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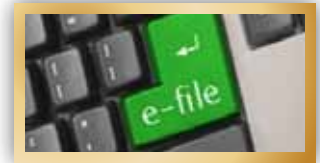
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AGIP Recognized as the Top IP Firm in the Middle East for the 8th Year



LONDON – We are proud to share with our clients that AGIP has been selected as the leading IP firm in the Middle East, at the Managing Intellectual Property (MIP) ceremony held at the

InterContinental in London on March 11, 2015.

AGIP earned this recognition, for the 8th year, for its outstanding IP practices in the Middle East, and the continuous effort to provide its clients with the best-quality services in the field of IP protection.

As per the results of MIP survey released last month, AGIP was ranked in Tier One for trademark, patent and copyright prosecution and contentious work in Arab countries.

AGIP Jordan Office Manager, Mr. Amr Hattab said: “We

are all very proud of this great achievement, which marks the culmination of MIP’s five month-long annual world survey of the world’s leading IP firms.”

He added: “We strive to maintain such lead and recognition under the supervision of HE Dr. Talal Abu-Ghazaleh, chairman of Talal Abu-Ghazaleh Organization.”

Managing Intellectual Property (MIP) was founded in 1990. It is now firmly established as the leading international magazine for IP owners. MIP is published 10 times a year and includes news, data, in-depth articles and interviews with influential IP figures.

AGIP Wins Arab Strategic Website Award



AGIP website is considered among the best Arab websites in terms of design, development and content and receives more than half a million visitors annually from all around the world.

Mr. Quneibi said “This achievement is the outcome of the support and guidance of HE Dr. Talal Abu-Ghazaleh and the effort of the developers and designers who are well-positioned to produce highly competitive quality websites and applications”.

He added: “The Web Development Department has been able to develop more than 100 websites during the past five years. TAG-Org also sponsors several initiatives and competitions in the field of developing and designing websites, and is considered a prominent supporter in this field”.

DUBAI - Abu-Ghazaleh Intellectual Property (AGIP) website has been named ‘Best Corporate Website’ in the Arab Region for its groundbreaking design and functionality at the Arab Strategic Website Award for the year 2014 held in Dubai.

The Award which was received by Mr. Ramez Quneibi, Web Design and Development Manager at Talal Abu-Ghazaleh Organization (TAG-Org) was presented in a special ceremony held at Al Murooj-Rotana Hotel in Dubai.

It is worth mentioning that TAG-Org won four awards in the competition of websites design and development in Jordan in 2014.

AGIP Website:
www.agip.com

TAG Domains Becomes Accredited Registrar for “.Shabaka” (شبكة)



AMMAN – Talal Abu-Ghazaleh Domain Names (TAG Domains), an ICANN accredited registrar, announces that it has become an accredited registrar for شبكة, the first truly

‘borderless’ non-English TLD on the Internet, free from the sanctions of any one sovereign state.

شبكة (pronounced shabaka in English) is the most common term for web, network, and Internet in Arabic and is recognized by Arabic speakers everywhere.

With this new gTLD, more than 380 million Arabic Internet users in the Middle East and North Africa will be able to

better navigate the web in their native script.

It is noteworthy that TAG Domains will provide online registration service for all “.Shabaka” applications, which allows applicants to register, renew and manage their domain names online through the website: www.tag-domains.com

For more information, please contact TAG Domains at: info@tag-domains.com

Qatar Issues New Regulations Related to Patent Annuity Fees



DOHA – The Qatari Patent Office issued an official notification stipulating that the annuity fees for patent applications filed before the issuing of the Ministerial Decision No. 410 of 2014 (till January 1, 2015) should be settled immediately.

The official deadline specified by the Qatari Patent Office to settle these fees is July 31, 2015. However, the annuity fees should be

paid together with the official filing fees and substantive examination fees.

As for the PCT applications, the annual fees should be paid as from the date of filing the international application, and not the national phase date.

In addition, the annual fees for filing patent applications under Paris Convention should be paid as from the date of filing the original application, and not the divisional application.

It is worth mentioning that the applicants who are not interested in their applications anymore should pay the official filing fees and the annual fees for these applications till present.

Our website www.agip.com displays the new list of patent charges.

For more information, please contact us at: qatar@agip.com

Increase in Official Fees for Trademark Filing in Sudan



KHARTOUM - The Sudanese IP office announced that the official fees for Filing trademark application in one class including stamp duty in Sudan will be increased to be SDG 233 instead of 133.00.

The said decision entered into force as from March 1, 2015.

It is worth mentioning that our charges will remain unchanged.

India Accepts E-Filing of Design Applications



MUMBAI – The Controller General of Patents, Designs and Trade Marks in India Chaitanya Prasad issued the following statement regarding the e-filing of design applications in the country, a press release by ag-IP-news Agency.

In order to expand the paperless environment and ease access in all offices under the Controller General of Patents, Designs and Trade Marks, electronic filing system has been extended for the filing of new applications of designs.

All the applicants/stakeholders can now file design applications through the official portal of Controller General of Patents, Designs and Trade Marks at (www.ipindia.gov.in / www.ipindia.nic.in)

The e-filing facility includes the comprehensive payment gateway comprising net banking, debit cards, ATM cards and credit cards. The users can also use their existing digital signatures (used in patents or trademarks) for login and authentication into the e-filing system of design.

New Requirement for Trademark Renewal in Algeria

ALGIERS - The Algerian Trademark Office issued new regulations related to trademarks renewal in Algeria.

The new regulations stipulate that renewal applications should be accompanied by the proof of local use of the mark in the year preceding the renewal deadline.

In accordance with the new regulations, the requirements for renewal of trademark/service

mark registrations are as follows:

1. A simply signed Power of Attorney
2. The number and date of the registered trademark/service mark.
3. The name, address and nationality of the applicant.
4. Proof of use.

For more information or any inquiries, please contact AGIP Algeria office at: algeria@agip.com

Lebanon Requires Legalization of Power of Attorney

BEIRUT – The Ministry of Economy and Trade of Lebanon announced that notarization and legalization of Power of Attorney are required for all Intellectual Property (IP) related matters. The Lebanese consulates abroad will provide legalization services for documents.

This decision was taken to organize the

work of Department of Intellectual Property Protection, affiliate of Ministry of Economy and Trade, and will enter into force as from April 10, 2015.

For further information please contact AGIP Lebanon Office at the following email: lebanon@agip.com

AGIP Participates in the INTA's 173th Annual Meeting in San Diego

AMMAN - Abu-Ghazaleh Intellectual Property (AGIP) will be participating in the International Trademark Association (INTA) 137th Annual Meeting in San Diego, May 2-6, 2015.

The following AGIP members will be attending this event:

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2. Charles Shaban (Regional Office)
3. Dima Naber (Regional Office)
4. Nabil Salame (Canada Liaison Office)
5. Motasem Abu-Ghazaleh (GCC, KSA, Yemen)
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15. Babu Nambarath (Afghanistan, Iran, India)
16. Sergei Kambalov (Russia)
17. Khaled Odeh (Representative Offices)
18. Aamir Khan (Pakistan Office)

AGIP delegation will be staying at the Marriott Marquis San Diego Marina (Co-headquarters Hotel), Conference rooms Point Loma and Solana will be available to meet with our clients and to explain more about AGIP's new reduced fees.

In order to schedule a meeting with one or more of AGIP's representatives, please contact us at: inta@agip.com.

When & Where to Meet AGIP Professionals

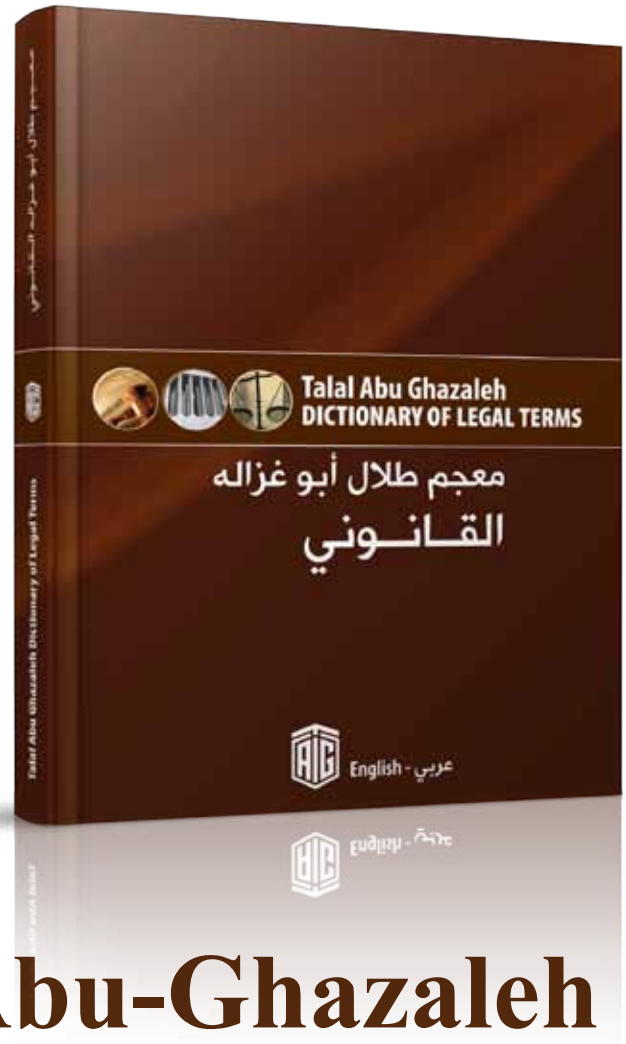
Who	Where	When
Georgina Busku (Hungary Office)	LES International Annual Conference 2015, Brussels, Belgium	April 11-14, 2015
Samar Al-Labbad (Deputy Chair)	FICPI World congress, Cape Town, South Africa	April 13-17, 2015
Luay Abu-Ghazaleh (Managing Partner, CEO)		

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TAG-Org Releases Talal Abu-Ghazaleh Dictionary of Legal Terms

Talal Abu-Ghazaleh Organization (TAG-Org) announced the launch of Talal Abu-Ghazaleh Dictionary of Legal Terms, the sixth dictionary in a series of professional and specialized publications.

The Dictionary is considered a rich lexicon for the use of judges, lawyers, professors and college students and an insightful resource for researchers and students.

This publication serves business people, companies and keeps abreast of contemporary world legal terminology in the fields of corruption, money laundering and monopoly in addition to legal strategies for companies and world trade, merging and acquisition.

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