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## AGIP an Authorized IP Agent in Indonesia

JAKARTA – Recognized as one of the largest IP service providers globally, Abu-Ghazaleh Intellectual Property (AGIP) is proud to announce that it is now operating as IP agent in Indonesia, where it represents IP owners before the Intellectual Property Office in obtaining IPRs protection.

Since its inception in 1972, AGIP has embarked on a mission to expand its services into new markets, and today we complete our mission in Indonesia after being recognized all over the world. AGIP is proud of its relations with the government and people of Indonesia, and it will continue in providing the best IP service to the Indonesian community.

Indonesia is a member of the World Intellectual Property Organization (WIPO) and it has ratified numerous international conventions and agreements in the IP field, including the Paris Convention for the Protection of Industrial Property, the Patent Cooperation Treaty (PCT) and the Madrid Agreement Concerning the International Registration of Marks.



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## AGIP Participates in 2018 LES US/ Canada Annual Meeting in Boston

BOSTON- Abu-Ghazaleh Intellectual Property (AGIP) represented by its Vice-President Marketing and Executive Director, Mr. Nabil Salamé, participated in the Licensing Executives Society (LES)/ USA and Canada Annual meeting which was held in Boston, Massachusetts, October 14-17, 2018.

The theme of this annual meeting was IP Innovation. The sessions and educational panels explored the state of innovation and competitiveness in America, the development and protection of IP commerce, intellectual capital management and the LES Standards Initiative.

According to Mr. Salamé, the meeting gathered around 700 IP professionals mainly from the United States and Canada, and it was an excellent opportunity to meet with friends and colleagues of the LES community and share with them the latest developments in AGIP and TAG-Org.



## AGIP Participates in AIPLA Annual Meeting in Washington D.C.



WASHINGTON D.C. - Abu-Ghazaleh Intellectual Property (AGIP) represented by its Vice-President Marketing and Executive Director, Mr. Nabil Salamé, National Business Development Executive Director, Mr. Motasem Abu-Ghazaleh, and Executive Director of AGIP Ottawa office, Mr. Ahmad Al-Zou'bi, participated in American Intellectual Property Law Association (AIPLA) 2018 Annual meeting which was held in Washington D.C., October 25-27, 2018.

The meeting, which gathered more than 1500 participants from all over the world, was an excellent opportunity to meet with friends, colleagues and IP professionals from different communities and share with them the latest developments in AGIP and TAG-Org.

Various subjects relating to The Patent Trial and Appeal Board (PTAB), Patent Eligibility, Obviousness, Software, Licensing and Patent Litigation were explored during

the sessions and educational panels. The impact of the newest advancements in technology like the Internet of Things (IoT) and Artificial Intelligence (AI) on IP law, and the impact of international law updates and rules on IP practice were also discussed.

During this event, the AIPLA's IP Practice Arabian Countries Subcommittee, co-chaired by Mr. Nabil Salamé and Mr. Motasem Abu-Ghazaleh, organized a panel on the IP protection and enforcement in the Arab

Region. The panel was moderated by Ms. Hala Mourad, from Washington D.C. and featured three speakers:

Mr. Ahmad Al-Zou'bi, from Ottawa, Canada, Mr. Ahmad Saleh, from Dubai, UAE and Mr. Namir Sioufi, from Beirut, Lebanon.

Moreover, Mr. Motasem Abu-Ghazaleh also participated in a panel organized by AIPLA's mentoring committee and spoke about cultural sensitivity in the Arab countries.

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AMMAN – Backed by highly skilled staff, AGIP Regional Patent Department is well positioned to meet all of our clients' patents needs regionally and internationally. The Department helps AGIP clients take crucial decisions regarding the management and protection of their patents.

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1. Conducting international patent searches and monitoring, including Freedom to Operate (FTO) and patentability (novelty) searches. In addition to preparing patent intelligence reports, and patent portfolio audit.
2. Industrial designs, and plant varieties searches and monitoring.
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## Bahrain Applies New Value Added Tax (VAT) Rate

MANAMA - The Value Added Tax (VAT) Law in Bahrain has been issued under the Royal Decree No. (48) of 2018 on October 6, 2018.

A VAT rate of 5% will be applied in Kingdom of Bahrain, effective from January 1, 2019.

The new VAT rate will be applicable on all Intellectual Property (IP) matters (trademarks, patents and industrial designs) as non-governmental charges.

Accordingly, our invoices for all IP matters in Bahrain, issued as of the aforesaid date, will reflect the new VAT rate of 5%.



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## Online Trademark Renewal System in Kuwait

KUWAIT – Kuwait has upgraded its system and switched from manual filing of renewal applications to an online system. As per the current practice, trademark renewals will be submitted electronically; however, renewal certificates will be issued manually for the time being. The renewal certificates are expected to be issued electronically as well on later stage.

The new system is partially implemented and it would be fully operational within coming few months.

In case the trademark is renewed by different agent of filing, official fees of (US \$ 35.00) will be paid. AGIP does not add any charges on these official fees.



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## Implementing Regulations of Patent Law Come into Force in Qatar

DOHA - The Patent Office in Qatar has finally issued the implementing regulations of the Patent Law dated May 1, 2018. The implementing regulations have not yet been officially formalized, but they are now implemented on the patents during the examination of the same.

The implementing regulations have not changed any regular procedures or article in the law, but they have been

issued to regularize and formalize the patent procedures, such as specifying grace period of six months for late filing of document and late payment of annuity fees, and granting a grace period of three months to submit the priority documents if the patent filed based on Paris convention.

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## Iran and Denmark Initiate IP Rights Cooperation

TEHRAN – The Iranian Intellectual Property Center and the Danish Patent and Trademark Office inaugurated a three-year close cooperation within the area of Intellectual Property Rights (IPRs).

The Iran-Denmark cooperation will make a closer tie between Iran and Denmark on protection of IP in Iran, ease attract foreign investments into Iran and also improve commercial conditions for foreign as well as Iranian companies in Iran.

Making remarks during the inauguration ceremony of the three-year IP contract, the Ambassador of Denmark, Mr. Danny Annan expressed satisfaction that during the recent weeks there have been a lot of positive developments and celebration in the Danish-Iranian relations. “Today, we are celebrating another step in the positive cooperation between Iran and Denmark. Today, is the official launch of the strategic cooperation on IP between the two sides, which will contribute to the improvement of commercial infrastructure in Iran. Our hope and aim is of course

for Iran create a better framework for attracting investment in long term prospective and in that regard, protection of patent and trademark is absolutely essential,” he said.



Over the next three years, the Danish office will work with the staff of IP center, enforcement agencies such as the Iranian police, customs, judges and prosecutors as well as advisors and agents that are using IP system in Iran.

This cooperation seeks to reinforce the human and administrative capacity of government agencies that deal with IP rights, create a closer network and interaction between IP actors in Iran, align IP legislation and guidelines to existing best practices and norms, and increase awareness about IP rights to users and consumers.

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## 2018 Middle East and Africa Conference: Innovation, Investment, and IP



DUBA - Registration is open for INTA’s 2018 Middle East and Africa Conference: Innovation, Investment, and IP, December 10-11, 2018 in Dubai. This timely educational event will explore the opportunities and challenges of attracting investment into the Middle East and Africa, how innovation is re-shaping the economy, and the importance of a robust IP strategy for effective protection and enforcement in these regions.

Hear from industry experts and government officials as they share essential insights and strategies to help your brand achieve a business edge.

Early bird rates apply through October 19, 2018.

For additional information, please visit: [www.inta.org/2018Dubai](http://www.inta.org/2018Dubai) today.

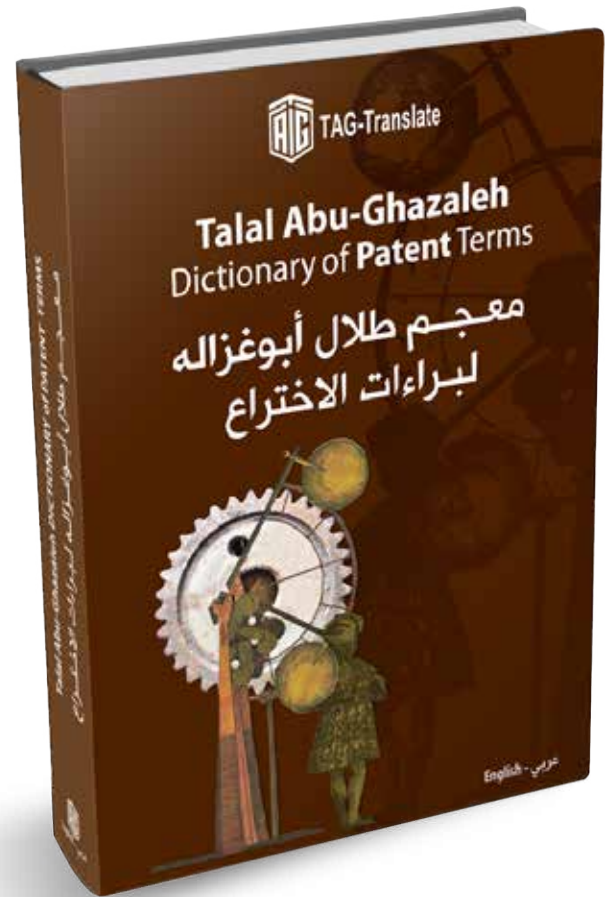
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Who	Event	Where	When
<b>Charles Shaban</b> (AGIP Executive Director) <b>Dima Naber</b> (AGIP Counsel, International Business Development Executive Director) <b>Motasem Abu-Ghazaleh</b> (National Business Development Executive Director)	INTA Leadership Meeting	New Orleans, USA	November 6 - 10, 2018
<b>Amjad Al-Husseini</b> (UAE Office) <b>Abishek Rohra</b> (India Office) <b>Rohit Singh</b> (India Office)	APPA Council Meeting	New Delhi, India	November 17 - 21, 2018
<b>Nabil Salamé</b> (Vice-president Marketing, Executive Director) <b>Issam Abu Gazali Saldanha</b> (Brazil Office)	ASIPI International Congress	Rio De Janeiro, Brazil	November 25 - 28, 2018

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# Talal Abu-Ghazaleh Dictionary of Patent Terms Published



Talal Abu-Ghazaleh Organization (TAG-Org) has recently issued Talal Abu-Ghazaleh Dictionary for Patent Terms, which is the sixth in a series of specialized dictionaries conducted by the Organization.

The new Dictionary contains around 20 thousand words and terms, including a section on continuous controversy over the concept of patent, its legitimacy and application. It also comprises other sections regarding green patents, patent governance, patent portfolio management, analysis of information related to patents and patent audit, as well as a crucial section including the most prominent crimes concerning patents and another section on litigation and arbitration of patent disputes.

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