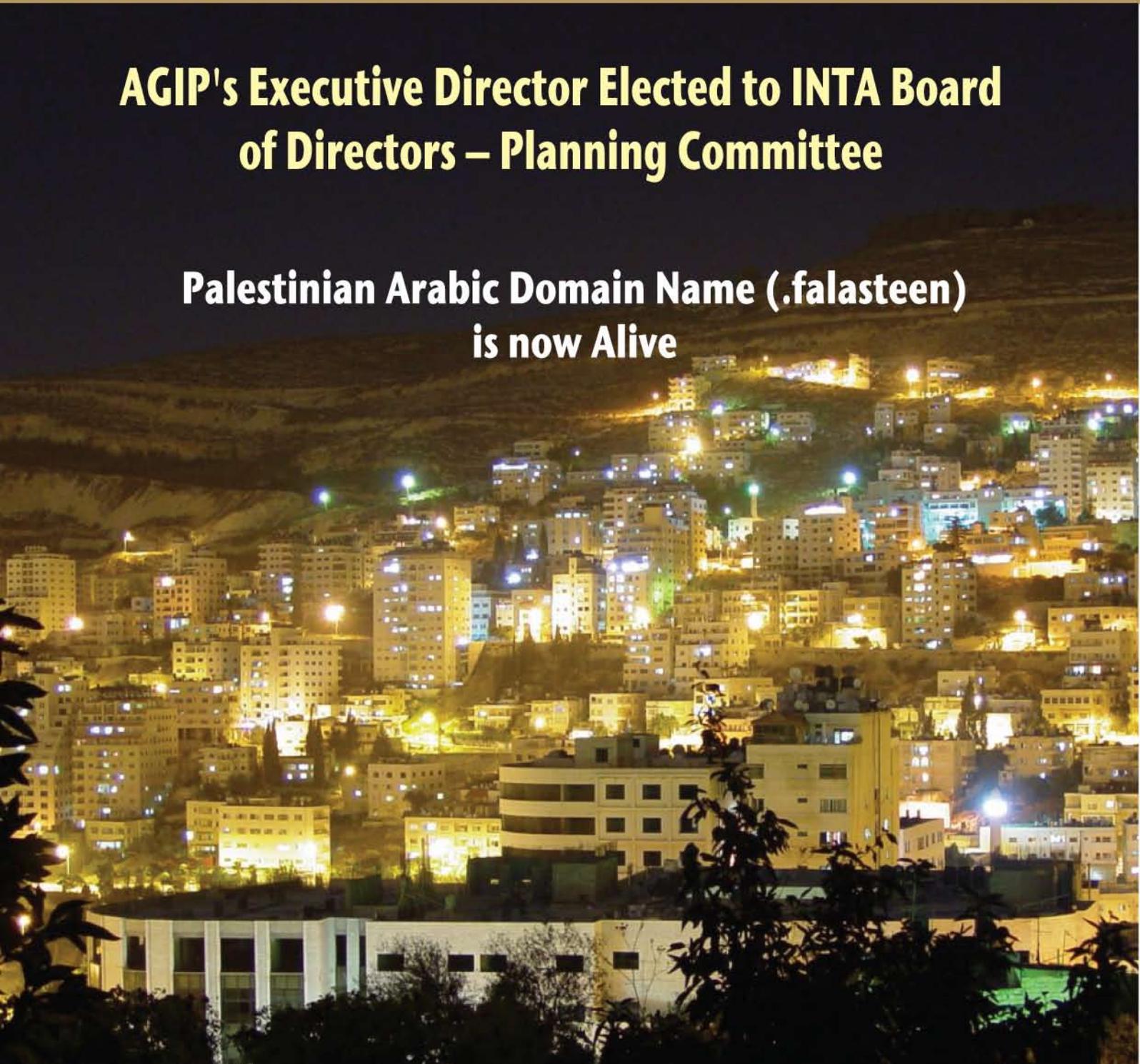


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Mr. Charles Sha'ban

PHOENIX-AZ –The International Trademark Association (INTA) Board voted and confirmed on November 10, 2010 the election of Mr. Charles Sha'ban, the Executive Director of Abu-Ghazaleh Intellectual Property (AGIP), to a three-year term on the board of the INTA. His term begins on January 1, 2011, making him the only member on the INTA board representing the Arab region.

In addition to voting on the new board members, Mr. Sha'ban was chosen to serve on the Board Planning Committee for the year 2011.

Mr. Sha'ban said: "I am really honoured of the trust bestowed on us; the planning committee is one of the most important INTA board committees that are charged with managing strategic and annual planning for the Association."

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IDN Update: Arabic IDN ccTLDs

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MARINA DEL REY, CA - At the recent ICANN Board meeting, the IDN ccTLD delegation request for قطر ("Qatar") to the Supreme Council of Information and Communication, ictQATAR, was approved. This means that users will soon have an additional top-level domain extension to choose from registering domain names, where the entire string is in Arabic characters. The new extension will be managed by ictQATAR's Regulatory Authority through the Qatar Domains Registry. It is expected to be launched by early 2011.

The actual delegation of قطر will bring the total number of IDN ccTLDs in the DNS root zone to 16, represented by 13 different countries/territories.

ICANN is actively processing other requests for IDN ccTLDs. A total of 33 requests in 22 different languages have been received. ICANN releases information about received requests after they pass the String Evaluation step. An earlier survey estimates that a total of 50 IDN ccTLDs will be requested in the initial two years of the IDN ccTLD Fast Track Process.

The IDN ccTLD Fast Track Process is currently under its first annual review. Commenters are asked to suggest potential changes to improve the process for the end-users, including: the respective IDN ccTLD managers, the governments as well as the users of the resulting IDN ccTLDs (both registrants and general Internet users). The public comment period is open until 17 December 2010. There will also be a session scheduled in the ICANN meeting in Cartagena, Colombia, to discuss the performance and potential improvement of the process, and to facilitate useful community communication about the review.

Arabic is among the most highly used languages on the Internet today. The Middle-East has an average Internet penetration of just over 20%, and significant, additional growth is predicted. Users in the region will now have easier access to the Internet with the ability to use their primary language for the entire domain name.

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A New Era in Patent Applications in Turkey



ANKARA - Nihat Ergun, Turkish Minister of Industry and Trade stated that the number of patent and utility model applications in the country will exceed 11000 by the end of 2010.

In a press conference on trademark, patent, geographical indication and industrial design applications of 2010, the Minister revealed that the Turkish Patent Institute (TPI) is going to make announcements on the industrial property rights every three months hereafter.

National patent and utility model applications increased by 19.2% in the period of January – September compared to the same period of the previous year. The rate of national applications among patent and utility model applications increased up to 54.97%.

“Recep Tayyip Erdogan, Prime Minister of Turkey, filed two applications before TPI in order to brand RTE which stands for the his initials. These applications will be registered within almost four months if no valid objection is raised.”

Mr. Ergun stated that Turkey has become one of the three countries in Europe where the number of trademark and industrial design applications is the highest in the recent years and reminded that this success might be considered as a result of the online applications system which has been active since 2008.

Microsoft Sues Motorola over Licensing Terms

By Nancy Gohring, IDG News

WASHINGTON DC- Microsoft has recently sued Motorola in a Washington court, alleging that Motorola is refusing to license patents on a reasonable basis, as it promised during standards-setting processes. Motorola is asking Microsoft to pay too much for patents related to video decoding and WLAN technologies built into several Microsoft products, including the Xbox, Windows Phone 7 and Windows 7, Microsoft alleges in the suit.

“In willful disregard of the commitments it made to Institute of Electrical and Electronics Engineers (IEEE) and the International Telecommunication Union (ITU), Motorola has refused to extend to Microsoft a license consistent with Motorola’s promises for any of Motorola’s identified patents. Instead, Motorola is demanding royalty payments that are wholly disproportionate to the royalty rate that its patents should command,” Microsoft wrote in the suit, filed in the US District Court for the Western District of Washington.

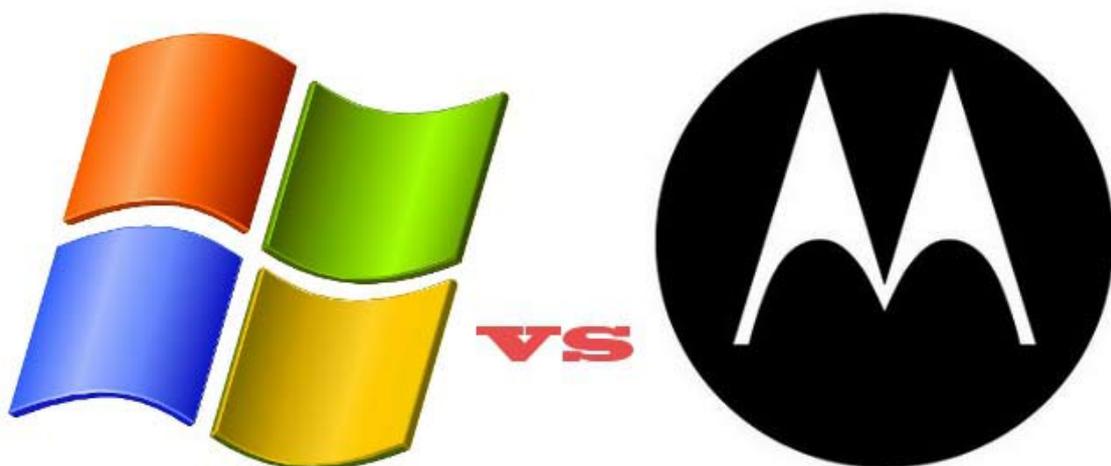
Motorola pledged during standards-setting processes at the IEEE and ITU to license its patents relevant to the WLAN and H.264 video technologies on a reasonable and non-discriminatory basis, Microsoft says.

Microsoft cites a letter that it says is from Motorola’s vice president of intellectual property that states the royalty for Motorola’s patents must be based on the price of the end product, for instance, an Xbox 360. Microsoft argues that the royalty should be based on the cost of the chips and components that provide wireless connectivity for the Xbox 360, which make up a small fraction of the overall cost of the device. Microsoft is also arguing that the pertinent Motorola licenses aren’t actually even essential to WLAN or the H.264 video technology.

Motorola did not immediately reply to a request for comment.

The companies are already embroiled in a patent dispute over mobile phones. In October, Microsoft sued Motorola, claiming patent infringement in Motorola’s Android phones.

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Palestinian Arabic Domain Name (.falasteen) is now Alive

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GAZA - Abu-Ghazaleh Intellectual Property (AGIP) announced in a press release that the Palestinian Arabic country code Top-Level Domain Name (.falasteen) has been launched. It is possible now to use the Arabic domain names in Arabic characters such as موقع.بنينا.فلسطين and موقع.هيئة-مسميات-الانترنت.فلسطين

Marwan Radwan, Palestinian National Internet Naming Authority (PNINA) General Manager said: "Launching the name of Palestine in Arabic language realize the free Palestinian presence on the Internet and achieve equality for Palestine as an independent state in the Cyberspace similar to other countries". "It is an excellent opportunity to enhance the Palestinian and Arabic presence and increase the Arabic language content on the Internet", he added.

The registration will be opened in two stages: the first (sunrise period) from October 17, 2010 till November 30, 2010 for local and international organizations, companies and trademarks holders in order to allow them register domain names in Arabic.

The second stage will start on January 1, 2011. The registration will be opened for local and international individuals and institutions. All applications will be processed on equal basis and according to the first-come-first-serve principle.

The registration policies and procedures for the new Top-Level Domain Name have been published on the official website of PNINA on October 17, 2010.

<http://موقع.بنينا.فلسطين/>

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Google Settles Buzz Lawsuit with No Payout to Gmail Users

By Sarah Jacobsson Purewal, PCWorld



MOUNTAIN VIEW, CA - Millions of Google Buzz users were contacted by Google regarding a class-action lawsuit settlement stemming from an online privacy debate sparked by the search giant.

The lawsuit, brought against Google by a group of Gmail users, claimed that Google's social networking tool Google Buzz, which was introduced in February 2010, violated users' privacy by automatically enrolling users in Google Buzz and publicly exposing private user data.

The settlement, the details of which are archived at BuzzClassAction.com, states that Google will establish an \$8.5 million "Common Fund" to "fund organizations focused on Internet privacy policy or privacy education," as well as to cover the plaintiff's lawyers' fees and other expenses. Google also promises to "do more to educate users about the privacy aspects of Google Buzz".

The Buzz over the Lawsuit

Google Buzz is a social networking platform tied into Google's popular webmail client, Gmail. It was introduced in February, appearing as an extra tab in users' Gmail inboxes. Privacy concerns immediately arose because Google generated a list (based on Gmail contacts and who they used the service Google Talk with the most) of users to follow. This quickly sparked outrage with many users concerned Google Buzz revealed personal connections (without allowing users to "opt-in"). People pointed out--the people you e-mail and chat with the most often are sometimes not the people you want in your social networking Web.

Settlement's Impact on You

If you're wondering what this means for you, the violated Gmail and/or Google Buzz user, the answer is: basically nothing. Gmail users are unable to receive compensation, as the settlement acknowledges that Google has changed Google Buzz in such a way that privacy violation is no longer an issue.

Affected users (all Gmail users in the United States who had the opportunity to use Google Buzz before November 2) have four options: opt out, object, comment, or do nothing. If you fail to opt-out before December 6, you agree to be part of the case and can no longer sue Google regarding Google Buzz privacy after the settlement has been finalized. Any objections to the settlement must be brought by January 10, 2011.

The settlement was granted preliminary approval on October 7, and will be considered for final approval on January 31, 2011.

Astellas Pharma Files Lawsuit against Nycomed for Patent Infringement

TOKYO - Astellas Pharma Inc. and its US affiliate Astellas US LLC jointly filed a patent infringement lawsuit in the United States against Nycomed US Inc. (“Nycomed”) in response to its submission of an abbreviated new drug application for a generic version of Astellas 0.1% tacrolimus ointment, which is sold under the trademark Protopic®.

A press release by Astellas Pharma stated that the patent infringement action was filed in the US District Court for the District of New Jersey on October 27, 2010

requesting, among other things, an order that the date of approval of Nycomed’s ANDA not be earlier than the expiration of Astellas’ US Patent Nos. 5,665,727 and 5,385,907 related to Protopic.

Protopic was developed by Astellas and has been marketed in 67 countries and areas since it was launched in Japan in 1999. In the United States, Astellas Pharma US, Inc. has been marketing the product since February 2001.

Astellas is committed to defending its patent rights.



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China to Issue Unified Rules on Sentencing for Cyber Attack Crimes

Xinhua

BEIJING- China will issue new judicial rules governing sentencing standards for cyber attack crimes by the end of this year, according to an official of the Ministry of Public Security (MPS).

China has become a major victim of online crimes such as hacker attacks, with eight out of every ten computers in the country having suffered botnet attacks, said Gu Jian, Vice Director of the Internet security bureau of the MPS.

Botnet is a network of computers that have had malicious software installed in them and are under the control of criminals, while the owners of the computers remain unaware of the computer hacking.

China criminalized attacks on computer systems in 1997, and made specific provisions on hacker attacks in its seventh amendment to the Criminal Law in 2009.

In most botnet cases in China, the controllers were found to be located abroad, Gu said.

Moreover, more than 80 percent of the cyber attacks targeting websites of China's government agencies came from overseas, Gu added.

Gu called for more international cooperation in fighting transnational online crimes at the fourth US-China Internet Industry Forum which concluded in Beijing.

At the forum, China and the US agreed to strengthen international law enforcement in combating cyber crimes, improve international cooperation mechanisms in this regard, and enhance communication on fighting cyber crimes.

In addition to cyber attacks, Gu listed other kinds of major online crimes: online pornography, online gambling and online fraud.





AGIP and TAGLegal Turkey Attend “Turkey– Spain Legal Services Meeting”



ANKARA- Abu- Ghazaleh Intellectual Property (AGIP) and Talal Abu- Ghazaleh Legal (TAGLegal) Turkey attended the meeting of “Turkey – Spain Legal Services” held in Ankara Swiss Hotel on November 4, 2010.

Besides the presence of Ms. Ozlem Ozgur Arslan, Executive Director of Turkey Office and Ms. Gizem Atasu, AGIP Marketing Officer, the event witnessed the participation of the General Council of Spanish Attorneys, Institute of Spanish Foreign Trade (ICEX) and the Ankara

Office of the Spanish Embassy as well as Undersecretaries of Economy and Trade.

Since the meeting aims at giving Turkish and Spanish attorneys the opportunity to share their expertise and knowledge regards legal services such as intellectual property, commercial laws and law of obligations, a number of Spanish and Turkish law firms have been given the chance to collaborate with one another.

Ms. Arslan commented “it is our responsibility as lawyers to provide the appropriate environment for the international trade between Turkey and Spain and for our clients to do business more effectively; this event is considered a bridge between the Turkish and Spanish lawyers.”

“We have always been supporting such events as they would help rise the investments between countries,” she added.

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