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TAG-Org, for the Ninth Year is Among the Group of 20 Leading Professional Firms

NEW YORK – Talal Abu-Ghazaleh & Co. International (TAGI-Auditors), chaired by HE Dr. Talal Abu-Ghazaleh, has maintained its membership in the Forum of Firms International Federation of Accountants (IFAC) for the 9th consecutive year, being the only Arab organization that is part of the Forum of Firms (FOF) – among the top 20 leading professional firms worldwide.

As TAGI-Auditors maintains this membership among the top 20 global auditing companies, TAG-Org's reputation is reflected through TAGI-Auditor's membership. TAGI-Auditor complies

with the highest quality standards throughout its practice in professional services, and implementing ethics pertaining to the profession, in addition to implementing International Standards in accounting and auditing throughout its offices worldwide.

Dr. Abu-Ghazaleh is the first Arab to have served on the Board for IFAC, in addition to chairing the UN Committee of Experts on Professional Qualifications Standards. He chaired the UN Intergovernmental Group of Experts on International Standards of Accounting and

Reporting. Dr. Abu-Ghazaleh was also elected as Chairman of the Accounting Standards Committee for developing and industrial countries; among other memberships in all international accounting bodies.

The Forum of Firms (FOF) is an independent

association of international networks of firms that provide transitional auditing services. Established by the International Federation of Accountants, the FOF includes 27 international accounting companies that work to provide the highest quality of standards in financial reporting and auditing practice worldwide.

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filing applications covering pharmaceutical and veterinary preparations and sanitary preparations for medical purposes. This will apply on all new as well as pending applications that have not been examined yet.

1. Scientific name of the product;
2. Trade name of the producer;
3. Pharmaceutical formula of the product;
4. Name of manufacturing company if not the applicant, and
5. Name of local distributor, if any.

BAGHDAD – The Trademark Office in Baghdad has recently introduced a revised set of requirements in support of trademarks applications in class 5, even though there is no Ministerial Resolution issued to support this new line of practice. Applicants are now required to provide the following information when

After submission of the above information, the TMO will contact the Ministry of Health in order to obtain their approval before the underlying applications are placed for examination. The application will be rejected on formal grounds if applicant fails to provide all of information.

Trademark Recordation with Abu Dhabi Customs Will be Introduced



ABU DHABI - Abu Dhabi Customs Authority has announced that as a part of its effort to compact counterfeit products, and tighten Intellectual Property Rights (IPRs) protection and enforcement at the UAE, it has adopted the trademark recordation service, and will

start accepting the recordation applications from the owners of trademarks or their agents as from August 21, 2016.

In this relation, Ajman Customs Authority has implemented the trademark recordation service few months ago. It is worth mentioning that this service

has already been implemented in Dubai, Sharjah and Ras Al Khaimah few years ago.

The recordation procedures are very simple and no further

documents are necessary to be provided, other than certified copy of the registration certificate, and a specimen of the mark, as currently used on the products. However, if the

recordation application will be filed through agent, a power of attorney and a letter from the owner authorizing the agent to record the trademark with Abu Dhabi Customs are required.

UAE Launched Intellectual Property Portal

DUBAI – The Commercial Compliance and Consumer Protection (CCCP) sector of the Department of Economic Development (DED) at the United Arab Emirates announced that first Intellectual Property portal has been launched in Dubai.

The portal has been launched to receive all complains related to trademark infringement

through its website (www.consumerrights.ae), starting from receiving complains, opening files, conducting field investigation, till handing out the findings to the trademark owner.

The Commercial Compliance and Consumer Protection (CCCP) sector will activate the portal on September 2016.

Algeria to Host WIPO External Office



ALGIERS - Algeria will host the first office of the World Intellectual Property Organization (WIPO) in the African continent, according to a statement by the Algerian Ministry of Foreign Affairs.

WIPO, based in Geneva, Switzerland, is a United Nations institution and global forum for intellectual property cooperation. It comprises 188 member states and administers

24 international treaties.

“Given the important role of WIPO external offices, African countries have called, for many years, for the opening of external offices in Africa, the only continent that is not represented in WIPO external network”.

The request was a “priority in the agenda of the African group in Geneva,” said the Ministry’s statement, adding that “Algeria has played a key role in the group to make WIPO General Assembly adopt in 2015 a decision on the opening of two external offices in Africa.”

Six African countries, namely

Algeria, Egypt, Tunisia, Morocco, Kenya and Nigeria filed their applications before the deadlines set by the United Nations.

Following the vote held in Geneva on 4 August 2016, Algeria was chosen since the first round to host WIPO external office for North Africa as it got 29 votes, Egypt (7), Morocco (7) and Tunisia (2), while Nigeria was chosen to host WIPO external office for sub-Saharan Africa.

The offices of Algiers and Abuja will preserve and promote Africa’ interests in WIPO areas of actions.

When & Where to Meet AGIP Professionals

Who	Event	When	Where
Motasem Abu-Ghazaleh (Executive Director – National Marketing)	Building Africa With Brands	September 1 -3	Cape Town, South Arica
Georgina Busku (Hungary Liaison Office) Meliha Ozat (Turkey office)	LES Pan European	September 6-10	Istanbul, Turkey
Nabil Salamé (Executive Director/ Vice President Marketing)	IPO Annual Meeting	September 10-14	New York, USA
Charles Shaban (Executive Director) Ali Hijazi (Special Clients Department) Suzan Jamjoum (Europe Office)	INTA TMAP	September 15-17	Washington, DC, USA
Nabil Salamé (Executive Director/ Vice President Marketing) Amjad Al-Husseini (Executive Director – UAE office) Georgina Busku (Hungary office)	AIPPI Congress	September 16 - 22	Milano, Italy
Luay Abu-Ghazaleh (CEO) Dima Naber (Counsel, Business Development Director) Motasem Abu-Ghazaleh (Executive Director – National Marketing)	Marques	September 20 - 24	Alicante- Spain
Nabil Salamé (Executive Director/ Vice President Marketing)	IPIC	September 27 - 30	Quebec city, Canada

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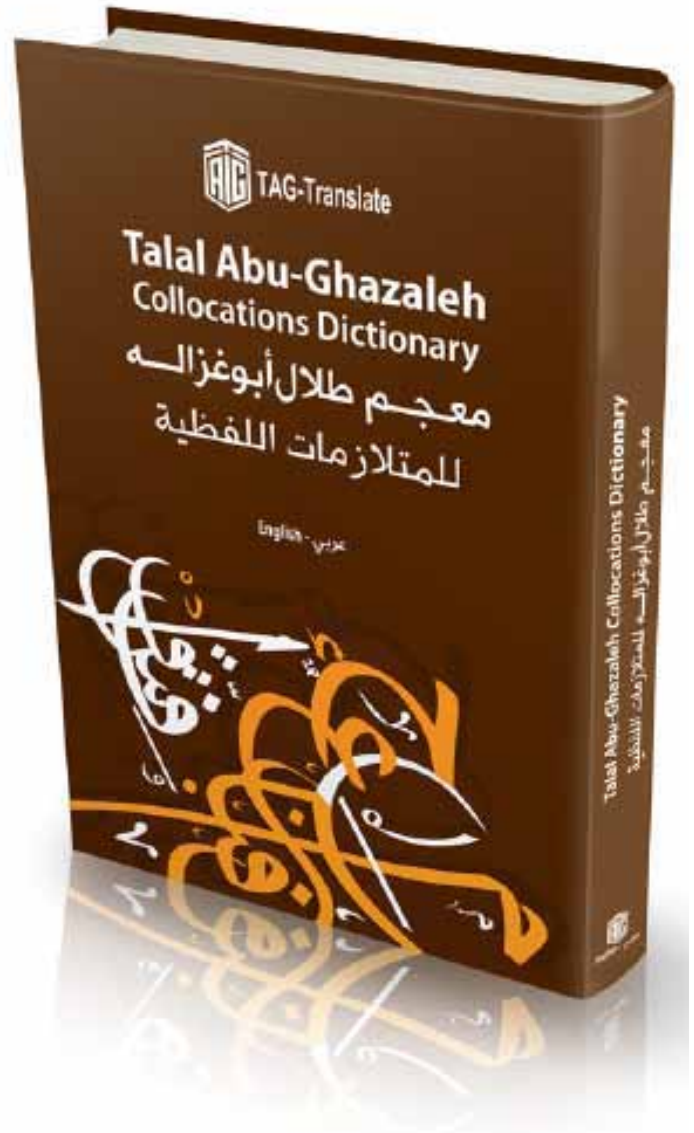
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TAG-Org Launches Talal Abu-Ghazaleh Collocations Dictionary



Talal Abu-Ghazaleh Organization (TAG-Org) has issued the Collocations Dictionary, the sixth in a series of dictionaries launched and published by the group.

The book is prefaced by a word from TAG-Org's Chairman, HE Dr. Talal Abu-Ghazaleh, who said the dictionary has come to “unveil the richness of our vivid language, Arabic.”

He gave examples of some Arabic collocations that raise the curious question of why such combinations of words insist on coming together to give new meanings.

He said: "Collocations are indeed commonly used words so interlinked that they convey together an accurate and beautiful meaning. Learning collocations will give the users immediate powers of expressions in Arabic and will further attach his ties with his native tongue as part of “linguistic empowerment”.

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