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Dear readers!

Taking stock of 2016, I would like to highlight corporate performance improvements achieved, inter alia, in the procedure for Eurasian application filing and examination, curtailing paper technology, Eurasian Patent System outreach and in creating a more favourable environment for applicants and patent owners.

We raised the efficiency and cut down processing times for examination of applications rendered a positive opinion as to patentability of inventions as a result of a pilot programme launched in the reported year for fast-track substantive examination of international invention applications in the EAPO regional phase. The groundwork for it had included amendments and addenda to the Patent Regulations under the Eurasian Patent Convention and the EAPO Statute on Fees endorsed by the Administrative Council of the Eurasian Patent Organization (EAPO).

The effort resulted in a substantial increase of Eurasian grants, 3,081 patents, up 75.36 per cent from 2015. Overall, residents of 65 countries, including

Eurasian Patent Convention (EAPC) Member States, became Eurasian patent owners. Similar to 2015, the United States, Germany and Russia accounted for the largest amount of Eurasian patents granted to resident applicants in the reported year.

Seeking to advance paperless technology workflow management of Eurasian filings and patents, the Eurasian Patent Office (EAPO) implemented in 2016 an upgraded version of EAPO-ONLINE, an automated system for electronic filing and electronic exchange, allowing a full-fledged bilateral exchange with Eurasian patent attorneys based, inter alia, on direct cross-system communication.

In 2016, the Eurasian Patent Office completed the transition from paper workflow management to a single in-house electronic workflow system managing application and patent documents regardless of their original filing form.

The Eurasian Patent Office gave a new momentum to its global cooperation with international and regional organizations, foreign IP Offices, patent attorneys as well as entities in science, technology, commerce and industry in the reported year.

EAPO initiated a collaborative effort with BRICS IP Offices as a trail-blazing area of its corporate operation.

EAPO representatives were extensively involved in different events, including sessions of committees and Governing Bodies of the World Intellectual Property Organization, conferences, international forums, seminars, roundtable discussions, IP meetings held by EPO and IP Offices of China, Russia, Japan, India, Israel, South Korea and other countries.

Specifically, meetings with Mr Benoît Battistelli, EPO President, and Mr Timur Suleimenov, Member of the Board, Minister for Economy and Financial Policy, Eurasian Economic Commission, led to signature of important accords. These included a Memorandum of Understanding between the Eurasian Patent Office and the European Patent Office on Cooperative Patent Classification (CPC) and a Programme of Cooperation between the Eurasian Patent Office and the European Patent Office for 2016/2018, both signed with Mr Battistelli; plus a Memorandum of Cooperation

between the Eurasian Patent Organization and the Eurasian Economic Commission signed with Mr Suleimenov.

We are resolute to step up our international cooperation in 2017. Specifically, our portfolio for the current year includes an agreement on Patent Prosecution Highway (PPH) to be signed with EPO and the State Intellectual Property Office of the People's Republic of China (SIPO).

The national IP Offices of the Contracting States are a special focus of cooperation for the Eurasian Patent Office, with IT support and career development assistance provided on a continuous basis for national IP Office professionals. Incidentally, 2017 has seen a greater number of national IP Office specialists enrolled in the Russian State Academy of Intellectual Property, with EAPO financial support.

In conclusion, I would like to underscore that the performance we have achieved would be impossible without reliance on the professionalism of the Eurasian Patent Office staff and the incessant interest and support from the Eurasian Patent System users.

I am confident that the Eurasian Patent Office will continue building a favourable environment for enhancing the creative endeavour and innovative capacity across the entire global patent system, rather than just the confines of Eurasia.



S. Tlevlessova
President, EAPO

MAIN ACHIEVEMENTS FACTS AND FIGURES

Innovators filed 3,380 applications for Eurasian patent protection with EAPO in 2016.

Publications of Eurasian patent descriptions totalled 3,592, up 7 per cent from the year before.

Overall, the Eurasian Patent Office had 47,082 Eurasian application filings since the year of Eurasian Patent Organization establishment, 1996, through 2016.

The Eurasian Patent Office streamlined its process management to reduce pendency period for applications.

Following applicants' requests, the Eurasian Patent Office renewed its payable fast-track service procedures, specifically, for formal and substantive examination as well as for Eurasian patent publications.

The year under review saw a pilot programme launched for fast-track substantive examination of international invention applications considered in the EAPO regional phase. The objective is to cut down processing times, improve the efficiency of examining applications rendered a positive opinion by high-profile global IP Offices as to patentability of inventions as considered in the international phase under the Patent Cooperation Treaty (PCT).

The Eurasian Patent Office and the Japan Patent Office extended to 14 February 2018 the term of the Patent Prosecution Highway (PPH).

The year under review saw 3,982 applications, up 160 filings from 2015, in relation to which the first notice was issued at the substantive examination stage. Overall, 2,838 Eurasian patent granting decisions were taken in 2016.

In 2016 alone, 3,081 Eurasian patents were granted, which shows 75 per cent growth from the previous year. The grand total for 1996 through 2016 reached 25,519 Eurasian patent grants.

Applicants from EAPC Member States and the Republic of Moldova were granted 481 Eurasian patents in 2016, marking 16 per cent of all the patent grants that year.

Representatives of 65 countries became Eurasian patent owners in 2016, including residents of 8

countries party to the EAPC and the Republic of Moldova.

The EAPO Administrative Council endorsed a series of amendments and addenda to the Patent Regulations under the Eurasian Patent Convention streamlining substantive and procedural rules of Eurasian patent law by incorporating new and amending outdated procedures with due account of global patent law trends to improve the quality of examination and Eurasian patent grants as well as to accommodate the interests of applicants, patent owners and third parties.

A new procedure is now in place governing third party proposing to oppose an extension of the term of a Eurasian patent.

New language has been added to provide for an insufficient disclosure of invention as a stand-alone ground for invalidating and declaring a Eurasian patent void in the territory of the Convention Member States.

The procedural requirements have been made more flexible under the Patent Law Treaty (PLT) and Patent Cooperation Treaty (PCT) with regard to user-friendly time limits for Eurasian patent acquisition.

The procedures have been eased for applicants and patent owners seeking to restore their rights to the Eurasian application or Eurasian patent, so have been the provisions for the rights of applicants in relation to the procedure for examining opposition against EAPO's decision to refuse the grant of a Eurasian patent.

The year under review saw further rollout of paperless workflow technologies to manage, inter alia, exclusively digitised documents for Eurasian applications and patents transferred for publication. Also, tool kits are in place for automated enforcement of schedules for managing correspondence.

All outgoing correspondence is transferred to electronic form at all stages of application examination. The new arrangements have already allowed EAPO to manage correspondence electronically with some patent examination firms and eliminate the need for a backup hardcopy of the outgoing document. Relevant barcoding

tool kits have been implemented to monitor the fact of document dispatch. The solution speeds up document dispatch and eliminates data entry errors.

The reported year saw the indexation and transfer to electronic form of all documents for applications and patents coming to the Eurasian Patent Office. The improvement has made all incoming and outgoing correspondence on applications and patents available in electronic form at the point of coming in to EAPO or going out to an applicant. Paperless technology underlies all document transfer within the Eurasian Patent Office. Since November 2016, EAPO does not use hardcopies at all for generating application/patent file histories.

EAPO deployed consistently new versions of the core paperless workflow management systems and expanded the capability of the other systems in place in the course of the reporting year. System upgrade for broader electronic intercommunication was the main EAPO thrust in 2016.

The Eurasian Patent Office has totally migrated to SOPRANO procedure automation system (deployed in 2015). The solution provides sustainable electronic workflow management for growing numbers of users. It streamlines processing of massive data and enhances system integration with other corporate IT platforms.

The reported year saw the implementation of an upgraded version of EAPO-ONLINE, an automated system for electronic filing and electronic exchange. The solution supports the initiated full-fledged two-way data exchange with Eurasian patent attorneys, including peer-to-peer system communication.

EAPO was heavily involved in developing and maintaining failure-proof IT infrastructure relying on the world's state-of-the-art solutions meeting global standards for corporate business continuity, level and quality of service as well as access security.

EAPO advanced its outreach in 2016. Relevant activities included, inter alia, a video made about the Organization and the advantages of the Eurasian Patent System. Noteworthy, too, is EAPO's presence on such social media as Facebook, Twitter and YouTube.

The presidents of EAPO and EPO signed a Memorandum of Understanding between the Eurasian Patent Office (EAPO) and the European Patent Office (EPO) on Cooperative Patent Classification (CPC). The instrument phases in EAPO integration in the invention classification process under the CPC.

The reported year saw substantially broader cooperation between EAPO with the Skolkovo Innovation Centre, including a series of meetings and working negotiations between the EAPO President and Skolkovo executives. EAPO executives and staff participated in two series of Skolkovo-managed Patent School sessions and a start-up business conference.

As part of its global outreach, the Eurasian Patent Office met with BRICS countries' IP Offices and those of East Asia. EAPO hosted a roundtable discussion at BRICS IP Office executive level on foreign patenting. EAPO delegations led by the EAPO President visited Korea and China. Also, the reported year marked further strengthening of working contacts with examiners and professionals of the IP Offices in China, Japan, Korea and India.

The reported year saw further advancement of cooperation between the Eurasian Patent Office and the Eurasian Economic Commission. As a significant landmark, the two parties signed a memorandum of cooperation at the end of 2016, following its preliminary approval by the EEC Board and the EAPO Administrative Council.

ACTIVITIES OF THE EAPO ADMINISTRATIVE COUNCIL

In 2016, the Eurasian Patent Organization's Administrative Council (EAPO AC) held its thirty-first (ninth extraordinary) and thirty-second (twenty-third ordinary) meetings. The EAPO AC Budget Working Group held its twenty-first meeting in the reporting year.

THIRTY-FIRST (NINTH EXTRAORDINARY) MEETING OF THE EAPO ADMINISTRATIVE COUNCIL

The Eurasian Patent Organization's Administrative Council held its thirty-first (ninth extraordinary) meeting at the EAPO headquarters, Moscow, 11 February 2016.

The event drew participation from all the EAPO Member States. A representative of the World Intellectual Property Organization (WIPO) was also in attendance acting as an observer. Mr A.K. Yestayev, Chair of the EAPO Administrative Council and plenipotentiary representative of the Republic of Kazakhstan, presided over the meeting.

The agenda focused on Ms S. Tlevlessova acceding to presidency of the Eurasian Patent Office

and A.N. Grigoriev stepping down as President of the Eurasian Patent Office upon the expiration of the term of office.

On behalf of the EAPO Administrative Council, AC EAPO Chair A.K. Yestayev thanked Mr A.N. Grigoriev as a co-founder of the Eurasian Patent Organization for all his energy and skills he had invested over the years consolidating and developing the Organization and for his commitment as President of the Eurasian Patent Office between 23 October 2003 and 10 February 2016. Representatives of the Azerbaijan Republic, Republic of Tajikistan, Russian Federation, Republic of Kazakhstan and the Republic of Armenia gave credit to A.N. Grigoriev for his contribution in building the EAPO profile and presented memorable gifts. A.N. Grigoriev appreciated their kind words and wished the new EAPO President and EAPO Administrative Council every success in furthering the cause of the Eurasian Patent Organization.



Participants of the 31st (9th extraordinary) meeting of the EAPO AC

On behalf of the EAPO Administrative Council, Chair A.K. Yestayev congratulated Saule Tlevlessova on her accession to office and wished her success in her important and prominent post. As the plenipotentiary representative of the Republic of Kazakhstan, Mr A.K. Yestayev read out a 'Congratulatory Address' of the minister of justice of the Republic of Kazakhstan and presented a memorable gift to the President. Representatives of the Republic of Armenia, Republic of Tajikistan, Russian Federation and the Kyrgyz Republic extended, too, their congratulations to Ms S. Tlevlessova on her accession to Eurasian Patent Office presidency.

In her reciprocal address, EAPO President S. Tlevlessova thanked the Administrative Council for the vote of confidence and stressed her perception of presidency as great responsibility, in the first place, devolving on her in this high post. As a successor to the previous EAPO presidents, Ms S. Tlevlessova sees her particular role in furthering the development of EAPO, with a special focus on national IP Offices benefiting from stronger collaboration and assistance, this being a major area of operations in addition to keeping up the stability and efficiency of the Eurasian Patent Office. Winning new EAPO joiners and exploring opportunities for expanding corporate operations are seen as the core strategic objectives for the Eurasian Patent Organization's path forward.

Also, the meeting addressed human capital issues and prospects for Eurasian Patent Office development.

TWENTY-FIRST MEETING OF THE EAPO ADMINISTRATIVE COUNCIL'S BUDGET WORKING GROUP

The Eurasian Patent Organization's Administrative Council Budget Working Group (EAPO AC BWG) had its twenty-first meeting in the EAPO headquarters, Moscow, Russian Federation, 22-23 September 2016.

The BWG's twenty-first session drew participation from the IP Offices of states party to the Eurasian Patent Convention, i.e. the Azerbaijan Republic, Republic of Armenia, Republic of Belarus, Republic of Kazakhstan, Kyrgyz Republic, Russian Federation and the Republic of Tajikistan. Eurasian Patent Office representatives were also in attendance.

EAPO President Saule Tlevlessova made an opening address.

Mr Nurali Jurabekovitch Nazarov, Head, Finance and Accounting Department, National Center for Patents and Information, Ministry of Economic Development and Trade of the Republic of Tajikistan, was unanimously elected to preside over the BWG's twenty-first meeting.

Following the deliberations, the BWG recommended the Eurasian Patent Organization's 2015 Annual Report for approval by the EAPO Administrative Council. The session unanimously supported the Eurasian Patent Organization's draft budget for 2017 as presented by the Eurasian Patent Office and recommended the document for



EAPO AC Budget Working Group's twenty-first meeting.

EAPO AC's approval subject to EAPO AC's validation of amendments to the Statute on Fees for the Eurasian Patent Convention (EAPC).

Also, the BWG looked at EAPO's day-to-day operations. The results of the deliberations were recorded in the Session minutes and, together with the BWG recommendations, submitted to EAPO AC for review.

THIRTY-SECOND (TWENTY-THIRD ORDINARY) MEETING OF THE EAPO ADMINISTRATIVE COUNCIL

The Eurasian Patent Organization's Administrative Council (EAPO AC) held its thirty-second (twenty-third ordinary) meeting at EAPO's Moscow headquarters, 1-3 November 2016. The attending delegations represented the Azerbaijan Republic, Republic of Armenia, Republic of Belarus, Republic of Kazakhstan, Kyrgyz Republic, Russian Federation, Republic of Tajikistan and Turkmenistan. Attending the EAPO AC meeting, as an observer, was Mr I.A. Gribkov, Programme Officer, Department for Transition and Developed Countries, World Intellectual Property Organization (WIPO). EAPO AC Chair A.K. Yestayev, plenipotentiary representative of the Republic of Kazakhstan, presided over the meeting.

The meeting discussed the Organization's past period performance, EAPO regulatory framework improvements and areas for corporate advancement.

Among the main resolutions, the Administrative Council approved:

- EAPO's annual report for 2015
- Eurasian Patent Organization's Development Programme for 2017-2021
- a series of amendments and addenda to the Patent Regulations under the Eurasian Patent Convention and to EAPO's Statute on Fees
- EAPO's budget for 2017.

The EAPO AC resolved that EAPO President S. Tlevlessova be authorised to conduct negotiations and sign framework documents underlying EAPO's cooperation with the Eurasian Economic Commission and the State Agency on Intellectual Property of the Republic of Moldova.

The EAPO Administrative Council approved a decision to award a V.I. Blinnikov Gold Medal "For Promoting Invention and Patent Practice" to the L.N. Gumilyov Eurasian National University (Republic of Kazakhstan).

The EAPO AC addressed and resolved a number of issues in order to streamline the legal framework underlying the operations of the Eurasian Patent Office and the Eurasian Patent Organization to improve human capital policies of the Eurasian Patent Office.



32nd (23rd ordinary) EAPO AC meeting

Capping the deliberations, the Session decided to continue working along these guidelines and to hold another two EAPO AC meetings in 2017.

The EAPO AC elected unanimously Mr G.P. Ivliev, Russian Federation plenipotentiary, as EAPO AC Chair for the next biennium. Mr Zh.A. Tashiev, deputy plenipotentiary of the Kyrgyz Republic, and Mr M.Y.-M.A. Seidov, deputy plenipotentiary of the Azerbaijan Republic, were likewise elected as EAPO AC Deputy Chairs.

The EAPO AC thanked the outgoing Chair, Mr Yestayev, for his energy and skills he had devoted to his EAPO AC chairmanship and his personal contribution to advancing the EAPO work and performance.

REGULATORY ACTIVITIES

The Eurasian Patent Organization continued streamlining the Eurasian Patent Organization's regulatory framework in 2016.

In conformity with the Eurasian Patent Convention and Administrative Regulations under the EAPC, the regulatory authority rests with the Eurasian Patent Organization's Administrative Council and President of the Eurasian Patent Office. They engage in regulation and pass legal acts within their terms of reference. In fact, the Eurasian Patent Office is responsible for the majority of the Eurasian Patent Organization's regulations passed in 2016, whether drafted of its own accord or at the instruction of the EAPO AC.

Rospatent drafted EAPO-based Compliance Procedures for Implementation in Team with EAPC Member States Representatives. As proposed by Mr G.P. Ivliev, Russian Federation plenipotentiary to the EAPO AC, the EAPO's Budget Working Group reviewed the draft procedures in September 2016. Further review and amendments followed. Finally, the thirty-second (twenty-third ordinary) EAPO AC meeting approved the draft procedures in November 2016.

EAPO Administrative Council's thirty-second (twenty-third ordinary) meeting held in Moscow, 1-3 November 2016, took a number of important regulatory decisions leading to the results listed below.

1) Amendments and addenda have been made to Rules 3, 16, 21, 21¹, 24, 25, 29, 37, 38, 39, 40, 47, 48, 49, 53, 54, 58, 59, 62 of the Patent Regulations under the Eurasian Patent Convention.

2) Higher Eurasian fees are formalised as at 01.01.2017 for the Eurasian Patent Office to perform the Eurasian Patent Organization's legally significant actions – the first ever raise since 01.02.2007 when the level of fees stayed flat for nearly a decade.

3) An equal (50/50) split of fees has been proposed between EAPO and the Republic of Moldova for maintaining in force the Eurasian patents in the territory of the Republic of Moldova in a situation where the application dates for the grant of such

patents precede the Republic of Moldova's denunciation of the EAPC on 26 April 2012.

4) Amendments and addenda have been made to The Procedure for Building and Disbursing the Eurasian Patent Organization Reserve Funds. The improvements allow to accommodate the exchange rate difference in revaluating the Eurasian Patent Office equity in foreign exchange as of the end of a regular reported period and pay severance to retiring Eurasian Patent Office staff members in a situation where such compensation cannot be paid from the Organization's budget for a relevant year.

5) The Eurasian Patent Organization Compliance Procedures for Implementing in Team with EAPC Member States Temporary Working Group came into force.

6) The Basic Guidelines for Procurements of Goods, Works and Services came into force.

7) The Memorandum of Understanding Between the Eurasian Patent Organization and the Eurasian Economic Commission reached approval after years of work on it since 2012.

Seeking further streamlining of the Eurasian patent law, the EAPO AC addressed and approved, after submission by the Eurasian Patent Office, amendments and addenda to Rules 3, 16, 21, 21¹, 24, 25, 29, 37, 38, 39, 40, 47, 48, 49, 53, 54, 58, 59, 62 of the Patent Regulations under the Eurasian Patent Convention and brought them into force from 1 January 2017.

In the wake of advice from the Russian Federation, the EAPO AC instructed the Eurasian Patent Office to look again into the feasibility of amending Rules 13, 16(9) and 62¹ of the Patent Regulations under the Eurasian Patent Convention.

EAPO brought into force 01.01.2017 legal provisions governing reasons and procedures for invalidation by the Eurasian Patent Office of its earlier decision on extending the validity of the Eurasian patent as well as the rules of law for examining opposition against extending the aforementioned validity.

The reporting period saw improved efficiency of the Eurasian application and patent documents workflow management. Specifically, applicants, patent owners and their representatives have benefited from the electronic form for the outgoing documents of the Eurasian Patent Office introduced on 01.01.2017. The new procedure saves EAPO labour and resources as well as eliminates paper document exchange.

More specific requirements to the claims, Eurasian application materials and changes to the application materials have been validated as set forth under Rules 21¹, 24, 25 and 49 of the Patent Regulations under the Eurasian Patent Convention. Procedural requirements with regard to the time limits have been eased and formulated in greater detail, so have been the reasons for the administrative revocation of the Eurasian patent by the Eurasian Patent Office (Rule 53, Patent Regulations under the EAPC) or for invalidating the Eurasian patent, either entirely or in part, at any time during its period of validity, in the territory of a relevant Contracting State by virtue of its national procedural rules (Rule 54, Patent Regulations under the EAPC).

As of 01.01.2017, the valid reason for the administrative revocation or invalidation of the Eurasian patent is failure of the Eurasian application to disclose the invention in a manner sufficiently clear and complete for the invention to be carried out by a person skilled in the art as set forth under Rule 21¹(3), Patent Regulations.

Following the experience of WIPO as well as regional and national IP Offices, the Patent Regulations under the EAPC have now an amendment made to the language governing failure to meet the deadline under force majeure, which provision is in keeping with the Regulations under the Patent Cooperation Treaty (PCT).

As instructed by the EAPO AC, the Eurasian Patent Office is exploring the feasibility of implementing a regulatory framework for registration of deals in a situation where the applicant authorises third parties to use the invention claimed in the Eurasian application.

The EAPO AC's thirty-first (ninth extraordinary) meeting, Moscow, 11 February 2016, supported EAPO President S. Tlevlessova's valid motion to revise the level of Eurasian fees levied for legally significant actions performed by the Eurasian Patent Office.

Established and denominated in Russian Roubles, the Eurasian fees stayed flat for nearly a decade since 01.02.2007, regardless of the inflation, global economic crisis of 2008 and other

factors that have adversely affected the value of goods, works and services.

Raised on 01.01.2017, the Eurasian fees for filing an application, examination as to substance and granting a patent have reached 12 to 14 per cent as compared to the level of fees established on 01.02.2007. In terms of numbers, the unitary procedural fee for filing a Eurasian application was RUR25,500 prior to 31.12.2016. The same amount was payable for substantive examination. Since 01.01.2017, the former fee has been RUR28,000 and the latter, up to RUR30,000, which shows an aggregate increase of 13.7 per cent for the two fees.

The EAPO AC's thirty-second (twenty-third ordinary) meeting resolved that, effective from 1 January 2017, the fees for keeping the Eurasian patents in force in the territory of the Republic of Moldova shall be split equally between EAPO and the Republic of Moldova, 50 per cent for each party.

Accordingly, the EAPO AC instructed the President of the Eurasian Patent Office to initiate negotiations with the Government of the Republic of Moldova and sign a Protocol on making relevant amendments to the Agreement between the Eurasian Patent Organization and the Government of the Republic of Moldova on Legal Protection of Inventions in the Territory of the Republic of Moldova Past the Eurasian Patent Convention Denunciation by the Republic of Moldova.

As motioned by the EAPO AC Budget Working Group, the thirty-second (twenty-third ordinary) meeting of the EAPO AC approved and brought into force from 01.01.2017, addenda to the Procedure for Building and Disbursing the Eurasian Patent Organization Reserve Funds whereby:

- all the exchange rate losses and gains resultant from equity revaluation in foreign currency as at year-end, are to be posted to the Eurasian Patent Organization Reserve Funds account
- Eurasian Patent Organization Reserve Funds can be debited for severance payable to Eurasian Patent Office staff members retiring under EAPC Member States law or reaching their upper-age limit for the Eurasian Patent Office in a situation where such compensation cannot be paid from the Organization's budget for a relevant fiscal year.

The EAPO AC instructed the Eurasian Patent Office to draft relevant proposals for the subsequent EAPO AC meeting to amend the Financial Regulations under the Eurasian Patent Convention and take account of such amendments in the Eurasian Patent Office Accounting Policies for

2016/2017 before the approval of such amendments by the EAPO AC.

The EAPO AC's thirty-second (twenty-third ordinary) meeting approved the Eurasian Patent Organization Compliance Procedures for Implementing in Team with EAPC Member States Temporary Working Group.

EAPO has benefited from the Compliance Procedures, approved by the EAPO AC, as they provide a tool for analysing corporate operations, including the performance of EAPO development programmes and other matters of importance, as instructed by the EAPO AC.

The Compliance Procedures provide, inter alia, that any area of EAPO operations can be verified for compliance, when resolved so by the EAPO AC, not more than every other year.

Not fewer than three EAPC Member States or the President of the Eurasian Patent Office can be in a position to initiate verification. The Administrative Council of the Eurasian Patent Organization validates such a verification exercise under Rule 37, EAPO AC Rules of Procedure.

A working group of not fewer than three representatives of the Contracting States can complete such an exercise. The ensuing results are recorded in a Verification Report, reviewed by a working group meeting and formalised in a Protocol. A Verification Report is expected to detail every segment of focus and identify areas for improvement as well as corrective action to take.

The EAPO AC Chair forwards the final documents based on the verification results (Verification Report, relevant commentary and other documents) to the EAPC Member State plenipotentiary representatives on the EAPO Administrative Council and to the President of the Eurasian Patent Office for subsequent review at an EAPO AC meeting.

Approved by the same EAPO AC session, the Basic Guidelines for Procurements of Goods, Works and Services provide a framework for the Eurasian Patent Office to develop, agree and bring into force relevant EAPO regulatory provisions for comprehensive governance. The EAPO AC authorised the President of the Eurasian Patent Office to approve such EAPO regulatory provisions, make amendments and addenda thereto, as needed and to the extent such provisions conform to the Basic Guidelines for Procurements of Goods, Works and Services formalized by the EAPO AC's thirty-second (twenty-third ordinary) meeting.

The EAPO AC's thirty-second (twenty-third ordinary) meeting approved the Memorandum of Understanding Between the Eurasian Patent Organization and the Eurasian Economic Commission whose drafting had been under way since 2012.

EAPO President S. Tlevlessova and T.Suleimenov, Member of the Board, Minister of Economy and Finance, Eurasian Economic Commission, signed the Memorandum of Understanding in December 2016 at the instruction of the EAPO AC.

The reporting year 2016 saw an abundant regulatory agenda completed by the President of the Eurasian Patent Office.

1) EAPO Presidential Order no.45 of 31.05.2016 formalised a fast-track procedure and relevant pathways for examining Eurasian applications, publishing and granting Eurasian patents.

2) EAPO Presidential Order no.49 of 29.06.2016 established and brought into force from 1 June 2016 for one year a trial run of fast-track substantive examination of EA-PCT applications.

3) EAPO Presidential Order no.59 of 18.08.2016 approves the Procedure for Compiling and Using the Eurasian Application Dossier.

4) EAPO Presidential Order no.60 of 18.08.2016 approves a new version of the Procedure for Medical Services Provided to Eurasian Patent Office and Eurasian Patent Organization Employees under Voluntary Health Insurance Schemes.

5) EAPO Presidential Order no.69 of 30.09.2016 approves a new version of the Business Travel Regulations for Eurasian Patent Office and Eurasian Patent Organization Employees.

6) EAPO Presidential Order no.81 of 28.10.2016 improves workflow management for the Eurasian application and Eurasian patent processes.

The President of the Eurasian Patent Office issued numerous other orders to establish an array of legal standards to govern EAPO's diversified corporate and business operations in the reporting year in addition to the regulatory provisions mentioned above.

The reporting year saw EAPO heavily involved in regulation within its terms of reference to advance corporate performance.

EURASIAN PATENT EXAMINATION

EURASIAN APPLICATION STATISTICS

The year 2016 saw 3,380 Eurasian applications filed for the grant of Eurasian patents for inventions.

Overall, the Eurasian Patent Office had 47,082 Eurasian application filings since the year of Eurasian Patent Organization establishment, 1996, through 2016.

See [Diagram 1](#) for detailed numbers of the Eurasian applications filed in the last 6 years.

[Diagram 2](#) distributes the Eurasian filings subject to the specificities of the filing procedure.

International applications accounted for the bulk of the Eurasian filings in 2016, specifically, 2,688 applications, or 79.5 per cent of all filings made.

The year 2016 saw 336 applications filed directly with the Eurasian Patent Office, or 9.9 per cent of the overall Eurasian filings made in the period under review. Incidentally, 356 applications were filed in 2016 via national IP Offices of the

Contracting States, or 10.5 per cent of the total Eurasian applications filed.

[Diagram 3](#) cascades the Eurasian applications by country of origin of the largest number of the Eurasian filings made in 2016.

As in the preceding years, the United States of America proved the largest geographical source of Eurasian filings, 739, or 21.8 per cent of all the applications lodged with the Eurasian Patent Office.

Applicants from states party to the Eurasian Patent Convention were responsible for 585 filings in 2016.

The largest number of Eurasian applications came from the Russian Federation, 341, Republic of Belarus, 118, Republic of Kazakhstan, 61, and the Azerbaijan Republic, 42.

[Diagram 4](#) details the Eurasian filing dynamics under the aforementioned procedures for the applicants from states party to the Eurasian Patent Convention in the reporting year.

[Diagram 1](#)

Detailed numbers of the Eurasian applications filed in the last 6 years

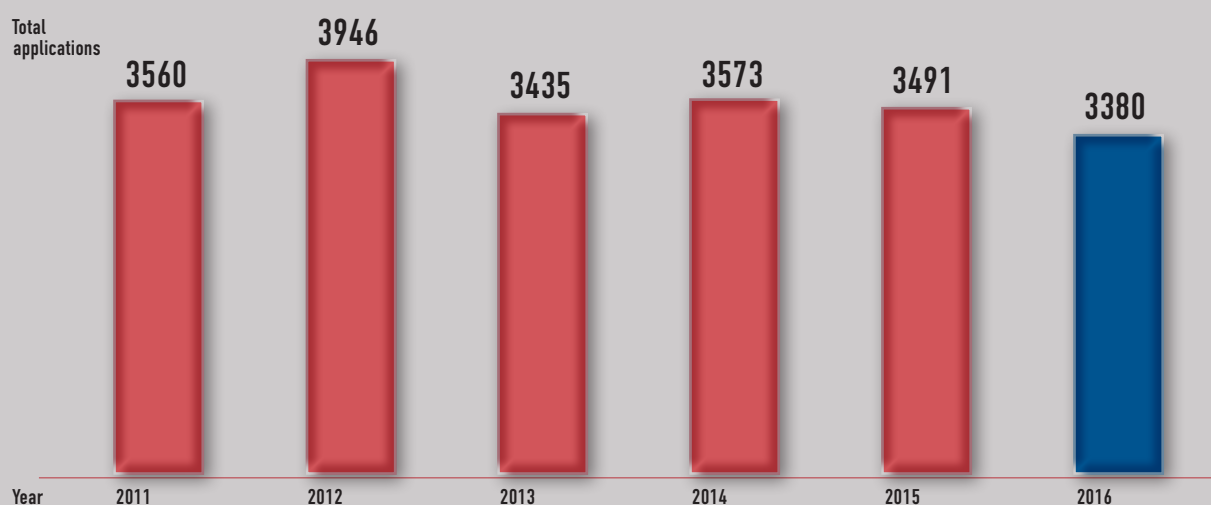


Diagram 2

Eurasian applications filed in 2016 distributed by the specificities of the filing procedure

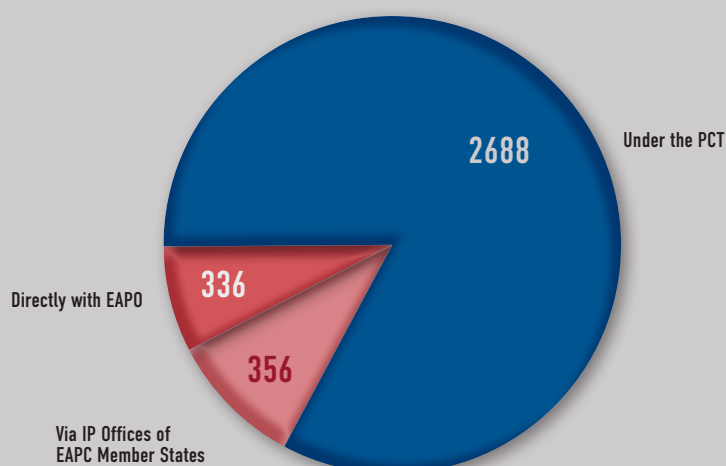


Diagram 3

Eurasian applications filed in 2016 distributed by country of origin of the largest number of the Eurasian filings made in 2016

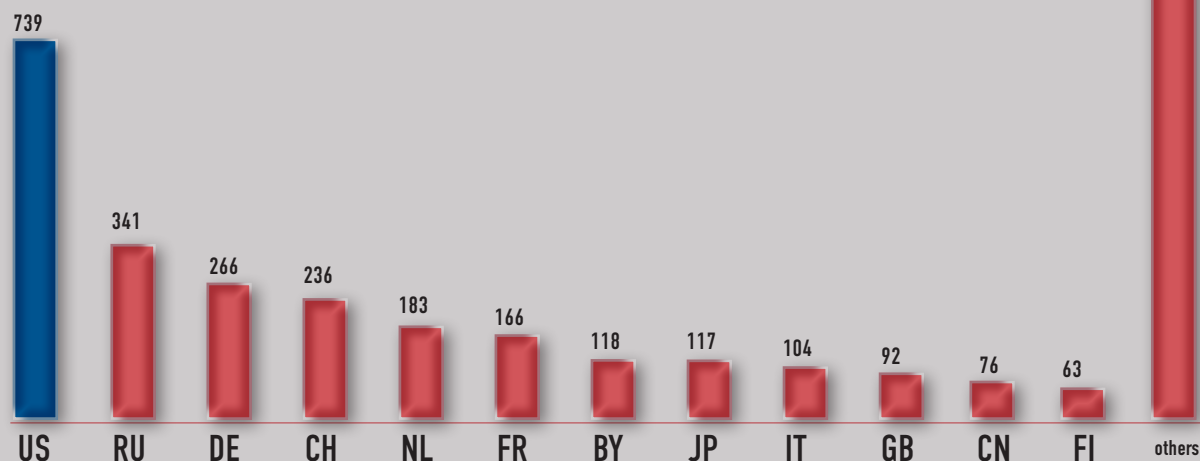


Diagram 4

Filing dynamics under for the applicants from states party to the Eurasian Patent Convention

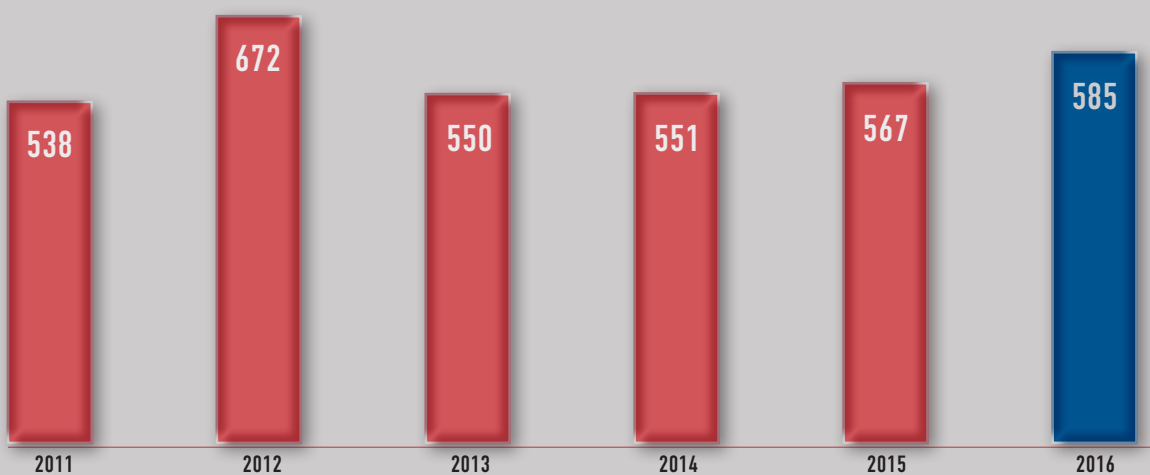


Table 1**Eurasian applications filed in 2016 distributed by subject matter**

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Biochemistry, sugar, skins (C12-C14)	4,34%
Paper (D21, B31)	0,03%
Hydraulic and pneumatic mechanisms (F15-F17)	1,70%
Mining (E21)	3,24%
Engines and pumps (F01-F04)	1,35%
Measurements and optics (G01-G03)	3,68%
Paints and dyes, fuel, animal and vegetable oil (C09-C11)	3,43%
Medications and pharmaceuticals (A61K)	16,90%
Medicine and veterinary (A61-A63 except for A61K)	5,07%
Metallurgy and electrolysis (C21-C23, C25)	2,36%
Inorganic chemistry (C01-C05, C30)	2,89%
Working and shaping (B21-B30, B32)	2,83%
Clothes, personal and domestic articles (A41-A47)	1,01%
Organic chemistry (C07, A01N)	22,91%
Organic macromolecular compounds (C08)	2,77%
Weapons and ammunition (F41, F42, C06)	0,47%
Lighting, heating, refrigeration (F21-F28)	2,45%
Printing and decorative arts (B41-B44)	0,25%
Food products and tobacco (A21-A24)	2,64%
Agriculture (A01 except for A01N)	1,95%
Education facilities (G09-G12)	0,41%
Buildings (E01-E06)	3,27%
Textiles (D01-D07)	0,16%
Precise mechanics, computers, signalling (G04-G08)	1,73%
Transport (B60-B68)	3,43%
Physical and chemical processes (B01-B09)	4,53%
Electrical engineering (H01, H02, H05)	2,11%
Electronics and communications (H03, H04)	1,10%
Nuclear physics (G21)	0,98%
Total	100%

The distribution pattern for Eurasian applications by industry did not change significantly. Similar to the previous years, the most filings were made for inventions in organic chemistry, pharmaceuticals and medicines. Table 1 distributes by subject matter the Eurasian applications filed in 2016.

The year 2016 saw 2,556 applications filed electronically, which is 75.7 per cent of all the Eurasian filings for 2016.

EURASIAN PATENT GRANTS

In 2016 alone, 3,081 Eurasian patents were granted, which shows 75,36 per cent growth from the previous year. The grand total for 1996 through 2016 reached 25,519 Eurasian patent grants.

Applicants from EAPC Member States and the Republic of Moldova were granted 481 Eurasian patents in 2016, marking 15.61 per cent of all the patent grants that year.

Applicants from states not party to the EAPC had 2,600 Eurasian patent grants in 2016. The share of patents granted to applicants from non-EAPC Member States totalled 84.39 per cent.

See Table 2 for the Eurasian patent grants of 2016 distributed by country of patent owners' place of residence.

Representatives of 65 countries became Eurasian patent owners in 2016, including residents of 8 countries party to the EAPC and the Republic of Moldova.

The largest number of Eurasian patent grants went in 2016 to applicants from the United State of America, 563 Eurasian patents (18.27 per cent); Germany, 356 Eurasian patents (11.55 per cent); Russia, 274 Eurasian patents (8.89 per cent); France, 194 Eurasian patents (6.30 per cent); Netherlands, 194 Eurasian patents (6.30 per cent); Switzerland, 178 Eurasian patents (5.78 per cent); Japan, 123 Eurasian patents (3.99 per cent); Great Britain, 103 Eurasian patents (3.34 per cent); Italy, 102 Eurasian patents (3.31 per cent) and the Republic of Belarus, 93 Eurasian patents (3.02 per cent).

The reporting period saw 2,528 Eurasian patents granted on the basis of international applications in the regional phase of the PCT procedure, up 75.32 per cent from 2015.

Table 3 distributes the Eurasian patent grants based on applications filed with the Eurasian Patent Office under the PCT in 2016.

Table 2

Eurasian patent grants of 2016 distributed by country of patent owners' place of residence

Country code	Number of patents granted	Same in per cent of total number
States party to the EAPC and the Republic of Moldova		
AM	3	0,10
AZ	43	1,4
BY	93	3,02
KG	2	0,06
KZ	56	1,82
MD	6	0,19
RU	274	8,89
TJ	4	0,13
Total for states party to the EAPC and the Republic of Moldova	481	15,61
Non-EAPC Member States		
AE	3	0,10
AR	2	0,06
AT	58	1,88
AU	31	1,01
BE	87	2,82
BG	1	0,03
BR	2	0,06
BS	5	0,16
CA	35	1,14
CH	178	5,78
CL	2	0,06
CN	54	1,75
CU	1	0,03
CY	10	0,32
CZ	10	0,32
DE	356	11,55
DK	73	2,37
EE	3	0,1
ES	24	0,78
FI	62	2,01
FR	194	6,30
GB	103	3,34
HK	2	0,06

Country code	Number of patents granted	Same in per cent of total number
HR	5	0,16
HU	19	0,62
IE	19	0,62
IL	18	0,58
IN	33	1,07
IS	1	0,03
IT	102	3,31
JP	123	3,99
KR	11	0,36
KY	2	0,06
LT	2	0,06
LU	17	0,55
LV	2	0,06
MA	1	0,03
MT	1	0,03
MY	1	0,03
NL	194	6,30
NO	60	1,95
NZ	6	0,19
PE	1	0,03
PL	14	0,45
PT	2	0,06
RS	1	0,03
SA	12	0,39
SE	31	1,01
SG	7	0,23
SI	16	0,52
SK	2	0,06
TR	18	0,58
TW	1	0,03
UA	10	0,32
US	563	18,27
VG	7	0,23
ZA	2	0,06
Total for states not party to the EAPC	2600	84,39
GRAND TOTAL	3081	100

Table 3

2016 Eurasian patent grants based on international applications distributed by patent owners' country of residence

Country code	Number of patent grants	Same in per cent of total number
Государства-участники ЕАПК и Республика Молдова		
AM	1	0,04
AZ	1	0,04
BY	2	0,08
KZ	1	0,04
MD	1	0,04
RU	94	3,72
Total for states party to the EAPC and the Republic of Moldova	100	3,96
States not party to the EAPC		
AE	3	0,12
AR	1	0,04
AT	55	2,18
AU	25	0,99
BE	86	3,40
BG	1	0,04
BR	2	0,08
BS	4	0,16
CA	31	1,23
CH	169	6,69
CL	2	0,08
CN	49	1,94
CU	1	0,04
CY	4	0,16
CZ	10	0,40
DE	326	12,90
DK	72	2,85
EE	3	0,12
ES	24	0,95
FI	58	2,29
FR	180	7,12
GB	97	3,84
HK	2	0,08
HR	5	0,20
HU	19	0,75

Country code	Number of patent grants	Same in per cent of total number
IE	13	0,51
IL	18	0,71
IN	31	1,23
IS	1	0,04
IT	96	3,80
JP	113	4,47
KR	11	0,44
KY	2	0,08
LT	1	0,04
LU	17	0,67
LV	1	0,04
MA	1	0,04
MT	1	0,04
MY	1	0,04
NL	190	7,52
NO	51	2,02
NZ	6	0,24
PE	1	0,04
PL	14	0,55
PT	2	0,08
RS	1	0,04
SA	12	0,47
SE	31	1,23
SG	7	0,28
SI	16	0,63
SK	2	0,08
TR	16	0,63
TW	1	0,04
UA	5	0,20
US	528	20,89
VG	7	0,28
ZA	2	0,08
Total for states not party to the EAPC	2428	96,04
GRAND TOTAL	2528	100

Applicants from five EAPC Member States and the Republic of Moldova were granted 100 Eurasian patents in 2016, or 3.96 per cent of the total Eurasian patent grants based on international applications. The largest amount of such patents, 94 (or 3.72 per cent), went to Russian Federation applicants.

At the same time, applicants from 57 states not party to the EAPC were granted 2,428 Eurasian patents, or 96.04 per cent of all the Eurasian patent grants based on international applications. The largest number of patents went to the holders in the United States of America, 528 Eurasian patents (20.89 per cent); Germany, 326 Eurasian patents (12.90 per cent); Netherlands, 190 Eurasian patents (7.52 per cent); France, 180 Eurasian patents (7.12 per cent) and Switzerland, 169 Eurasian patents (6.69 per cent).

As at 31 December 2016, 147 Eurasian patents were terminated in the territory of EAPC Members States and the Republic of Moldova due to the expiry of their twenty-year term under Article 11, Eurasian Patent Convention.

As at the same date, Eurasian patents in force in the territory of the EAPC Members States and the Republic of Moldova totalled 13,846 patents.

The first annual fees were paid for maintaining 1,921 Eurasian patents in force in 2016.

See Table 4 for details of the first annual fees paid for the Eurasian patents in 2016.

Table 4 shows 3.64 as the average number of designations of EAPC Member States and the Republic of Moldova at the point of the first payment of annual fees for maintaining the Eurasian patent in force.

Following is the recurrence of designations of the EAPC Member States and the Republic of Moldova in relation to the total patents for which the annual maintenance fee was paid for the first time in 2016: Russia, 97.76 per cent; Kazakhstan, 52.16 per cent; Belarus, 44.04 per cent; Azerbaijan, 36.13 per cent; Turkmenistan, 29.10 per cent; Armenia, 28.84 per cent; Kyrgyzstan, 27.28 per cent; Tajikistan, 26.29 per cent and Moldova, 22.54 per cent.

Subsequent annual fees were paid in 2016 for maintaining in force 8,867 Eurasian patents.

Table 5 lists data on Eurasian patents for which subsequent annual fees were paid in 2016.

Table 5 shows 3.54 as the average number of designations of the EAPC Member States and the Republic of Moldova for the payment of subsequent annual fees for maintaining the Eurasian patents in force. See below the recurrence of designations of the states party to the EAPC and the Republic of Moldova in relation to the total patents for which the annual maintenance fee was paid in 2016:

Russia, 96.88 per cent; Kazakhstan, 50.25 per cent; Belarus, 44.21 per cent; Azerbaijan, 32.96 per cent; Turkmenistan, 27.97 per cent; Armenia, 25.67 per cent; Kyrgyzstan, 25.39 per cent; Tajikistan, 25.24 per cent and Moldova, 25.09 per cent.

The year 2016 saw 89 Eurasian patents restored after termination for failure of the annual fee payment to keep the patents in force.

As requested by relevant patent holders and in keeping with national law of the EAPC Member States and the Republic of Moldova that provides for addition legal protection for objects that require special permission for application, the validity of 68 Eurasian patents was extended in the territory of such countries as the Azerbaijan Republic, Republic of Armenia, Republic of Belarus, Republic of Kazakhstan, Russian Federation and the Republic of Moldova.

The national patent offices of the Republic of Armenia, Republic of Belarus, Republic of Kazakhstan, Russian Federation, Republic of Tajikistan and the Republic of Moldova contributed information to the Eurasian Patent Office about an array of registered licence contracts based on Eurasian patents. Relevant information about 44 licence contracts based on 91 Eurasian patents was published in the EAPO Gazette.

Таблица 4

Details of the first annual fees paid for maintaining Eurasian patents in force

First patent owner's country-of-origin code	Number of patents for which the first annual maintenance fee was paid	Same in per cent of total number of patents	Number of designations of EAPC Member States and Republic of Moldova	Same in per cent of all designations	Average number of designations per patent	Designations of EAPC Member States and Republic of Moldova								
						AM	AZ	BY	KG	KZ	MD	RU	TJ	TM
AM	2	0,10	6	0,09	3	0	0	1	1	1	0	2	1	0
AZ	11	0,57	22	0,31	2	0	10	1	0	2	0	9	0	0
BY	30	1,56	80	1,14	2,67	3	3	29	2	9	1	28	2	3
KG	2	0,10	5	0,07	2,50	0	0	1	1	1	0	2	0	0
KZ	19	0,99	64	0,91	3,37	4	5	9	6	13	0	18	4	5
MD	1	0,05	8	0,11	8	1	1	1	1	1	0	1	1	1
RU	119	6,19	454	6,49	3,82	39	58	77	34	80	9	99	28	30
Total	184	9,58	639	9,14	3,47	47	77	119	45	107	10	159	36	39
AE	3	0,16	14	0,20	4,67	1	2	2	1	2	1	3	1	1
AR	1	0,05	4	0,06	4	1	1	1	0	0	0	1	0	0
AT	39	2,03	109	1,56	2,79	7	9	12	7	16	6	39	6	7
AU	15	0,78	83	1,19	5,53	7	7	10	8	12	8	15	8	8
BE	79	4,11	213	3,05	2,70	14	16	26	14	23	11	78	14	17
BM	1	0,05	1	0,01	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0
BR	2	0,10	2	0,03	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	2	0	0
BS	2	0,10	14	0,20	7	1	2	2	1	2	1	2	1	2
CA	17	0,88	62	0,89	3,65	4	7	7	4	10	3	16	4	7
CH	120	6,25	368	5,26	3,07	25	25	42	26	59	22	119	25	25
CL	1	0,05	9	0,13	9	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1
CN	27	1,41	122	1,74	4,52	11	13	16	11	18	6	26	10	11
CY	8	0,42	44	0,63	5,50	7	7	7	2	7	2	8	2	2
CZ	4	0,21	18	0,26	4,50	2	3	3	3	3	0	4	0	0
DE	250	13,01	724	10,35	2,90	43	54	105	41	117	34	249	38	43
DK	57	2,97	148	2,12	2,60	9	11	20	8	19	7	57	9	8
EE	2	0,10	4	0,06	2	0	0	1	0	1	0	2	0	0
ES	18	0,94	101	1,44	5,61	9	11	12	9	12	11	18	9	10
FI	43	2,24	102	1,46	2,37	3	7	11	3	24	3	43	3	5
FR	114	5,93	349	4,99	3,06	25	36	36	22	44	20	114	25	27
GB	69	3,59	312	4,46	4,52	30	35	33	27	40	22	69	27	29
GR	1	0,05	3	0,04	3	1	1	0	0	0	0	1	0	0
HR	1	0,05	1	0,01	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0
HU	11	0,57	60	0,86	5,45	6	6	6	6	7	6	11	6	6

First patent owner's country-of-origin code	Number of patents for which the first annual maintenance fee was paid	Same in per cent of total number of patents	Number of designations of EAPC Member States and Republic of Moldova	Same in per cent of all designations	Average number of designations per patent	Designations of EAPC Member States and Republic of Moldova								
						AM	AZ	BY	KG	KZ	MD	RU	TJ	TM
IE	15	0,78	67	0,96	4,47	6	6	7	6	9	6	15	6	6
IL	15	0,78	79	1,13	5,27	10	10	8	7	10	6	15	7	6
IN	19	0,99	132	1,89	6,95	14	14	15	14	15	13	19	14	14
IT	63	3,28	317	4,53	5,03	27	40	40	25	43	21	62	25	34
JP	118	6,14	333	4,76	2,82	20	33	33	22	54	16	116	15	24
KR	7	0,36	51	0,73	7,29	5	5	7	5	7	5	7	5	5
KY	1	0,05	1	0,01	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0
LT	1	0,05	1	0,01	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0
LU	15	0,78	96	1,37	6,40	9	10	10	9	13	9	15	11	10
LV	1	0,05	1	0,01	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0
MA	1	0,05	9	0,13	9	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1
MY	1	0,05	9	0,13	9	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1
NL	116	6,04	216	3,09	1,86	8	15	22	7	27	6	112	7	12
NO	28	1,46	129	1,84	4,61	11	19	11	10	19	10	28	11	10
NZ	5	0,26	9	0,13	1,80	0	0	0	0	4	0	5	0	0
PL	10	0,52	53	0,76	5,30	5	5	8	4	9	5	9	4	4
PT	1	0,05	9	0,13	9	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1
RO	1	0,05	2	0,03	2	0	0	0	0	1	0	1	0	0
SA	10	0,52	10	0,14	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	10	0	0
SC	1	0,05	2	0,03	2	0	0	0	0	1	0	1	0	0
SE	20	1,04	69	0,99	3,45	5	5	11	4	12	3	20	4	5
SG	2	0,10	3	0,04	1,50	0	0	1	0	0	0	2	0	0
SI	8	0,42	21	0,30	2,63	2	1	3	1	3	1	8	1	1
TR	9	0,47	42	0,60	4,67	4	5	4	4	5	3	9	4	4
TW	3	0,16	27	0,39	9	3	3	3	3	3	3	3	3	3
UA	6	0,31	27	0,39	4,50	2	3	5	2	4	1	6	2	2
US	368	19,16	1754	25,08	4,77	165	184	181	158	232	147	363	157	167
UZ	2	0,10	5	0,07	2,50	0	0	1	0	2	0	2	0	0
VG	4	0,21	6	0,09	1,50	0	1	0	0	1	0	4	0	0
ZA	1	0,05	9	0,13	9	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1
Total	1737	90,42	6356	90,86	3,66	507	617	727	479	895	423	1719	469	520
GRAND TOTAL	1921	100	6995	100	3,64	554	694	846	524	1002	433	1878	505	559

Table 5

Details of Eurasian patents for which subsequent maintenance fees were paid in 2016

First patent owner's country-of-origin code	Number of patents for which the annual maintenance fee was paid	Same in per cent of the total number of patents	Number of designations of the EAPC Member States and Republic of Moldova	Same in per cent of the total number of designations	Average number of designations per patent	Designations of the EAPC Member States and the Republic of Moldova								
						AM	AZ	BY	KG	KZ	MD	RU	TJ	TM
AM	1	0,01	1	0,00	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0
AZ	16	0,18	20	0,06	1,25	0	3	0	0	3	0	14	0	0
BY	165	1,86	499	1,59	3,02	15	22	152	23	74	11	160	23	19
KG	8	0,09	21	0,07	2,63	0	0	4	4	5	0	8	0	0
KZ	62	0,70	171	0,55	2,76	8	8	19	15	50	4	56	4	7
MD	8	0,09	17	0,05	2,13	0	3	3	0	3	0	8	0	0
RU	664	7,49	2343	7,47	3,53	173	219	456	150	429	109	530	137	140
TJ	1	0,01	9	0,03	9	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1
TM	1	0,01	1	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0
Total	926	10,44	3082	9,83	3,33	197	256	635	193	565	125	779	165	167
AE	4	0,05	20	0,06	5,00	1	3	2	1	4	1	3	2	3
AN	2	0,02	10	0,03	5,00	1	1	1	1	1	1	2	1	1
AR	1	0,01	9	0,03	9,00	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1
AT	136	1,53	483	1,54	3,55	30	43	75	32	78	31	131	35	28
AU	105	1,18	438	1,40	4,17	32	43	38	35	79	29	103	37	42
BB	1	0,01	9	0,03	9,00	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1
BE	389	4,39	1479	4,72	3,80	126	134	161	126	167	127	386	124	128
BG	9	0,10	46	0,15	5,11	6	6	6	4	5	4	9	3	3
BM	1	0,01	3	0,01	3,00	1	0	0	0	1	0	1	0	0
BR	15	0,17	43	0,14	2,87	1	7	2	1	8	1	15	1	7
BS	2	0,02	9	0,03	4,50	1	1	1	1	1	1	2	0	1
BZ	1	0,01	8	0,03	8,00	1	1	1	1	1	0	1	1	1
CA	77	0,87	306	0,98	3,97	26	26	36	23	50	24	73	24	24
CH	554	6,25	2110	6,73	3,81	155	163	253	174	299	159	552	174	181
CL	2	0,02	18	0,06	9,00	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2
CN	91	1,03	369	1,18	4,05	28	31	51	33	47	26	88	31	34
CU	12	0,14	38	0,12	3,17	3	3	5	3	3	3	12	3	3
CY	18	0,20	87	0,28	4,83	8	10	13	5	14	7	18	5	7

First patent owner's country-of-origin code	Number of patents for which the annual maintenance fee was paid	Same in per cent of the total number of patents	Number of designations of the EAPC Member States and Republic of Moldova	Same in per cent of the total number of designations	Average number of designations per patent	Designations of the EAPC Member States and the Republic of Moldova								
						AM	AZ	BY	KG	KZ	MD	RU	TJ	TM
CZ	37	0,42	73	0,23	1,97	3	3	11	0	15	2	36	1	2
DE	1022	11,53	2761	8,80	2,70	140	163	495	137	368	164	1003	139	152
DK	210	2,37	718	2,29	3,42	50	67	104	50	85	49	207	50	56
EE	12	0,14	31	0,10	2,58	1	2	7	1	5	1	12	1	1
EG	1	0,01	3	0,01	3,00	0	1	0	0	1	0	1	0	0
ES	52	0,59	175	0,56	3,37	15	15	21	13	16	16	52	13	14
FI	394	4,44	694	2,21	1,76	10	21	62	8	174	9	390	11	9
FR	580	6,54	2030	6,47	3,50	161	191	212	153	235	166	576	156	180
GB	383	4,32	1439	4,59	3,76	109	156	151	107	209	108	373	109	117
GI	1	0,01	2	0,01	2,00	0	0	0	0	1	0	1	0	0
GR	7	0,08	19	0,06	2,71	2	2	2	1	2	1	7	1	1
HK	3	0,03	3	0,01	1,00	0	0	0	0	0	0	3	0	0
HR	5	0,06	14	0,04	2,80	0	2	3	0	3	0	5	0	1
HU	60	0,68	367	1,17	6,12	38	40	43	36	43	35	60	36	36
IE	63	0,71	296	0,94	4,70	27	27	33	26	39	28	62	27	27
IL	52	0,59	201	0,64	3,87	16	20	25	18	23	16	51	16	16
IN	64	0,72	421	1,34	6,58	43	45	47	46	47	43	63	44	43
IS	4	0,05	7	0,02	1,75	0	0	2	0	1	0	4	0	0
IT	308	3,47	1603	5,11	5,20	135	153	208	137	221	161	303	136	149
JP	314	3,54	879	2,80	2,80	50	75	63	55	130	55	313	53	85
KN	1	0,01	1	0	1,00	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0
KR	35	0,39	183	0,58	5,23	18	19	20	20	29	14	34	14	15
KW	1	0,01	9	0,03	9,00	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1
KY	2	0,02	10	0,03	5,00	1	1	1	1	1	1	2	1	1
LI	5	0,06	7	0,02	1,40	0	0	3	0	0	0	4	0	0
LT	1	0,01	3	0,01	3,00	0	0	1	0	1	0	1	0	0
LU	68	0,77	368	1,17	5,41	39	34	41	34	54	35	68	30	33
LV	18	0,20	118	0,38	6,56	12	13	16	11	14	12	18	11	11
MA	3	0,03	3	0,01	1,00	0	0	0	0	0	0	3	0	0
MC	1	0,01	1	0	1,00	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0
MT	2	0,02	5	0,02	2,50	0	1	1	0	1	0	2	0	0

First patent owner's country-of-origin code	Number of patents for which the annual maintenance fee was paid	Same in per cent of the total number of patents	Number of designations of the EAPC Member States and Republic of Moldova	Same in per cent of the total number of designations	Average number of designations per patent	Designations of the EAPC Member States and the Republic of Moldova								
						AM	AZ	BY	KG	KZ	MD	RU	TJ	TM
MU	2	0,02	10	0,03	5,00	1	1	1	1	1	1	2	1	1
MX	5	0,06	38	0,12	7,60	4	4	4	4	5	4	5	4	4
MY	3	0,03	11	0,04	3,67	1	1	1	1	1	1	3	1	1
NL	622	7,01	1325	4,23	2,13	35	153	134	32	212	32	602	29	96
NO	188	2,12	762	2,43	4,05	50	120	56	54	127	49	188	58	60
NZ	16	0,18	58	0,18	3,63	4	6	5	4	9	4	16	4	6
PH	1	0,01	9	0,03	9,00	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1
PL	14	0,16	81	0,26	5,79	7	9	12	7	10	6	14	8	8
PR	1	0,01	9	0,03	9,00	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1
PT	7	0,08	34	0,11	4,86	3	4	4	3	4	3	7	3	3
RO	2	0,02	6	0,02	3,00	1	0	1	0	1	0	2	0	1
RS	5	0,06	9	0,03	1,80	0	1	1	2	0	0	5	0	0
SA	39	0,44	96	0,31	2,46	1	13	1	13	13	1	39	13	2
SC	1	0,01	2	0,01	2,00	0	0	1	0	0	0	1	0	0
SE	160	1,80	485	1,55	3,03	30	34	69	28	76	30	159	30	29
SG	7	0,08	28	0,09	4,00	2	3	4	2	3	2	7	2	3
SI	35	0,39	67	0,21	1,91	3	3	5	2	10	3	35	3	3
SK	4	0,05	21	0,07	5,25	2	2	3	2	3	2	3	2	2
TH	1	0,01	3	0,01	3,00	0	1	0	0	1	0	1	0	0
TR	29	0,33	111	0,35	3,83	10	17	9	8	12	9	28	8	10
TW	10	0,11	74	0,24	7,40	8	8	8	8	8	8	10	8	8
UA	37	0,42	169	0,54	4,57	15	17	32	11	31	12	31	10	10
US	1571	17,72	6749	21,52	4,30	590	721	694	562	850	582	1544	578	628
UZ	2	0,02	2	0,01	1,00	0	0	0	0	0	0	2	0	0
VG	24	0,27	81	0,26	3,38	4	9	6	4	16	4	23	4	11
YU	4	0,05	8	0,03	2,00	1	0	1	0	1	2	3	0	0
ZA	22	0,25	100	0,32	4,55	10	10	9	9	14	8	22	10	8
Total	7941	89,56	28277	90,17	3,56	2079	2667	3285	2058	3891	2100	7811	2073	2313
GRAND TOTAL	8867	100	31359	100	3,54	2276	2923	3920	2251	4456	2225	8590	2238	2480

DEVELOPMENT OF AUTOMATION, NETWORK TECHNOLOGIES AND INFORMATION ACTIVITIES

The Eurasian Patent Office main IT projects in 2016 sought to roll out paperless technologies to improve corporate processes, cut down patent documentation processing times, achieve higher efficiency and broaden the electronic exchange with national IP Offices of EAPC Member States and Eurasian patent attorneys as EAPO partners.

EAPO AUTOMATION AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY HIGH LEVEL STRUCTURE

Listed below are the three core process flows underlying EAPO's automation and information technology high level structure.

- Electronic workflow management for Eurasian application and patent purposes.
- Building Eurasian patent IT space.
- Automation of EAPO backend processes.

Automation systems (AS) and information technologies (IT) rely on up-to-date information infrastructure encompassing integrated servers, network and system-wide solutions. At high level, the Eurasian Patent Office automation relies on the following AS/IT solutions:

- SOPRANO, a procedure automation system augmented by new modules, and SAP Business Object (for statistics purposes), both deployed for transaction accounting in Eurasian application and patent workflow management;
- EAPO-ONLINE, an automated system for electronic filing and electronic exchange, and a web register on the EAPO web portal for Eurasian patents and interactive forms, all three solutions implemented for communication with applicants and patent owners;

EAPO's automation and information systems

- ePHOENIX, an automated system for managing electronic file histories augmented by tools for online notification on incoming documents;
- HIVE, a system to do groundwork for publications, the Eurasian publication server and MIMOSA software, all geared to manage preparation for and release of publications;
- Tools for compiling, maintaining and tapping into the collection of the patent information of the Eurasian Patent Office. These include EAPATIS (Eurasian patent information system), an electronic global patent information warehouse and Search Report Processing (SRP);
- Automated tools for corporate governance, inventory transactions, financial transactions and human capital management;
- IT tools for supporting backend processes within the Eurasian Patent Office, such as an automated system for general workflow management, EAPO's intranet site and electronic library;
- Tool kits for cross-system communication, or data exchange.

ELECTRONIC WORKFLOW MANAGEMENT OF EURASIAN APPLICATIONS AND PATENTS

Eurasian electronic filing and electronic document exchange

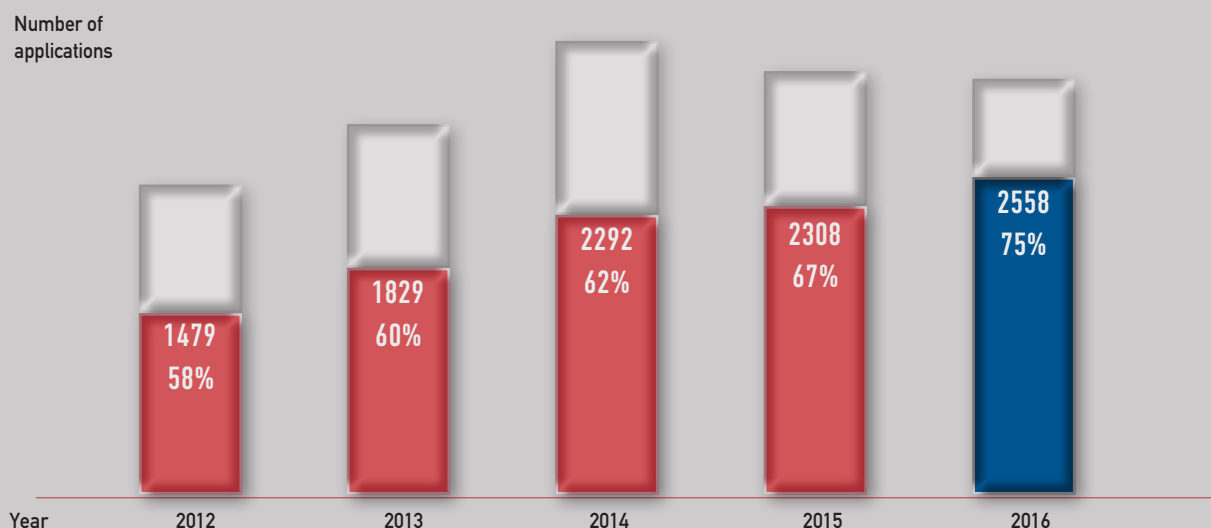
The Eurasian Patent Office has recorded an increasingly growing inflow of electronic documents. In terms of numbers, 2016 saw 2,558 applications filed electronically with EAPO reaching 75 per cent of total filings and the transfer of 9,847 batches of additional data on applications filed earlier.

EAPO-ONLINE, an automated system for electronic filing and electronic exchange, migrated to a public domain software platform in the reporting year. The solution improved system controllability and evolution prospects.

The users have benefited from another significant improvement. Now they have new electronic processing tools for EAPO outgoing documents signed electronically. The tool kit cuts down document delivery times and eliminates the need for having a hardcopy of the same document. Having electronically signed documents from EAPO calls for signing an Agreement on EAPO Correspondence Received in Electronic Form. Four Eurasian patent attorney firms signed such an agreement in 2016 and have benefited from the new arrangements.

Diagram 5

Number of applications filed in electronic form



A web services kit is now in place allowing system users to access documents using their own automated systems.

Electronic workflow management of Eurasian applications and patents

The Eurasian Patent Office benefits from a procedure automation system (PAS) underlying its electronic workflow management of Eurasian applications and patents. The reporting year saw an upgraded version of the system deployed. Now it runs on SOPRANO software provided by the European Patent Office. Worth mentioning here, too, is that the baseline version of the software had been upgraded substantially to tackle the specificities of the Eurasian patent procedure. The new PAS has a web interface and closer integration with the other corporate information systems and resources.

The team continued the transfer of Eurasian patent file histories to electronic form in 2016. The reporting year saw 2,806 file histories of valid Eurasian patents digitised. Overall, EAPO transferred to electronic form 24,903 Eurasian patent file histories. Also, 12,806 units of data added to the audit trail of the patent file histories were transferred to electronic form in the period under review. Overall, data dispatches added to the Eurasian patent file histories and transferred to electronic form totalled

49,386 documents. Uploaded in ePHOENIX, all the electronic folders for Eurasian patents are now available along with other documents, including Eurasian applications. In-house users can have free access to the electronic patent folders in the Eurasian Patent Register database, following a relevant link on EAPO's intranet site. Otherwise, they can tap into the Information for the National IP Offices in EAPO's classified section of the corporate portal.

EAPO's electronic workflow management required, inter alia, total scanning of all the incoming and outgoing documents for Eurasian applications and patents. The exercise called for new tools for prompt notification on the incoming documents regardless of their ePHOENIX upload method. Developed to a very tight schedule, such tools are a set of scripts accessed via a web browser. Once implemented, they have extended substantially ePHOENIX base functionality and given it a potential for integration with other web resources for managing Eurasian applications and patents.

The reporting year saw substantial growth of workflow for Eurasian applications and patents, including initially digitised filings. In fact, electronic workflow became the order of the day as a result of cooperation with such patent attorney firms and IP lawyers as Gorodissky &

Table 6

EAPO-processed documents

Documents	Year				
	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016
Incoming documents	83 012	117 309	125 561	136 190	158 531
including digital forms	-	17 924	42 193	52 386	62 688
as % of total number	-	15,3%	33,6%	38,5%	39,5%
Outgoing documents	34 797	39 861	46 375	49 549	59 898
including digital forms	-	3 142	8 696	10 650	16 841
as % of total number	-	7,9%	18,8%	21,5%	28,1%

Partners and Papula-Nevinpat who were the first to sign Agreements on EAPO Correspondence Received in Electronic Form. These law firms are heavily engaged in direct integration of their automated systems with those of the Eurasian Patent Office.

Electronic publication of Eurasian patent documents and official editions

The Patent Information and Automation Department saw its main objective for 2016 in publishing all forwarded application/patent descriptions and EAPO's official editions on a timely basis seeking also to extend the list of officially published announcements describing the legal status of Eurasian applications and patents.

Specifically, the corporate IT department implemented tools for generating and publishing Notice of Refusal to Grant a Eurasian Patent (Announcement FC9A) and List of Eurasian Patents Expired After Termination of Validity (Announcement Notice MK4A). Once published, such meaningful information about the legal status of Eurasian protection documents will benefit the stakeholders.

Publication of complete descriptions of Eurasian patents saw healthy growth of 75 per cent (3,081), with Eurasian application descriptions showing a 7 per cent increase, with 3,592 publications released. The average size of one patent grew to 61 pages in the 2016.

The year under review saw the publication of the EAPO Annual Report for 2015 (2.5 author's sheets) available

on the web portal of the Eurasian Patent Organization.

BUILDING EURASIAN PATENT INFORMATION SPACE

EAPO web portal maintenance and advancement

In line with the main objectives for its web portal, the Eurasian Patent Organization provides to the Eurasian Patent System users timely updates on the Organization and Office performance, legal status of the Eurasian applications and patents, regulatory framework, fees and rates keeping up to date the national IP Offices of EAPC Member States.

The web portal users benefited in the reported year from:

- timely updates on all Eurasian patent procedure changes
- updated normative and methodological documents, and latest procedural tools for implementing required procedures such as filling in the forms, paying fees, etc.
- IT support provided for national IP Offices, including electronic access to Eurasian patent file histories via Information for the

Table 7

Totals of published Eurasian applications and patents

	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016
Applications (A1+A2)	3466	3875	3635	3367	3592
Search reports (A3)	26	44	32	31	83
Patents (B1)	1541	1581	1600	1757	3081
Title page corrections (A8/B8)	15	22	32	28	45
Complete text corrections (A9/B9)	32	19	29	26	43
% of complete text corrections	0,6	0,3	0,6	0,5	0,6

National IP Offices (a classified section of the official web portal)

- timely published official announcements and corporate news
- regular updates for the Register of Eurasian Patents, Register of Eurasian Patent Attorneys and the Eurasian publications server.

EAPO advanced its outreach in 2016. Relevant activities included, inter alia, a video made about the Organization and the advantages of the Eurasian Patent System. Noteworthy, too, is EAPO's presence on such social media as Facebook, Twitter and YouTube.

EAPATIS maintenance and advancement

As a Eurasian patent information system, EAPATIS was developed for building and maintaining the patent collection of the Eurasian Patent Office. Since 2003, national IP Office examiners, as part of the user community, have benefited from access to the system too.

EAPATIS search data arrays are continuously augmented with up-to-date information and soaring collections of patent documentation. More than half Russian, 140 organizations have benefited since 2012 from access to EAPATIS libraries formalized under a relevant decision by the Administrative Council and agreements with national IP Offices authorizing such access for leading universities, research and training organizations.

For users to draw better performance from search, the system was augmented by software capability for having patent search reports generated in compliance with GOST P15.011-96 and data upload for further statistical analysis on specialised system platforms.

As part of EAPATIS performance, the corporate examiners benefit from Search Report Processing (SRP) by having from EAPO documents cited in international search reports. This is a stand-alone area for EAPATIS application within the Eurasian Patent Office. The team draws upon EAPATIS or other free access information retrieval systems, such as PatentScope, Espacenet, etc., for selecting patent documents. For non-patent literature, they tap into the Internet or pay databases, mostly Russian.

Worth mentioning in this context is that the professionals tap into public information sources for increasingly more non-patent literature they need. This approach cuts down corporate costs on having to use commercial databases and improves the overall level of examiners' satisfaction with the information provided.

Information technology cooperation

Seeking to support the national IP Offices of EAPC Member States, in the first place, the

Table 8

National IP Offices' frequency of accessing EAPATIS

State	Year				
	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016
Armenia	546	687	500	348	945
Azerbaijan	5621	6990	14090	20295	29447
Belarus	66478	63523	50813	60690	69809
Kyrgyzstan	6746	7448	5242	5661	4001
Kazakhstan	61505	53013	71929	78522	102083
Moldova	23287	20542	19602	11288	7067
Russia	47114	41465	32961	46851	41802
Tajikistan	4006	3923	5168	3625	4200
Turkmenistan	2589	480	7389	2562	340
TOTAL	217892	198071	207694	229842	259694

Eurasian Patent Organization is heavily involved in information technology cooperation.

Most notable benefits for many IP Offices included Dedicated Internet Access (DIA) maintained for and Internet access services accorded to the IP Offices of EAPC Member States, both implemented as a project in the reporting year.

Notably, the Dedicated Internet Access was provided to the national IP Offices of EAPC Member States in 2016 on equitable terms for all the parties to the project to draw equally beneficial performance from the exercise. Therefore, as the dominant DIA principle, each IP Office had equal technical opportunities, with due allowance for disparity in the levels of maturity of their national network infrastructure and specificities of the EAPC Member States' administrative and legal frameworks and arrangements.

The release of CISPATENT discs storing patent information was amongst other longstanding collaborative efforts in the reporting year. Under the project arrangements, the Federal Institute of Industrial Property (FIPS) is the recipient of Eurasian patent descriptions for the end product. The national IP Offices of the EAPC Member States are financed to partake in the project. The Eurasian Patent Office maintains the CISPATENT database as part of EAPATIS whose data is integral to the information on the optical discs released.

As a corporate participant of international patent documentation exchange, EAPO contributes complete descriptions of Eurasian applications and patents, and makes its Gazette available to 52 countries and international patent organizations.

However, the general trend favours data available on the Internet on a free or restricted basis, rather than data on physical storage media. With this in mind, EAPO gave up the idea of disseminating complete descriptions of Eurasian patent documents and official publications on optical discs in 2016. Instead, the Eurasian Patent Office has switched over to the Internet-posted electronic images of its discs and initiated the release of RAW DATA, a new corporate information product allowing the stakeholders to download complete descriptions of Eurasian applications and patents in XML, TIFF and PDF formats for subsequent upload in to their own information systems.

AUTOMATION OF EAPO BACKEND PROCESSES

EAPO intranet site

As an integral component of the corporate information support infrastructure, the Eurasian Patent Office intranet site:

- keeps the EAPO staff updated on all the current corporate news and development performance based on relevant statistics

Table 9

EAPATIS performance numbers

	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016
Number of documents stored in EAPATIS (mln)	49	52,5	54	60	65
Number of universities, libraries and research centres linked to the system	27	36	89	132	142
Number of completed system access sessions (thou)	863	932	1 077	1 063	1 403

Table 10

Cited documents selection performance

Year	Applications	Total references	Patents and applications	Non-patent literature	Retrieved	Per cent of total number
2012	2550	9072	7507	1565	8712	96
2013	2533	8685	7238	1447	8440	97,2
2014	2323	8119	6714	1405	7915	97,5
2015	2304	8032	6577	1455	7899	98,3
2016	2346	8077	6612	1465	7951	98,4

- allows the EAPO staff to tap into different corporate information resources, such as the electronic library, internal register of Eurasian patents, regulatory documents archive, regulatory and methodology guidance documents and reference information
- gives the staff access to customised personal information, such as total hours worked, payroll, Pension Fund information, etc.
- is an IT environment for feedback and information exchange between departments, including requests for IT system improvements, document dispatch, data exchange, tracking progress of work, etc.

Following relevant requests, the intranet site saw improvements in 2016 including site platform upgrade, site migration and domain user end-to-end authorization. The site users benefited from regular updates of regulatory and methodology guidance documents, Eurasian Patent System publications, non-patent literature sites, 148 announcements published and 2,600 subject matters tackled on a feedback basis.

Licensed product support to advance EAPO business and accounting performance. Expanding product application space

As a result of relevant IT implementations, the Eurasian Patent Office runs an array of business, personnel and general workflow management systems based, inter alia, on CompanyMedia and Parus software ('Parus-Predpriyatiye 8') platforms and ConsultantPlus (regulatory search and retrieval system).

EAPO runs its workflow system managing electronically all documents other than related to Eurasian applications and patents. The system allows registration, sorting and dispatch of documents to officers in charge, entry of resolutions and assignments as well as tracking progress of work.

All the systems functioned normally in 2016. Relevant contractors and EAPO IT personnel provided maintenance services as needed. In order to draw better performance from the general workflow management systems, EAPO developed plans to implement additional functionality and upgrade software for corporate governance, business accounting and human capital management.

Information security management

In 2016, EAPO continued to advance its information security management practices in all core areas of corporate operation to raise the level of vital data security in compliance with relevant protection priority requirements. The team has all the internal controls in place to tackle on a timely basis any information security breaches and run an emergency remediation plan.

For further advancement of its information security management and technical protection of its single corporate information infrastructure the Eurasian Patent Office relies on the Eurasian Patent Organization Development Programme (2017/2021) and the revised version of the Information Security Advancement Strategy.

INTERNATIONAL COOPERATION

International cooperation in 2016 followed the strategic guidelines set for it by new EAPO President S. Tlevlessova. EAPO established and broadened contacts at government and professional community level within the Russian Federation as the host country for the Eurasian Patent Organization's headquarters. EAPO reached out to, and engaged with, patent attorney associations, Skolkovo Innovation Centre and Russian Federal regions to raise the awareness about the corporate operations and the advantages of the regional patent system. Also, EAPO consolidated contacts with government agencies of countries party to the Eurasian Patent Convention and international intellectual property organizations. As a new and significant area of operations, the Eurasian Patent Office initiated contacts with national IP Offices in Asia for stronger collaborative action and seeking to win new potential users for the Eurasian Patent System. In terms of global cooperation numbers alone, EAPO President S. Tlevlessova took part in 40 events, meetings, negotiations and international forums throughout the reported year. Overall, EAPO representatives participated in 52 international events.

COOPERATION WITH EURASIAN REGIONAL GOVERNMENTS AND ORGANIZATIONS

Contacts to be established with government agencies, scientific and professional organizations of the Russian Federation as the host country for the EAPO headquarters proved among the foremost tasks to resolve for the EAPO President newly elected 12 February 2016.

In pursuance of this goal, EAPO President S. Tlevlessova met with G.M. Gotilov, Deputy Minister for Foreign Affairs of the Russian Federation; took part in, and made a presentation at, the St Petersburg Legal Forum (May 2016) and the 'Young People's View of Regional Intellectual Property Programmes and Projects' All-Russian Young People's Research-to-Practice Conference (City of Ufa, April 2016). Also, the EAPO President conducted a working meeting and negotiations with an official from the

Ministry of Education and Science of the Russian Federation exploring potential avenues of cooperation. Besides, EAPO Vice-President L.I. Voronetsky participated in a plenary session of the 'Intellectual Property as Russia's Innovative Potential' Forum organised by the Russian Federation Chamber of Commerce and Industry.

Contacts and cooperation with the Skolkovo Innovation Centre were a special focus. The reported year saw a series of meetings and working negotiations between the EAPO President and the innovation centre management exploring potential areas of cooperation and specific roadmaps. EAPO President S. Tlevlessova and EAPO representatives participated in the first series of Skolkovo Patent School sessions in the City of Vladivostok (April 2016), Startup Village (June 2016) and the third series of Skolkovo Patent School sessions (October 2016) in suburban Moscow where the Eurasian Patent Office professionals made presentations on specificities of the Eurasian patent procedure and the range of corporate products and services to benefit the users.

Cooperation between the Eurasian Patent Office and Rospatent saw further consolidation and advancement in 2016. Following Rospatent invitation, EAPO management and staff members participated in Rospatent events throughout the reported year. The management of the two IP Offices held working meetings to further advance their coordinated collaborative action. In February 2016, EAPO President S. Tlevlessova and staff took part in a roundtable discussion on the patent protection of medicines and, in October 2016, attended 'Development of the Intellectual Property System in Russia', Rospatent's 20th research-to-practice conference supported by WIPO. The two Offices consolidated their IT cooperation. Formed at the initiative of EAPO and Rospatent management, an IT cooperation working group focussed on the three main areas of collaborative project work at its monthly meetings as listed below:

- Transfer of application documents and receipt of the Eurasian application search report in electronic form.
- Electronic filing of Eurasian applications via Rospatent.
- EAPO/FIPS cooperation to advance search and retrieval systems.

The discussions revolved around specific steps to take in each project implementation in the immediate future.

At year-end, the two parties felt an EAPO/Rospatent Cooperation Programme for 2017/2018 would be a proper instrument to rely on in taking action further in each of the above project implementations.

In 2016, EAPO President S. Tlevlessova joined the Board of Trustees, Russian State Academy of Intellectual Property (RGAIS).

As part of the 8th International Forum 'Intellectual Property in the 21st Century' (27 April 2016), S. Tlevlessova awarded a prize to one of the secondary school student winners in the International Olympiad on Intellectual Property organized by RGAIS and granted a Blinnikov Prize, awarded in memory of EAPO's first President, to the best RGAIS post graduate.

EAPO Vice-President L.I. Voronetsky took part in the student initiation ceremony at RGAIS on 31 August

2016. The EAPO President made an address to the RGAIS students and lecturers at the Academy graduation ceremony on 30 June.

EAPO President S. Tlevlessova hosted the finalists of the 8th International Olympiad on Intellectual Property for senior high school students representing the Russian Federation, Republic of Belarus and the Ukraine, at the headquarters of the Eurasian Patent Organization, Moscow, 7 September 2016. Organized at the initiative of the Russian State Academy of Intellectual Property, the meeting was an outreach event for the students to know more about the operations of the Eurasian Patent Office, history of establishment of the Eurasian Patent Organization, goals, objectives and functions of a regional patent office within the global intellectual property system.

The Olympiad finalists displayed a keen interest in EAPO operations and put questions. After the meeting, EAPO staff members took the students for a brief tour of the Eurasian Patent Office.

As part of the World Intellectual Property Day celebrations across the EAPC Member States, April 2016, EAPO President S. Tlevlessova participated in the ceremony of awarding the winners of 'Shapagat', a republican inventions contest in the Republic Kazakhstan, where the President awarded a V.I. Blinnikov Gold Medal 'For Promot-



EAPO, Rospatent and FIPS professionals discussing further IT cooperation

ing Invention and Patent Practice' to the L.N. Gumilyov Eurasian National University. The EAPO President met with the Republic of Kazakhstan Patent Attorney Association in Almaty, May 2016. At the invitation of the Republic of Kazakhstan parliament, Medzhlis, S. Tlevlessova made a presentation at the Asian Inter-Parliamentary Forum on Science, Technology and Innovation in September 2016.

As part of the information technology collaborative programme between the Eurasian Patent Office and the National Institute of Intellectual Property, a state enterprise of the Committee for Intellectual Property Rights of the Ministry of Justice of the Republic of Kazakhstan, a EAPO delegation visited Astana in June 2016 to agree on tools and procedure for electronic exchange of documents for Eurasian applications filed through the national patent authority of the Republic of Kazakhstan. Another item on the delegation's itinerary was to share the EAPO experience and provide technical and methodology guidance for their colleagues in developing and implementing electronic publication solutions.

At the invitation of Turkmenistan's Deputy Prime Minister and Foreign Minister Rashid Meredov, EAPO President Saule Tlevlessova participated in the Global Conference on Sustainable Transport held under the auspices of the United Nations

and attended by UN Secretary General Ban Ki-moon, 26-27 November 2016. Turkmenistan's President Gurbanguly Berdymukhamedov took part in the opening ceremony and high-profile plenary session. The Conference drew participation from heads of state, cabinet ministers, relevant ministry leaders, prominent international organization executives, prime ministers, heads of parliament and official delegations from dozens of countries totalling more than 900 participants in Turkmenistan's significant international event.

In the sidelines of the conference, EAPO President Saule Tlevlessova met with Turkmenistan's Deputy Foreign Minister Vepa Hajiyeve; SCO Secretary General Rashid K. Alimov, Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary to the Shanghai Cooperation Organization (SCO), and Dr. Fang Liu, Secretary General of the International Civil Aviation Organization (ICAO).

The reported year saw further advancement of cooperation between the Eurasian Patent Office and the Eurasian Economic Commission.

A delegation of the Eurasian Economic Commission (EEC) visited the Eurasian Patent Office on 22 March 2016 at the invitation of EAPO President Saule Tlevlessova. The delegation encompassed Timur M. Suleimenov, Member of the Board, Minister for Economy and Financial Policy, EEC, and Samat B. Aliev, Deputy Director, Business Develop-



EAPO hosting the finalists of the 8th International Olympiad on Intellectual Property for senior high school students



At the Global Conference on Sustainable Transport.



Eurasian Economic Commission delegates visiting EAPO



EAPO/AGEPI Protocol signature ceremony

ment Department. EAPO President S. Tlevlessova returned the visit to the EEC in April.

Invited by the EEC, an EAPO representative participated in a roundtable discussion of a strategy for IP protection, enforcement and application in the Eurasian Economic Union (EEU), 4 April 2016, organized by the EEC in team with Business Russia Public Organization.

The two organizations' collaborative effort led to the signature of a Memorandum of Cooperation between the Eurasian Patent Organization and the Eurasian Economic Commission, December 2016, following its preliminary approval by the EEC Board and the EAPO's Administrative Council.

EAPO Vice-President L.I. Voronetsky participated in the fifth session of the Interstate Council for Legal Protection and Enforcement of Intellectual Property (MGSIS), 16 December 2016, by virtue of EAPO being an observer to the Interstate Council.

The session discussed the current status of intellectual property protection, enforcement and anti-infringement in the CIS Member States party to the MGSIS, performance of the Roadmap for CIS Economic Strategy Implementation up to 2020 and looked into advancing the contractual framework governing the CIS Member States' cooperation in this area.

Mindful of the Eurasian Patent Organization's interests, EAPO President S. Tlevlessova had two meetings in the reported year with representatives of the State Agency on Intellectual Property of the Republic of Moldova (AGEPI). Following a preparatory visit of AGEPI representatives to EAPO's Moscow headquarters, a EAPO delegation headed by President S. Tlevlessova paid a visit to Chisinau and had negotiations with counterparts led by AGEPI Director General Octavian Apostol, 26 July 2016.

The meeting took stock of bilateral cooperation, the Parties' performance in IP activity and events and explored options for revising the split of fees for maintaining Eurasian patents in force.

Following the deliberations, the parties signed a relevant protocol and expressed their commitment to furthering and consolidating bilateral IP cooperation.

EAPO PARTICIPATION IN REGIONAL EVENTS

WIPO, EAPO and the State Committee for Standardization, Metrology and Patents of the Republic of Azerbaijan organized in the republican capital city of Baku a regional seminar themed 'Main Trends in Patent Law', 25-26 October 2016. EAPO financed the attendance of national IP Offices of EAPC Member States. Otherwise, the event drew participation from the Ukraine, Uzbekistan, Georgia and the State Committee for Standardization,



Project Coordination Council discussing the commercial-scale release of the CIS countries' regional patent information product on CD-ROM

Metrology and Patents of the Republic of Azerbaijan. Eurasian Patent Office participants made three presentations covering the protection of inventions in medicine, extension of validity of the Eurasian patent for medicines and spoke about EAPO experience in Patent Law Treaty implementation. As part of the seminar, EAPO President S. Tlevlessova met with Chairman Ramiz Aivaz Ogly Hasanov, State Committee for Standardization, Metrology and Patents of the Republic of Azerbaijan.

The Eurasian Patent Organization's headquarters hosted on 29-30 March 2016 a regular session of the Project Coordination Council for the commercial-scale release of the CIS countries' regional patent information product on CD-ROM (hereinafter, the Coordination Council). The Eurasian Patent Office is a party to the Project. Furthermore, EAPO has been providing annual financial support since 2009 for the release of CISPATENT discs produced by the Federal Institute of Industrial Property (FIPS) as part of the commercial-scale release of CD-ROM optical discs to benefit the national IP Offices of EAPO Member States party to the Project.

The session drew participation from the Republic of Kazakhstan, Kyrgyz Republic, Russian Federation, Republic of Tajikistan and the Eurasian Patent Office. EAPO Vice-President Kh.F. Fayazov made an opening address. Presiding over the session was B.L. Genin,

Head, Division for Automated Publishing of the Federal Institute of Industrial Property (FIPS).

The Coordination Council session endorsed a performance report for 2015 on the commercial-scale release of the CIS countries' regional patent information product on CD-ROM and approved a CISPATENT disc release plan for 2016.

Eurasian Patent Office professionals presented to the session a few EAPO software advancement products, such as EAPO-ONLINE for electronic filing, Eurasian publication server and EAPATIS for Eurasian patent information search and retrieval.

PROFESSIONAL TRAINING AND CAREER DEVELOPMENT FOR NATIONAL PATENT OFFICE STAFF

and intellectual property specialists of EAPC Member States

Assistance in professional staff training and career development invariably remains a major thrust in EAPO cooperation with the national IP Offices of the EAPC Member States.

In 2016, national IP Offices delegated 14 biotechnology examiners to attend training courses in spring and 13 examiners in mechanics and electric engineering to have training in autumn. In addition to EAPO specialists, two instructors



Attendants of EAPO spring training sessions

for those training events were recruited from EPO and one from WIPO who led eighteen training sessions on theory and practice.

See Table 11 for numbers of IP Office staff trained at the Eurasian Patent Office in 2016.

Table 11

Country	Trained in 2016
Azerbaijan Republic	2
Republic of Armenia	3
Republic of Belarus	3
Republic of Kazakhstan	4
Kyrgyz Republic	3
Russian Federation	6
Republic of Tajikistan	4
Turkmenistan	2
TOTAL	27

The Eurasian Patent Office financed and managed professional development courses for IT specialists from the national IP Offices of EAPC Member States in 2016. Six specialists were trained and certified in November/December under a customised programme at «Softline» Centre for Continuing Professional Education, Moscow.

The Eurasian Patent Office continued to finance a portfolio of training for EAPC Member State specialists at the Russian State Academy of Intellectual

Property (RGAIS) in 2016. Specifically, thirteen IP Office specialists took refresher courses in intellectual property and patenting in the reporting period; one IP Office specialist enrolled for post-graduate studies at RGAIS.

COOPERATION WITH INTERNATIONAL ORGANIZATIONS

As in the previous years, the Eurasian Patent Office continued its intellectual property protection cooperation with international and regional organizations in the reporting year.

In 2016, EAPO delegations joined sessions of the Standing Committee on the Law of Patents, Committee on WIPO Standards, Patent Cooperation Treaty (PCT) Working Group of the World Intellectual Property Organization (WIPO) and sessions of the WIPO governing bodies.

As arranged between EAPO and WIPO, one WIPO instructor enrolled in October 2016 in the autumn round of training sessions organized by EAPO for examiners from national IP Offices of EAPC Member States.

In turn, EAPO professionals made presentations, at WIPO invitation, in Geneva at a Working Seminar for the Committee on WIPO Standards and at WIPO-brokered regional seminars on PCT and PLT in Dushanbe, Republic of Tajikistan, and Minsk, Republic of Belarus, accordingly.



Attendants of EAPO autumn training sessions



Training delivered
by P. Waring



B. Pouliquen demonstrating
machine translation technology
to EAPO team



EPO delegates
visiting EAPO

At WIPO invitation, EAPO President S. Tlevlessova took part in the International Conference on Building Respect for Intellectual Property – Stimulating Innovation and Creativity, Shanghai, China, November 2016. One EAPO officer joined the International Seminar on the Role of Pro Bono in Facilitating Access to the Patent System, Geneva, October 2016.

The reported year saw healthy progress in EAPO/ WIPO bilateral cooperation.

The Eurasian Patent Office hosted WIPO's Senior Software Engineer Bruno Pouliquen, Global Infrastructure Sector, Global Databases Division, on his working visit to EAPO between 29 February and 04 March 2016 under the Terms and Conditions of the Cooperation between WIPO and Eurasian Patent Office of EAPO in the Area of Machine Translation for the Purposes of the Implementation of p.2 "Development Of Language Tools" of Memorandum of Understanding between the Eurasian Patent Office and the World Intellectual Property Organization in the Area of Patent Information and Dissemination of Patent Documents.

In the course of his visit, Mr B. Pouliquen transferred WIPO-developed server software for the TAPTA machine translation tool with relevant documentation. Deployed on the EAPO server, TAPTA had been custom-configured to translate Russian/English patent information on the basis of EAPO-provided collections of parallel texts. EAPO staff benefited from presentations and consultations on machine translation of patent information. EAPO's IT team had training sessions on TAPTA administration procedure. The parties signed a relevant report on project delivery describing the implementation as an exceptionally positive IT deployment. Upon completion of a trial run of the system, the Eurasian Patent Office will consider the potential of integrating TAPTA translation capability with EAPATIS and EAPO's other IT platforms.

EAPO President S. Tlevlessova explored prospects for advancing collaborative action and cooperation with WIPO in the course of sessions of WIPO governing bodies in October 2016. The President of the Eurasian Patent Office met with:

- Heads of Divisions of the Global Infrastructure Sector to discuss prospects for a collaborative seminar for Eurasian Patent Convention Member States to explore patent landscapes;

- staff members of the Department for Transition and Developed Countries directed by Michal Svantner. The parties reiterated commitment to furthering cooperation and agreed to join forces for a patent landscape seminar. The Department gave an overview of current collaborative action with the Russian-based regional office in relation to examiners' outreach to universities in regions (i.e. Vologda, Yekaterinburg, Kaliningrad, etc.) promoting the IP Policy. The Department proposed joining forces on the project;
- Digital Communications representatives. The President of the Eurasian Patent Office was given an overview of WIPO's best practice in posting information on social media.

The aforementioned meetings and contacts are expected to give added momentum to EAPO/ WIPO cooperation.

EAPO President S. Tlevlessova had a meeting with Mr Alexander Bavykin, WIPO Russia Office Director, at the EAPO's Moscow-based headquarters to explore areas of cooperation.

The reported year saw a new impetus given to the EAPO's collaborative action with the European Patent Office (EPO).

2016 saw mutual participation in events run by the EAPO and the EPO.

At EPO invitation, an EAPO representative made a presentation at the EPO's forum 'East Meets West', Vienna, Austria, April 2016.

EAPO delegates participated in a meeting for EPOQUE NET users, The Hague, Netherlands.

In line with the arrangement in place, EAPO recruited EPO instructors for two rounds of training for examiners of the national IP Offices of EAPC Members States where the audiences learnt more about the specificities of EPO examination practice.

The headquarters of the Eurasian Patent Organization were the venue for a working meeting and negotiations on 27-28 June 2016 between a Eurasian Patent Office team and a Eurasian Patent Office delegation encompassing I. Jakimovska, International Cooperation Administrator, and N. Hardalias, IT-Project Coordinator.

The two parties met to discuss programmes and plans for EAPO/EPO cooperation.

EAPO President S. Tlevlessova met with the EPO team in the course of the visit. Both parties reiterated their commitment to advancing partnership and collaborative action of the two regional organizations. The parties mapped out new areas for collaborative projects to include EAPO transition to the Cooperative Patent Classification (CPC), an EAPO/EPO bilateral agreement on Patent Prosecution Highway (PPH), a united action for organizing and holding regional events, etc.

Headed by EAPO President S. Tlevlessova, a Eurasian Patent Office delegation met with their European Patent Office counterparts led by EPO President Benoît Battistelli in the course of the Assemblies of the Member States of WIPO: Fifty-Sixth Series of Meetings (A/56). The parties signed:

- a Memorandum of Understanding between the Eurasian Patent Office (EAPO) and the European Patent Office (EPO) on Cooperative Patent Classification (CPC)
- a Programme of Cooperation between the European Patent Office (EPO) and the Eurasian Patent Office (EAPO) for 2016/2018.

Also, the parties extended for another year the agreement granting the Eurasian Patent Organization access to the EPO's EPOQUE Net.

Outreach to BRICS countries' IP Offices emerged as a new area of EAPO operations in the reported year.

EAPO President S. Tlevlessova moderated a roundtable on the exchange of experience and best practice in foreign patenting at the EAPO's Moscow-based headquarters, 22 June 2016. The roundtable was part of a visit of BRICS IP Office CEOs to Moscow, 21-22 June 2016.

The roundtable line-up included delegations from India, People's Republic of China, Russian Federation, Republic of South Africa, and the Eurasian Patent Office (EAPO).

In her opening address, EAPO President S. Tlevlessova stressed the importance of cooperation and meetings of IP Office CEOs of countries whose population accounts for 42 per cent of the global total and a combined GDP of 27 per cent of the gross world product. Saule Tlevlessova underscored that as an organization of eight member states of which five have Eurasian Economic Union membership, the Eurasian Patent Organization is committed to advancing and consolidating intellectual property cooperation with BRICS member states' IP Offices as a tool for promoting economic ties between our regions.



Roundtable on the exchange of experience and best practice in foreign patenting

The audience showed keen interest in the presentations on the Eurasian Patent System framework and Eurasian Patent Office electronic services and information technology products. The roundtable participants had response from EAPO representatives who addressed numerous queries either in their presentations or in the course of a tour of the Office during a break.

In line with the agenda, the roundtable audience had overviews of Rospatent's participation in the Patent Prosecution Highway (PPH), Skolkovo Innovation Centre's support for foreign patenting, an array of programmes protecting intellectual property of Russian manufacturers and exporters abroad implemented currently by the Russian Export Centre and AO Rosnano.

Drawing the roundtable discussion to a close, EAPO President S. Tlevlessova expressed hope for EAPO's closer contacts and ameliorated cooperation with BRICS IP Offices. G.P. Ivlev, Director General of Rospatent, noted with satisfaction that BRICS would benefit from EAPO as a new partner.

EAPO Vice-President L.I. Voronetsky made a presentation at the 16th Open International Forum of the International Federation of Intellectual Property Attorneys (FICPI), St Petersburg, October 2016.

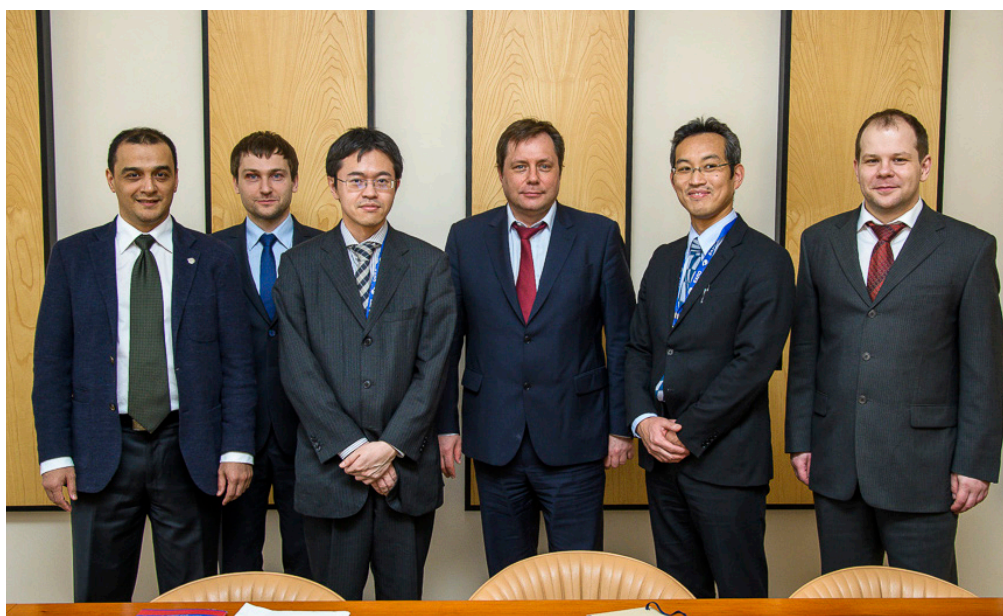
ADVANCING COOPERATION WITH FOREIGN PATENT OFFICES

Stronger and broader relations with Asian economies for raising awareness of the Eurasian Patent Office, Eurasian patent system and for winning new users for the system were the main objectives of the corporate outreach to the governments and professional associations of the region in 2016.

As part of the professional exchange programme between the EAPO and the Japan Patent Office (JPO), a delegation of Japanese examiners visited the Eurasian Patent Office, 28-29 April 2016. The two parties' professionals had teamwork and industry discussions.

Led by EAPO President Saule Tlevlessova, a delegation of the Eurasian Patent Office visited the Republic of Korea, 7-12 August 2016. They had a busy itinerary. At the invitation of the World Women Inventors & Entrepreneurs Association (WWIEA), Saule Tlevlessova made an opening address at the Korea International Youth Olympiad (KIYO) 4i 2016 and, upon completion of the Games, awarded EAPO diplomas and special prizes for ingenuity and creative works to school students competing in team and individual events, 8-10 August 2016.

The EAPO delegation had a meeting with their counterparts at the Korean Intellectual Property



Japan Patent Office examiners visiting EAPO



The Korea International Youth Olympiad (KIYO) 4i



EAPO delegation's meeting
with the Korea Patent Attorneys
Association executives

Interview in
The Financial News

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8개 회원국서 모두 통해
경제적·시간적으로 효율

“한국의 대표적 기업인 삼성의 경우 작년에만 특허출원이 1000개가 넘었는데, 지난해 EAPO(유라시아지역특허) 국제기구에서 한국관련 특허출원 16개 권이 인정됐다. EAPO 회원국의 영토규모나 경제규모를 감안할 때 효율 가치가 크다는 점을 알 수 있겠다.”

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33호관 회계보좌소장 유계사(右)가



Mr. Hyeong Tak
visiting EAPO

Office (KIPO), Deajeon, 10 August 2016. The Korean team encompassed Mr Park Seong-jung, Director General, Intellectual Property Protection and International Cooperation Bureau, and directors of departments making up the Bureau. The delegations exchanged overviews of each IP Office's main areas of operation and voiced their vision of broadening cooperation between the IP Offices and ways to encourage South Korean applicants to seek patent grants from EAPO. EAPO President S. Tlevlessova invited KIPO to pay an official visit to EAPO.

The EAPO delegation met with the executives of the Korea Patent Attorneys Association (KPAA), 11 August 2016, led by Mr Kyu Whan Oh, KPAA President. The EAPO delegation presented the Eurasian Patent System and made an overview of EAPO's corporate electronic products and services. In turn, the KPAA counterparts spoke about corporate operation streamline and specificities of South Korean patent attorney practice and quoted patenting statistics for South Korea. The parties agreed on a training course on Eurasian patent procedure specificities for South Korean patent attorneys to be conducted by EAPO professionals.

In the course of the visit, EAPO President S. Tlevlessova gave an interview to The Financial News on current issues of EAPO operations.

On 17 November 2016, the Eurasian Patent Office hosted Mr Hyeong Tak, Deputy Head, KIPO Examination Quality Assurance, Korean Intellectual Property Office (KIPO), accompanied by Gorodissky & Partners Law Firm staff members.

EAPO Vice-President Kh.F. Fayazov, leaders and staff members of EAPO's Patent Information and Automation Department, Examination Department and International Relations Department participated in the meeting.

The EAPO hosts briefed the guests on corporate operations, Eurasian Patent System profile, corporate search and retrieval systems and responded to the guests' queries.

Led by EAPO President S. Tlevlessova, a Eurasian Patent Office team attended a Pearl Cohen law firm seminar focused on law and legality of deals in the Russian Federation and the CIS countries, Tel Aviv, Israel, November 2016. The team made presentations on Eurasian Patent System specificities.

Headed by EAPO President S. Tlevlessova, a Eurasian Patent Office delegation visited the State Intellectual Property Office of China (SIPO), 21-22 November 2016.

The itinerary included a SIPO-based seminar on 21 November 2016 dealing with the Eurasian Patent System. The Eurasian Patent Office presenters familiarised the attending SIPO staff, Chinese pat-



S. Tlevlessova presenting in Tel Aviv, Israel

ent attorneys and the country's business community representatives with Eurasian Patent System advantages, application examination practice at EAPO, spoke about corporate information products and services and responded to numerous queries on Eurasian patent protection of inventions. In turn, SIPO specialists briefed the EAPO delegates on SIPO practice of processing applications for inventions and utility models, with a focus on the organisation structure and statistics. Also, the SIPO presenters spoke about corporate information technology streamline.

The EAPO President met with Mr Shen Changyu, Commissioner, State Intellectual Property Office of China (SIPO), 22 November 2016. The parties reiterated their commitment to ameliorating cooperation between the two offices and agreed on steps to advance the collaborative effort in the next biennium as highlighted below:

- Sign a PPH agreement between EAPO and SIPO;
- Conduct outreach seminars on the Eurasian Patent System in key regional centres across the People's Republic of China;
- Engage EAPO examiners in training and career development of SIPO patent examiners;
- Exchange patent information and participate in collaborative information projects.

The parties agreed to execute relevant documents in mid-2017 formalising the accords.

Towards the end of the second day, the EAPO team visited Kangxin Partners, P.C., one of the largest patent attorney firms in China.

By way of implementing the accords and following a SIPO invitation, EAPO professionals made a presentation at a SIPO seminar on IP strategy and policy, Beijing, China, December 2016. In the course of the seminar, the Eurasian Patent Office and the State Intellectual Property Office of China discussed furthering the bilateral cooperation.

Based on earlier arrangements, EAPO examiners visited the Patent Office of India, New Delhi, for exchanging biotechnology examination experience in late October 2016.



EAPO delegates visiting SIPO

FINANCIAL PERFORMANCE

The Eurasian Patent Organization managed its finance in the reported year as budgeted and approved by the EAPO Administrative Council for the 2016 corporate expenditure.

The targeted revenue grew by 1.3 per cent regardless of a decline in total Eurasian applications filed for consideration in the year under review, lower exchange rates in 2016 and the ensuing EAPO income drop-down from the 2015 level. The year-end showing was due to quantitative growth in performance figures for Eurasian filing examination stages, Eurasian patent grants and publications.

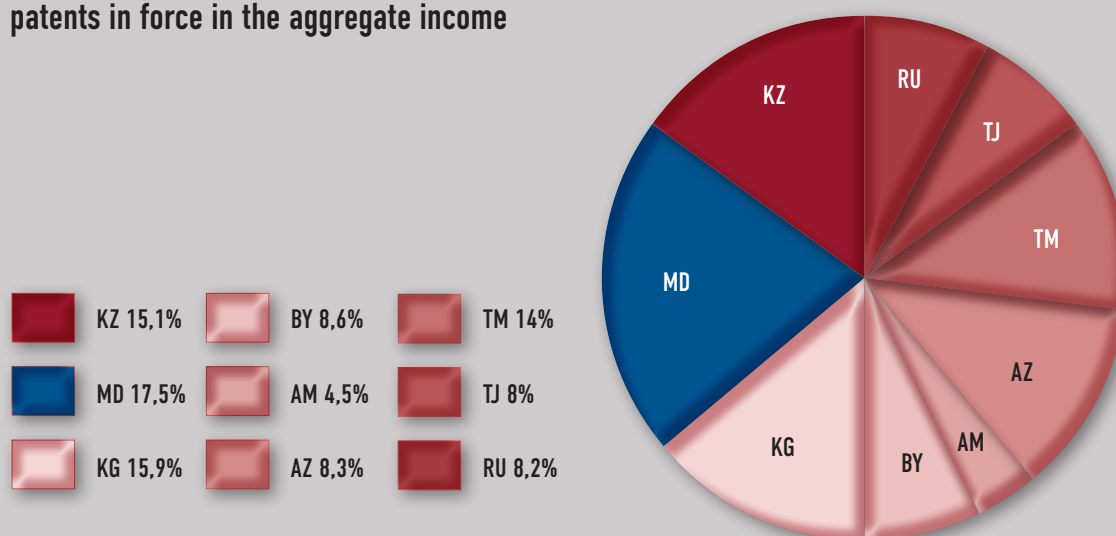
Table 12 shows EAPO revenue structure by type of income over five years.

Table 12

Revenue by type of income (in millions of roubles)	Year				
	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016
Formal examination fees	145	160	168	181	175
Substantive examination fees	129	149	152	162	148
Fees for Eurasian patent grants and publications	27	33	36	41	51
EAPO share of fees for maintaining Eurasian patents in force (20 per cent)	65	73	81	123	128
Income from other fees	34	50	67	79	102
Other income	13	12	60	39	4
Total Revenue	413	477	564	625	608

Diagram 6

Fees for the maintenance of the Eurasian patents in force in the aggregate income



The quantitative growth drivers of the Organization’s positive income behaviour in the reported year include, for example, total fees (up 33 per cent from 2015) paid for Eurasian patent grants and publications, total fees (up 18 per cent) collected for alterations to the Eurasian applications and aggregate fees (up 11 per cent) charged for extending the timeline for submitting supplementary materials.

The year 2016 demonstrated sustained growth of income from fees for maintaining the Eurasian patents in force in the territory of the Eurasian Patent Convention Member States and the Republic of Moldova where the patent renewal fees as a pivotal driver grew 6.1 per cent from the total recognized in 2015.

Table 13 shows growth details of scaling fees for maintaining the Eurasian patents in force in the territory of the Eurasian Patent Convention Members States and the Republic of Moldova over the course of five years.

Table 13

	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016
Fees for maintaining Eurasian patents in force in relation to Contracting States (in millions of roubles)	260	292	326	492	510

Diagram six shows the ratio of each Eurasian Patent Convention Member State and the Republic of Moldova as fees for the maintenance of the Eurasian patents in force in the aggregate income.

Positive income behaviour enabled EAPO to meet all its financial commitments as budgeted for operational expenditure and sustainable corporate performance in the year under review.

EURASIAN PATENT ATTORNEYS

The Eurasian Patent Organization continued cooperating with Eurasian patent attorneys in 2016.

The Eurasian Patent Office held a meeting with Eurasian patent attorneys on 22 April 2016, an event traditionally timed to coincide with the World Intellectual Property Day.

The attending Eurasian patent attorneys included leaders and specialists from patent attorney firms, independent patent attorneys from Eurasian Patent Convention Member States and various regions of the Russian Federation.

Sharing the meeting with the Eurasian patent attorneys were candidates for Eurasian patent attorneys, representatives of the editorial boards of Russian intellectual property periodicals as well as executives and specialists of the Eurasian Patent Office.

Eurasian Patent Office specialists made presentations on corporate operations relevant to the Eurasian patent attorneys' profession and new forms of cooperation with the industry. The meeting attendants exchanged views on the joint efforts by the patent attorneys and EAPO. Also, they looked into the future to advance and improve the intellectual property enforcement system.

The invariably great appeal of the Eurasian Patent System for the applicants is made manifest by the community of the Eurasian patent attorneys having grown 30 professionals stronger in 2016. The newly certified Eurasian patent attorneys in the reporting period included specialists from the Republic of Kazakhstan and the Republic of Tajikistan as well as the Russian regions, i.e. Moscow, St Petersburg, Yekaterinburg and Saratov.

See Table 14 for the membership structure of the Eurasian patent attorneys

Table 14

State	Members
Azerbaijan Republic	6
Republic of Armenia	3
Republic of Belarus	30
Republic of Kazakhstan	11
Kyrgyz Republic	2
Russian Federation	319
Republic of Tajikistan	2
Turkmenistan	3
TOTAL	376

For more information, including the Register of Eurasian Patent Attorneys, Eurasian patent attorney candidate evaluation procedure and certification test programme, please visit the web portal of the Eurasian Patent Organization at www.eapo.org.

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