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AGIP's Executive Director Selected Co-chair of the INTA Middle East Global Advisory Council



NEW YORK – Abu-Ghazaleh Intellectual Property (AGIP) Executive Director, Mr. Charles Shaban, has been selected by the International Trademark Association (INTA) to co-

chair the Middle East Global Advisory Council for 2014.

With the aim of accommodating better global representation of the Middle East region, and

enhancing communication across the INTA, the Association has developed this new Council.

The Co-chair of the Global Advisory Group for Middle East will be responsible for:

- Communicating relevant issues or achievements in the Middle East. After every meeting and conference call, minutes will be drafted and circulated to INTA's Communication Department in order to produce a consolidated global report on all regions/countries. This

report will be disseminated to INTA membership quarterly.

- Playing an advisory role to grow Corporate Membership in the Middle East by identifying key potential members and proposing

venues for workshops or receptions.

- Playing an advisory role in public policy/advocacy matters, such as identifying regional policy trends or issues that need to be addressed by the Association.

“This selection proves the trust INTA bestows upon us, it is a motivation for us to maintain the high quality of our work, and keep the world updated with trademark laws and practices in the Middle East region,” Shaban said.

AGIP China Renews its License for 20 years



BEIJING - For more than three decades, Abu-Ghazaleh Intellectual Property (AGIP) has seen remarkable development achievements, giving rise to noticeable improvement of the services it provides through its 80 offices and 180 representative offices worldwide.

Through the provision of an integrated portfolio of professional services offered to our clients and other organizations operating in the world, our office in Beijing directly supports private and public companies and agencies that build human and financial capital.

Located in the heart of Beijing, our office plays a significant role in paving the way to quality services in the fields of intellectual property, consulting, and technology transfer. These services contribute to the socioeconomic development and progress of China.

By doing so, we earned the recognition and

support of China government and the Chinese business community, and obtained the renewal of business license for 20 years.

This renewal signifies an important achievement to our Beijing office that has a solid reputation in offering clients the best services and protection of their rights.

Our office in Beijing assists also Intellectual Property (IP) owners in China in the protection of their rights related exclusively to local Chinese entities; where many IP services offered including trademark, patent, copyright, design and domain name registration, in addition to renewals and actions related to infringement, opposition and cancellation.

Our office’s strategy aims to address the needs of both the company’s growing list of clients, and provide new services to already existing clientele.

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Saudi Arabia Increases Official Fees for E-Trademark Publication



RIYADH - An increase on the official e-publication fees for all new trademark applications has been announced in Saudi Arabia on January 14, 2014.

The e-publication fees of new trademarks are

SR 1500 (US\$ 400) for local companies and SR 3000 (US\$ 800) for foreign companies.

An objection has been raised by the local attorneys before the Saudi Ministry of Commerce and Industry against the illogical increase of the e-publication charges and the difference of fees between local and foreign companies.

However, no official decision or response has been issued by the Ministry as yet.

Our charges will be amended and posted in our website (www.agip.com) when the matter is finalized.

Amendments to the Regulations under the PCT

GENEVE - The Director General of the World Intellectual Property Organization (WIPO) presents his compliments to the Minister for Foreign Affairs and, pursuant to Article 68(4) of the Patent Cooperation Treaty (PCT), done at Washington on June 19, 1970, amended on September 28, 1979, modified on February 3, 1984, and on October 3, 2001, has the honor to

transmit herewith certified copies, in English and in French, of the amendments to the Regulations under the PCT, with effect from July 1, 2014, adopted on October 2, 2013, by the Assembly of the International Patent Cooperation Union (PCT Union), at its forty-fourth (19th ordinary) session, held in Geneva from September 23 to October 2, 2013.

Official Launch of New EU-China Intellectual Property Cooperation

BEIJING - Carmen Cano, Deputy Head of the European Delegation to China, Zhang Xiangchen, Vice-Minister of the Ministry of Commerce of the People's Republic of China and António Campinos, President of the Office for Harmonization in the Internal Market (OHIM), launched the

New EU-China Cooperation on Intellectual Property, according to the European Union to China.

The European contribution to the New EU-China Cooperation on Intellectual Property is funded through the cooperation action called "IP: A Key to Sustainable

Competitiveness (IP Key)".

Building on the solid foundations created by the previous EU-China projects IPR1 and IPR2, the a new action will be implemented over a period of three years by OHIM, the EU's largest intellectual property agency, in partnership

the European Patent Office as partner. On the Chinese side will be the Department of Treaty and Law of the Ministry of Commerce, coordinating the Chinese contribution to the cooperation action, with the participation of more than 15 Chinese IP authorities.

The new action foresees a contribution of 6 million euro from the European Union and 1.5 million euro from OHIM. Activities of mutual interest will benefit also from the contribution of the Chinese authorities. The aim of the Action is to create a better IP environment for the benefit of both EU and Chinese industry.

Carmen Cano, Deputy Head of EU Delegation said “Last year the European Union and China have celebrated 10 years of structured dialogue on IP issues, a fruitful decade punctuated by two successful IP projects and by a sound policy exchange between mature partners. The launch today of the IP-Key project witness the commitment of both parties to further strengthen their co-operation on IP issues with a view to making a fundamental contribution to the innovation

of their respective economies”. Mr. Zhang Xiangchen, Assistant Minister of MOFCOM, said “China and the EU share extensive common interests in IPR protection and cooperation. China attaches great importance to the exchange, dialogue and cooperation with the EU and hope that the relevant authorities of the tow sides can discuss and explore proper solutions for IPR protection under the new situation of digital age and information economy, so as to push forward economic and industrial development, promote knowledge dissemination and sharing, and make new contributions to the new world economic order and the welfare of the people in both China and the EU”.

Mr. António Campinos, President of the OHIM said “In today’s globalized economy, a healthy economic and trade relationship is reliant on a healthy IP relationship, hence the importance of the New EU-China IP Cooperation”.

Following the outcomes of the EU-China IP Dialogues and related IP Working Group, and extensive consultation with the

Chinese IP authorities during the last months of 2013, the first Yearly Action Plan for 2014 was agreed by the EU-China Joint Platform last December. It paves the way to implement more than 20 framework activities of mutual interest covering the whole spectrum of IP rights.

Besides activities to support the EU-China IP Dialogue and IP Working Group, the action plan includes the promotion of both the Chinese and EU IP systems in their respective jurisdictions and the EU-China Customs cooperation on IPR, peer-to-peer exchanges on legal and administrative IP issues - including best practices, assistance in drafting IP law revisions and implementing regulations - and the compilation and publication of databases on IPR issues.

The IP Key team consists of seven dedicated technical experts and assistants on the ground in Beijing, helped by a strong support team in OHIM’s headquarters in Alicante, Spain. A significant number of specialised short term experts will assure a successful implementation of the activities.

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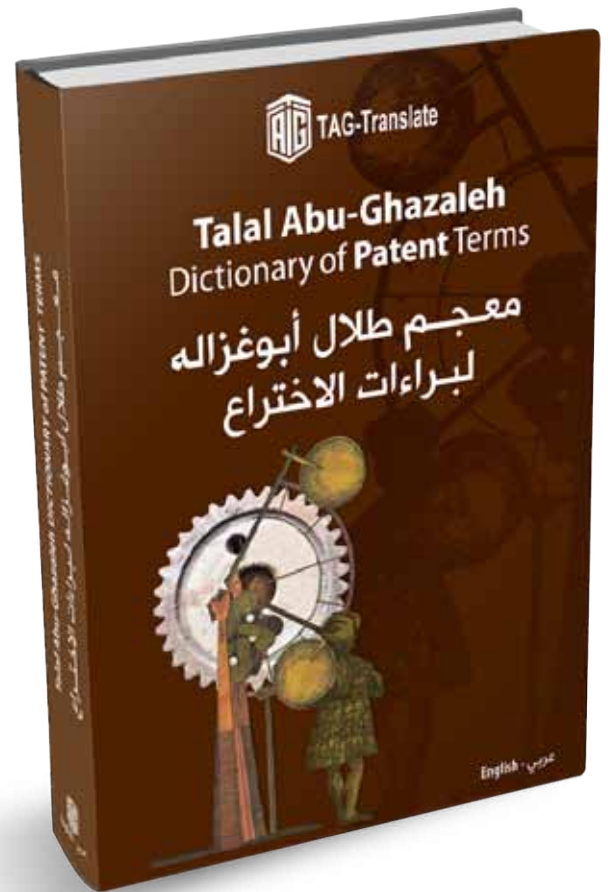
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Talal Abu-Ghazaleh Dictionary of Patent Terms Published



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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