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AGIP Attends the 12th China Intellectual Property Conference

SHANDONG - The 12th China Intellectual Property Annual Conference, hosted by Intellectual Property Publishing House and organized by Shandong Provincial Market Supervision and Administration Bureau (Intellectual Property Office) and Jinan Municipal People's Government, opened in Jinan, Shandong on September 19th. More than 8000 experts, scholars, and wellknown figures from both domestic and foreign countries discussed new trends in intellectual property development around the theme of "intellectual property supporting comprehensive innovation".

Webster Hou, General Manager of AGIP Shanghai Office, and Jocye Cai, Market Manager of China, represented AGIP at this annual meeting. We had discussions with colleagues from all over China to explore changes in intellectual property policies and practical issues around the world, with the aim of creating more cooperation opportunities and providing better assistance to our clients.

About CIPAC

Founded in 2010, CIPAC was formerly known as the China Patent Information Annual Conference (2010-2016) and the China Patent Annual Conference (2017-2018). The Annual Conference on Intellectual Property in China is hosted by Intellectual Property Publishing House.

Adhering to the conference spirit of "gathering and sharing, witnessing growth", the Conference is committed to building a platform for international exchanges and cooperation in the field of intellectual property and spreading China's voice in the field of intellectual property to the world.



CIPAC has always kept pace with The Times and responded to the main themes of The Times by displaying the stimulation and protection of intellectual property rights on innovation in a multidimensional and multi-dimensional manner, including conference themes, agenda planning and exhibitions. The conference brings together representatives from international organizations, government agencies of major intellectual property countries, local intellectual property offices in China, well-known enterprises at home and abroad, patent information service agencies, and universities. Participants cover 43 countries and regions in 5 continents. China Intellectual Property Annual Conference has a good audience base and brand reputation. Annual meeting with authority, prospective, specialization and internationalization as features, explore the best practices for patents, trademarks, geographical indications and trend of development, focus on the field of intellectual property rights and economic, innovation, science and technology, finance, trade and other fields of interactions and mutual influence, known as the vane and the mouthpiece in the field of intellectual property in China.

Whether you are a participant or an exhibitor, you will get cutting-edge professional sharing, top communication platform, excellent market development opportunities and comprehensive media resources. After 10 years of development, the influence of China's Intellectual property has been increasing year by year, and the professional level and level of participants have been constantly enhanced. The China Annual Conference on Intellectual Property has been dedicated to indepth and meticulous work, and has made its own contribution to the high-quality development of the intellectual property cause.

About AGIP

Abu-Ghazaleh Intellectual Property (AGIP) was established in Kuwait in 1972 under the name of T.M.P. Agents at a time when Intellectual Property (IP) protection was still in its early stages of development in the Arab region. However, since our launch, AGIP has consistently been at the forefront of efforts to improve the infrastructure of IP in the Arab world.

AGIP has been meeting the Intellectual Property needs of its distinguished international clients regionally and globally for four decades. Over this period, AGIP has grown into a truly international firm. To provide complete coverage of the region, AGIP has offices throughout the Arab countries, in addition to India, Turkey, Pakistan, China, Afghanistan, Iran, Russia, Nigeria, Malaysia, Tanzania, Zanzibar, Kenya and Indonesia. To serve our clients at the global level, AGIP has an extensive network of 150 liaison and correspondent offices worldwide. Throughout this growth period, AGIP has maintained its unwavering commitment to its mission of providing clients with the best quality service available in the field of IP protection.

This commitment to IP protection is demonstrated by our continued involvement with international organizations, including the World Intellectual Property Organization (WIPO) and the World Trade Organization (WTO); with NGOs such as the International Trademark Association (INTA), International Association for the Protection of Intellectual Property (AIPPI), International Federation of Intellectual Property Attorneys (FICPI), and with our funding of Arab NGOs, such as the Arab Society for Intellectual Property (ASIP) and the Licensing Executives Society-Arab Countries (LES-AC).

Bahrain Updates its Patent and Utility Model Fees for Individuals

MANAMA – The Minister of Industry and Commerce has issued the Ministerial Decision No. 67 of 2023 updating the official fees of patent and utility model registration for individuals.

The updated schedule for patent and utility Model fees for Individuals was applied on September 22, 2023, which has amended the previous schedule for individuals.

The updated schedule of patent and utility model fees for individuals:

Service	Fees (Individual)
Patent application filing and formality examination	40 BHD (106 USD)
Substantive examination by the Patent Office	250 BHD (663.12 USD)
Patent grand and publication	50 BHD (133 USD)

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AGIP Professionals Appointed to INTA Committees

AMMAN - The International Trademark Association (INTA), the world's leading global association of professionals which represents more than 6,500 organizations from 184 countries and 34,000 trademark professionals worldwide, has recently announced a list of IP leading member volunteers who will serve on its committees for the 2024 - 2025 term.

AGIP professionals were among the selected committee members who will be serving on INTA committees during the next term. We are sure we will have a fruitful journey with INTA committees, and are thrilled that this is reflected in our committee presence over the next two years.

AGIP professionals who have been selected for INTA committees are as follows:

Mahmoud Lattouf: Internet Committee.
Amro Hattab: Non-Traditional Marks Committee.
Ali Hijazi: Building Bridges Committee.
Amjad Al-Husseini: Famous and Well-Known Marks Committee.
Hazem Abu-Ghazaleh: Non-Traditional Marks Committee.
Deema Abu Zulaikha: Enforcement Committee.
Sameer Sami: Academic Committee.

Committee members will have the opportunity to contribute their experience, collaborate with industry leaders, and reflect on policies that have a global impact within the international trademark community.

ICANN Turning 25 - It's the People that Make a Difference

By: Paul McGrady

Ali's invitation to post reflections on the past 25 years of ICANN is very welcome. No doubt, some will write about major shifts in how ICANN is governed, for example, the end of United States government oversight. While others will write about changes to the industry that ICANN has catalyzed, for example, the 2012 round of new gTLDs and the upcoming next application process. Inevitably, someone will take the opportunity to gripe about ICANN instead of celebrating itsomething that is entirely consistent with ICANN's core values and free speech ethos. But I'm going to write about something a bit more day-to-day, but in my opinion equally or perhaps even more important than all of those other things. For me, the thing to celebrate about ICANN is the people. Let me share my favorite example.

I arrived at my first ICANN meeting in Lisbon. It was, in fact, my first international trip (I'm not sure a couple of previous visits to Toronto count, so I won't count them, since Toronto has more in common with Chicago than www.tag-domains.com

Chicago has with Chevenne). I had just spent a few days in London being mesmerized by the sights and sounds, if not the food. After a short flight, I arrived at the ICANN hotel in Lisbon and checked into my room. It was in the late afternoon, before dinner time, and I literally knew no one, so I did what many travelers do, and I headed to the hotel bar, expecting an anonymous drink and dinner. There was a kindly fellow sitting next to me at the bar, drinking the local brew (which I now know is an ICANN touchstone-try cultural new things!). He said hello, introduced himself. and asked if I was in town for the ICANN meeting. I told him I was and that this was my first meeting and I was looking forward to learning about ICANN. Up until that point my experience included a mountain of UDRP complaints and working on getting a brand-side registrar up and running, but the policy making process was all quite new. Without skipping a beat, and with no economic incentive to help me acclimate, this man welcomed me and started orienting me to the community generally and that specific meeting.

He explained the primary structures of ICANN, filled me in on who were the leaders. whether elected, appointed, or simply leaders because they did the homework and picked up the pen. He highlighted the important policy issues that would be discussed that week. He did his best to walk through the maze of acronyms that form ICANN's own dialect. While the ICANN community, like any community, has its share of disgruntled or difficult people, he exhibited for me what ICANN is truly all about-a group of wellmeaning people trying to hand a better Internet to the next generation all the while caring for each other in the process.

For anyone who knows him, the man's identity is obvious. Jothan Frakes. Thank you, Jothan, for helping out the new kid. Thank you, ICANN, for creating the environment that has created so many lifelong friendships. Thank you for not only encouraging the community to exchange ideas but setting up a model that depends on us to do so.

Happy 25th!

Source: Circleid

European Domain Growth Shows Positive Signs Amid Challenges in 2023

CENTR, the association which represents European country code top-level domain name registries (ccTLDs), such as .de for Germany or .no for Norway, has published the latest edition of its quarterly CENTRstats TLD Market Report, covering the global status and registration trends in all toplevel domains (legacy gTLDs, new gTLDs and ccTLDs), with a specific focus on the European ccTLD market.

According to the report, in the first six months of 2023, European country code top-level domains (ccTLDs) have shown a promising rebound, moving from a historic low at the year's start to a median growth of 2.0% by July. The bounce-back, though positive, raises questions about the factors driving this change.

Demand Ratio: CENTR uses the 'demand ratio' as a key metric to gauge domain growth. Essentially, this ratio compares the number of new domain registrations to those that either expire or get deleted. A demand ratio above 1 indicates a healthy trend, with more domains being registered than deleted. On the contrary, a ratio below 1 for a prolonged time suggests a likely contraction in domain growth.

By July 2023, the median demand ratio stood at 1.2, mirroring figures from the previous year. While this suggests a stable trend, there's noticeable variance between different domain registries.

Deletion Uptick: Delving deeper into the data reveals that approximately half of the European ccTLDs observed an uptick in domain deletions during the first half of the year. One plausible explanation is reported to have stemmed from the Covid-19 pandemic's aftermath. Many ccTLDs had witnessed a surge in new domain registrations during the pandemic. Consequently, the recent spike in deletions might be attributed to domain owners allowing these pandemic-era registrations to lapse.

Economic Influences: Another significant factor in 2023 is the heightened inflation rates seen across Europe. Such economic pressures have likely fostered a more conservative economic climate, which in turn may have influenced domain registration behavior.

The big picture: In conclusion, while the upward trajectory in domain growth is commendable, external factors like the aftermath of the pandemic and Europe's inflation could exert pressure on demand ratios. Registries boasting higher ratios stand a better chance against these challenges, whereas those with lower ratios might confront increased uncertainties.

Source: Circleid

NGI Forum 2023: Pioneering Europe's Next Generation Internet

The NGI Forum 2023, is a flagship event of the European Commission's Next Generation Internet (NGI) initiative, which is set to unite Europe's foremost Internet innovators in a hybrid gathering dedicated to shaping the Internet of Trust. Held on 15-16 November in Brussels, this innovative day aims to empower users with greater control and choice over their digital data and identities.

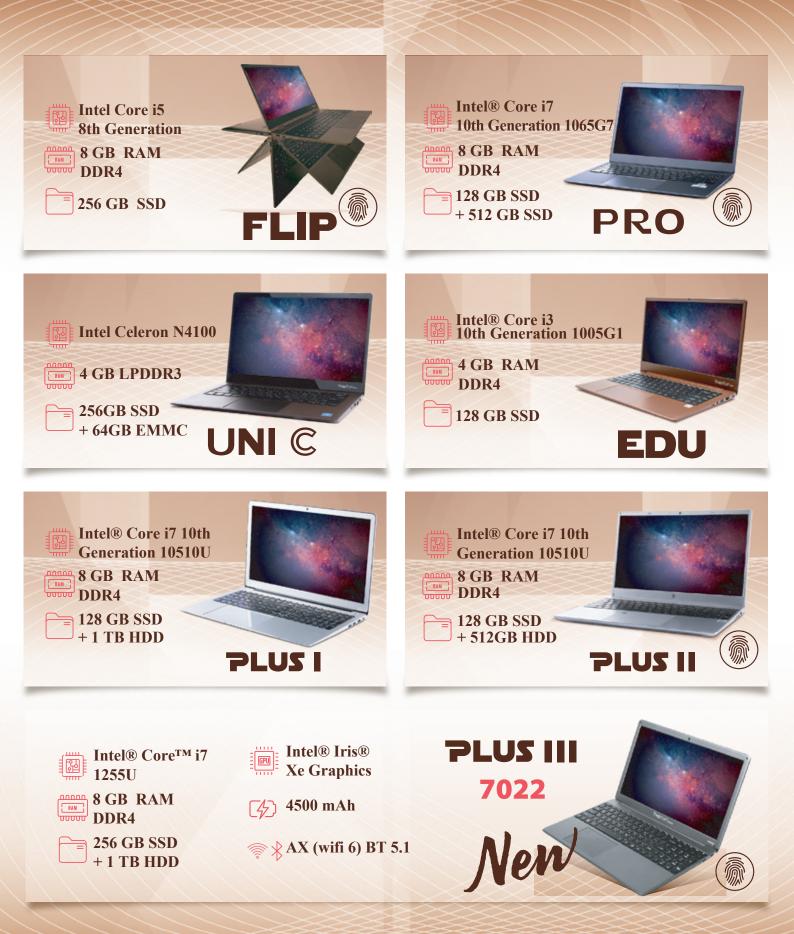
At its heart, the NGI Forum 2023 serves as a dynamic nexus, bringing together visionaries, policymakers, and technologists to explore the forefront of Europe's digital evolution. The forum's central theme, the "Digital Commons," takes center stage, emphasizing equitable access to information, fostering innovation, and fortifying digital sovereignty across the continent.

With an extensive agenda encompassing European policy developments, innovation trends, and NGI initiatives, the NGI Forum 2023 delves into a diverse array of topics crucial for shaping the future of the internet. Key discussions span areas such as digital identity, quantum internet, advancements in large language models and web search, decentralized social media, and the security of the open-source supply chain.

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