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## AGIP Participates in INTA 135th Annual Meeting in Dallas, TX



AMMAN - Abu-Ghazaleh Intellectual Property (AGIP) will be participating in the International Trademark Association (INTA) 135th Annual Meeting in Dallas, Texas, May 4-8, 2013.

The following AGIP members will be attending this event:

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3. Dima Naber (Regional Office)
4. Nabil Salamé (Montreal Liaison Office)
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12. Georgina Busku (Budapest Liaison Office)

AGIP delegation will be staying at the Omni Dallas Hotel (Co-Headquarters Hotel); Conference rooms Art District 1 and 2 will be prepared especially to host AGIP meetings with its clients or receive your inquiries about our offices worldwide.

In order to schedule a meeting with one or more of AGIP representatives, please contact us at [inta@agip.com](mailto:inta@agip.com)

## AGIP Becomes an Accredited Registrar of .PW



AMMAN – Signifying another milestone for Abu-Ghazaleh Intellectual Property (AGIP) in the domain names field, AGIP became an official .PW (Professional Web) accredited registrar on January 29, 2013. Accordingly, AGIP is the first Arab company to achieve this eminent status.

The launch schedule for the .pw Top Level domain names includes Sunrise, Landrush and General Availability phases which are summarized as follows:

**Sunrise period:** Started from December 3, 2012 and lasts through February 8, 2013. It has been tailor made for trademark holders in order to avoid costly and time

consuming domain name resolution and recovery processes. All trademark holders are advised to protect their trademarks during this phase.

**Landrush phase:** Begins on February 18, 2013 and lasts through March 18, 2013. This phase gives opportunity to register short and generic names.

**General Availability phase:** Starts on March 25, 2013. During this phase the general public may register .pw domain names on a first-come, first-served basis, without any restrictions.

AGIP will offer the best domain name registration services to its existing clients and potential clients under the new domain which will be powered by CentralNic.

### **About .PW - the Professional Web:**

“.pw – The professional Web is a top level domain which has been opened globally as a new online destination for businesses, professionals and government across the world.”

## AGIP Qatar Office Moved to a New Location

DOHA – Abu-Ghazaleh Intellectual Property (AGIP) Office in Qatar relocated effective February 6, 2013 to the following address:

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As for the office’s e-mail address, phone and fax numbers, they remain unchanged.



## Renewal of Trademark Applications Ceased for One Month in Jordan



AMMAN – The Intellectual Property Follow-up Department, affiliate of Jordanian Trademark Office, issued a new regulation stipulating that renewal of trademark applications will be ceased for a period of one month as of February 20, 2013.

According to the Department, this regulation has been carried out due to the accumulated applications under processing.

The above suspension will not apply to renewal of applications which are due for renewal within the said month, allowing renewing the new applications upon their due dates.

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## Yemen Starts E-filing of Trademark Applications

SANA'A – The Ministry of Industry and Trade launched on February 14, 2013 the first of its kind system of trademark filing via Internet in Yemen.

The online system will provide more efficient, timely and cost effective filing service, where local representative and local clients may pay the official fees, and then submit their application and the required document by using the internet which will speed up the process of examination,

and issuing publication notices in a timely manner.

Following this service, the Ministry of Industry and Trade plans to automate the entire services it offers in order to improve and enhance the efficiency and effectiveness of services.

For E-filing, check the website of the Ministry of Industry and Trade on the following link: [www.yipo.gov.ye](http://www.yipo.gov.ye)

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## Competition Law Comes Into Force in the United Arab Emirates



ABU DHABI – The new Competition Law (Federal Law No. 4 of 2012) which has been published in the Official Gazette will come into force

in the United Arab Emirates on February 23, 2013.

The Law aims to protect and enhance competition, as well as prohibit anti-competitive practices in order to create more business-friendly environment in the UAE.

The Law applies to all companies, inside and outside the UAE, with respect to their

economic activities or use of Intellectual Property Rights.

The concerned companies have to consider their activities carefully concerning franchising rights, intellectual property licensing, mergers and acquisitions or other commercial activities to ensure compliance with law provisions and regulations.

## New Draft Company Law in Qatar



DOHA – In the context of Qatar’s efforts to facilitate the procedures for setting up businesses in Qatar and increasing foreign investments in the country, the Ministry of Business and Trade has prepared a new draft company law to create the legal framework that supports development in Qatar.

The proposed law meets the requirements of political, economic and social changes in accordance with Qatar National Vision 2030. It also takes into consideration the modern developments and leaps in businesses.

HE Sheikh Jassim bin Abdul-Aziz Al Thani, Minister of Business and Trade, gave directives to a high-level legal committee to prepare the draft law in cooperation with experts from other related institutions. The committee was composed of members from the Ministry of Business and Trade, Ministry of Economy and Finance, Ministry of Justice and Qatar Central Bank.

The company draft law was published on the Ministry’s website to gather comments and feedback from concerned parties.

## Libya Issues Trademark Registration Certificates



TRIPOLI – The Libyan Trademark Office announced that it has started issuing registration certificates for trademark applications that have been filed in 2002 and 2003. Since 2002, all trademark applications were pending due

to the recent circumstances in Libya.

A copy of the registration certificate will be kept at the Trademark Office after the original is being delivered to the trademark owner; which will help protect the trademark against infringement and any other violations.

Obtaining such a certificate is important because it is an evidence that a particular trademark has been appropriately registered by the Libyan Trademark Office.

It is also an evidence that the trademark registration process was successfully completed.

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## Online Registration Service Launched in Lebanon



BEIRUT – The trademark registration process in Lebanon is now quicker and easier through the online registration service offered by the Lebanese Intellectual Property Protection Office, affiliate of Ministry of Economy and Trade.

The new web service allows Lebanese citizens, companies and local agents to file their commercial or industrial trademark applications and check their status online, while the original documents should be filed at a later stage.

The online registration will be available 24 hours, seven days a week instead of being limited to regular business hours.

## New Automation Search in UAE Reveals Identical Marks Only



ABU DHABI – The Trademark Office of the United Arab Emirates announced that it has started implementing a new automation search system which will only reveal the identical marks and not the confusingly similar marks.

Therefore, Abu-Ghazaleh Intellectual Property (AGIP) offers its clients a comprehensive

search service which will be conducted on trademarks published in the official Gazette, and the results will cover both identical and similar marks.

AGIP's internal database search displays the most important details of trademarks including devices/logo, which is not possible at the Trademark Office.

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## When & Where to Meet AGIP Professionals

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Charles Shaban (Executive Director)	March 3 - 6	INTA Board Meeting, Washington, DC, USA
Charles Shaban (Executive Director)	March 7 - 9	INTA Internet Conference, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania
Luay Abu-Ghazaleh (CEO & Managing Partner)	March 17 - 19	PTMG 86 <sup>th</sup> Conference, Hamburg, Germany
Dima Naber (Clients Relations Manager & Counsel)	March 17 - 19	PTMG 86 <sup>th</sup> Conference, Hamburg, Germany
Motasem Abu-Ghazaleh (Executive Director-UAE)	March 18 – 19	Osaka, Japan
Motasem Abh-Ghazaleh (Executive Director-UAE)	March 19 – April 3	Tokyo, Japan
Luay Abu-Ghazaleh (CEO & Managing Partner)	March 20 - 23	IMTA Spring Conference

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