences, 2 seminars and 1 workshop.

XIII ACTIVITIES FOR RAISING PUBLIC AWARENESS

Bearing in mind the importance of raising the public awareness for the protection of industrial property, SOIP took some regular activities aimed at enhancement of the public awareness: 4 lectures for 80 students at the Law faculty "Justinian I", and two-days training of the students in SOIP; support and participation at two manifestations and three exhibitions in direction of stimulating and affirming the innovation; marking the World day of intellectual property through promotion of the book "Measures for implementation of the intellectual property rights in the countries of Western Balkan", publication of the message by the general director of WIPO on the web-site of SOIP and through the media; undertaking action for public destruction of the seized products by the Coordinative body for intellectual property (CBIP) and participation at the Conference for intellectual property.

At the International exhibition of inventions, technical advancements, new products and invention of young people **MAKINOVA-EKONOVA 2011**, SOIP through its representatives, members of the International assessment commission, presented awards for reported or protected patent for young inventor.

In order to promote Macedonian innovation within international frameworks, at the **International exhibition of ideas, innovations, new products – IENA 2011**, five inventions were presented of Macedonian inventors, who received silver and bronze medal by the expert international jury, and a number of special awards by associations and unions in the field of invention. SOIP for its participation and contribution in the promotion of innovation, for a second time received a diploma by the Turkish patent office. On 22 December the traditional manifestation **Patent of the year 2011** was held.

World day of intellectual property 2011

In 2011, the World day of intellectual property, 26 April, was dedicated to the role of the design in the market, in the society and in shaping the innovations of the future. SOIP, in the spirit of the message by the general director of the World Organization of Intellectual Property, marked this day by meeting with the representatives of industrial property, innovators and other associates in the implementation of the industrial property protection.

The Coordinative body of intellectual property also took action for public destruction of the seized products.

Patent of the year 2011

Traditionally, on 26 December the 18-th manifestation Patent of the year 2011 was held, on which awards were presented to the most successful inventors, who participated at the international exhibition of ideas, inventions and new products – IENA 2011.

At the manifestation, innovators from the economy and the faculties were present, as well as a number of agents and other guests. Attendees were addressed by the deputy director of the State Office of Industrial Property, Mr. Mite Kostov and then he officially presented the award “Patent of the year 2011” to the innovators: Blagoja Samakoski, Zlatko Sokoloski, Gari Manevski and Samoil Samak, for the invention – “Mechanisms for automatic cutting and placement of fibers impregnated with resin”.

The innovation was designed and produced in the firm “TEKON” doo from Prilep.

On the occasion of the manifestation Patent of the year 2011 and the jubilee 20 years of independence of the Republic of Macedonia for the long-term innovation activity and the coordination of the cooperation between SOIP and SPATUM, a plaque was awarded to Kolja Asenov from SPATUM in the National technique of Macedonia.

On the occasion of the manifestation Patent of the year 2011 and the anniversary celebration of 20 year independence of the Republic of Macedonia for long-term innovation, as well as for the territorially most extensively protected international patent in many countries of Europe, Asia and America, a plaque was awarded to the engineer Vasil Argirovski.

IENA 2011

The international exhibition of ideas, innovations and new products – IENA 2011 was held from **27 to 30 October** 2011 in Nurnberg, Germany. The exhibition was attended by the representatives of the Republic of Macedonia, in order to promote Macedonian innovation in international frameworks. At the exhibition, 5 innovations by Macedonian innovators were presented.

The international expert jury presented the following awards:

To the applicant of the innovation: “TEKON” doo and the innovators Blagoja Samakoski, Zlatko Sokoloski, Gari Manevski and Samoil Samak for the innovation – “Mechanisms for automatic cutting and placement of fibers impregnated with resin”:

- **GOLD PLAQUE** with diploma of the Ministry for education, research, young and sport of the Republic of Romania;
- **Bronze medal** from the expert jury of “IENA 2011“;
- **Gold medal and diploma** from the society of the Russian association for scientific and technological cooperation;
- **Special award** from the Association for promotion of innovation of the Republic of Korea.

The applicant of the innovation: “AC DC” and the innovators Ivan Popovic and Vangel Dimanovski for the innovation – “AC DC protector-concept of seven-degree integrated system of voltage protection, was presented with the following awards:

- **Silver medal** from the expert jury of “IENA 2011“;
- **Silver medal with diploma** from the Association of innovators of the Republic of Poland; The innovators: Ismail Asani and Dzelal Aliu for the innovation – “Electric boiler for air heating” were awarded with the following awards:
- **Cup with diploma** from the Turkish patent office;
- **Special award** from the Association for promotion of the innovation of the Republic of Korea; The innovator: Donco Anckovski, for the innovation – “Pyrotechnic mixture for regulation of precipitation was awarded with the following award:
- **Cup and diploma** from the society of the Russian association for scientific and technological cooperation; The innovator Vladimir Jakovski, for the innovation – “Appliance for optimal use of the materials and energy, was awarded with the following award:
- **Special award** from the First institute of innovators and researchers of the Islamic Republic of Iran;

The State Office of Industrial Property with its participation and active contribution to the promotion of the innovation received diploma from the Turkish Patent Office.

IX AGENTS

In 2011 an exam was organized for the agents of the industrial property rights. The exam was passed by 23 people. Thus, the number of people that passed the exam for agents, i.e. people with verified specialization exam, according to the registry of the State Office of industrial property, is now 404.

In the registry of agents, 4 new agents were enlisted, while 4 agents were erased.

X GENERAL MATTERS

Internal revision

In the department for internal revision of the State Office of Industrial Property, the commitments from the Plan of work 2011 were implemented. The following activities were carried out:

- revision in the field "Budget cycle", with special attention to the revision of the process "planning and spending of financial resources", in accordance with the annual financial plan for 2010 and the first months of 2011, for which audit report was prepared;
- audit in the field of "Process of procurement and payment", with an audit to the process: "quantity and quality receipt of products and services" for which audit report was prepared;
- audit in the field "Process of procurement and payment, with special attention to the process: "legal covering of the obligations towards the suppliers" which refers to the delivered materials and given services in 2009, 2010 and the first six months of 2011, for which audit report was prepared;
- the forms regarding the "Acton plan for ZDIS for 2012" were filled and answers were given to the material: "Strategy of the concept of JBFK in the Republic of Macedonia";
- extraordinary audit for the material-financial work of SOIP in the period from 01.09.2009 to 31.12.2010 was carried out, for which an appropriate audit report was prepared.

IT Support

The State Office of Industrial Property has its own database for the applied and protected industrial property rights (patents, trademarks, industrial designs and geographical names). For their processing it uses program IPAS - Industrial property Administration System which is a platform developed by the World Organization of Intellectual Property (WIPO) which serves for administration of user documents. IPAS itself is a client – server platform developed on the technology called Centura, which enables the administrator's and client's IPAS to communicate with the database which is on the Oracle platform, where the data is kept.

The administrative work of SOIP in the departments for reception and processing of documents for gaining the industrial property rights, and in the department for general archive uses the program of Lotus Notes base, which is an application software, platform developed by IBM and client server platform, which is used for the following services:

- electronic mail (e-mail);
- web-server, where the web-site of SOIP is hosted and application for administration of the web-site and
- software for archive work with the registers and the journal.

Financial work

The tasks the field of financial work are performed by the employees of the Department for general and joint matters in the Government of the Republic of Macedonia. During 2011 all the obligations regarding the accounting of the Office were realized (preparation of budget, annual and quarterly plans, checking of unpaid obligations at the end of every month, different kinds of information requested by the responsible person from the Office and the Ministry of finances and the General secretary in the Government of the Republic of Macedonia, preparation of payments, annual calculation, inventory of basic resources, statistic reports and GDP).

