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CAIRO – Abu-Ghazaleh Intellectual Property (AGIP) has recently participated in the 5th edition of the Middle East and Adjoining Countries School on Internet Governance (MEAC-SIG), which took place in Cairo, Egypt from August 5-9, 2018.



MEACSIG
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School on Internet Governance

The event was hosted by the National Telecommunications Regulatory Authority (NTRA) of Egypt, and jointly organized by the Arab World Internet Institute, the Internet Corporation for Assigned Names and Numbers (ICANN), the Internet Governance Project at Georgia Tech, the Internet Society, and RIPE NCC.

The intensive program of the event aimed at disseminating knowledge and exchanging experience and ensuring effective participation of the regional Internet community in national, regional, and global Internet Governance fora.

AGIP representative, Executive Director Mr. Charles Shaban, was one of the main speakers at the event where he delivered a presentation about Intellectual Property Rights (IPRs). The presentation focused on basic

concepts of IP and explored the ways IRPs affect Internet Governance, such as battles over graduated response or takedowns of copyrighted content.

It is worth mentioning that Shaban has extensive experience in the field of Internet Governance and related public policy, good knowledge of the outputs of the World Summit on the Information Society (WSIS) Geneva 2003 and Tunis 2005, and good knowledge of the global IGF process mechanisms.

Commenting on his participation, Shaban said: “It was one of the best schools on Internet Governance, the faculty had very knowledgeable lecturers, and the students showed eagerness and passion to learn the different aspects related to Internet Governance.”

AGIP Participates in ABPI's XXXVIII International Congress of Intellectual Property in Brazil

SAO PAULO - Abu-Ghazaleh Intellectual Property (AGIP) represented by its Vice-President Marketing and Executive Director, Mr. Nabil Salamé, and the Business Development officer of Brazil office, Mr. Issam Saldanha, participated in ABPI's XXXVIII International Congress of Intellectual Property which was held in Sao Paulo, Brazil, August 19 – 21, 2018.

The Congress was very successful and gathered above 700 participants mostly from Brazil, with some from Latin America and few from outside the American continent. It was a great opportunity for networking and promoting AGIP and TAG-Org services.

The Congress panels focused on two main topics: The Brazilian bureaucracy that obstructs the adoption of Madrid Protocol; and the future of IP with the advance of digital revolution.

During their stay in Sao Paulo, Mr. Salamé and Mr. Saldanha visited the Arab Brazilian Chamber of Commerce to attend a seminar on the importance of protecting trademarks internationally. Mr. Salamé intervened at the end of the seminar to give brief information on TAG-Org and AGIP as well as the GCC unified patent law and the GCC unified trademark law which are the only IP treaties in the Arab Region.



It was a good opportunity to meet with Brazilian entrepreneurs who are interested in exploring the Arab market as well as some overseas markets, and to renew contacts with the board of the Arab Brazilian Chamber of Commerce.

Kuwait Expedites Examination of Pending TM Applications

KUWAIT – Kuwait Trademarks Office has set a new deadline for pending trademark applications filed before 1 January 2018, to be 31 August 2018.

The Trademarks Office announced that it is currently examining all pending applications filed before 1 January 2018, and it asked all applicants to make sure all their pending trademark applications are complete before the end of August.

It is worth mentioning that trademark applications filed through AGIP in Kuwait are all complied with the latest requirement set by Kuwait Trademarks Office, and no further action is needed in this regard.



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New Industrial Property Act in Namibia

WINDHOEK - The new Industrial Property Act No. 1 of 2012 came into effect in Namibia on August 1, 2018 and repealed the Trade Marks in South West Africa Act of 1973, making it one of the most anticipated pieces of intellectual property legislation in Namibia, aimed at ensuring compatibility of national laws with the international legal framework.

The Industrial Property Act makes provision for patents, utility model certificates, industrial designs, trademarks, collective marks, certification marks and trade names.

The most significant introductions in terms of the Industrial Property Act include new requirements for trademark applications, assignments, renewals and restorations, alterations/amendments, joint ownership, license contracts and registered users. There is also an increase in the official fees payable to the Business and Intellectual Property Authority (BIPA).

Namibia now has a multiclass application system. Priority can also be claimed.

Applications can be filed in terms of the Madrid Protocol and the Banjul Agreement (ARIPO).

The Industrial Property Act makes it possible to register collective marks, whereas previously only certification marks were registrable. No provision is made for defensive trademark registrations.

In terms of the previous legislation, trademark applications were advertised in the Government Gazette. In terms of the Industrial Property Act, BIPA will now publish the acceptance notices in an IP Bulletin after payment of a prescribed fee. The opposition period remains two



months after publication in the IP Bulletin. On payment of a fee one can request the registration certificate.

A Trademark Registration in Namibia is effective for an initial period of ten years and may thereafter be renewed for like periods. Non-use by owner or licensee of a Namibian Trade Mark for a period of 3 years may render a mark vulnerable to expungement upon an application filed by a third party.

Litigants will be pleased that recognition has been afforded to foreign well-known trademarks in accordance with Article 6bis of the Paris Convention for the Protection of Industrial Property.

For further information and queries on this new act and IP filing in Namibia, please contact AGIP Africa office at: africa@agip.com

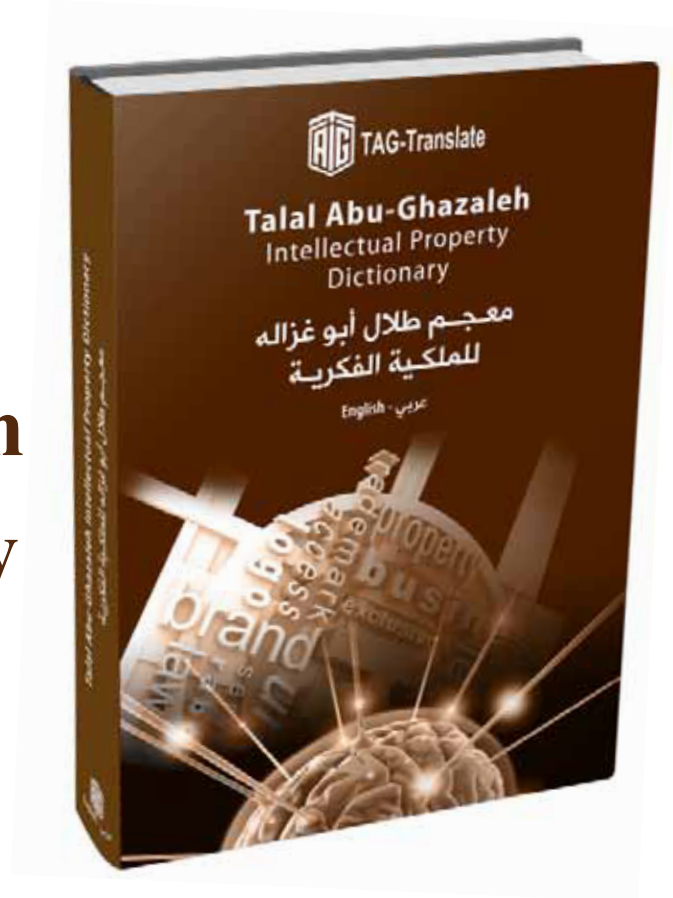
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| Who | Event | Where | When |
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| Ali Hijazi (Special Clients Department) Suzan Jamjoum (AGIP Europe Office) | INTA TMAP | Orlando, Florida, USA | September 12 – 14, 2018 |
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| Nadeen Nusair (Regional Patents Department) Rohit Singh (AGIP India Office) | IPO Annual Meeting | Chicago, USA | September 23 – 25, 2018 |
| Nabil Salamé (Vice-president Marketing/ Executive Director) Motasem Abu-Ghazaleh (National Development Executive Director) Amr Hattab (AGIP Jordan Office) | AIPPI Congress | Cancun, Mexico | September 23 – 26, 2018 |

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The Second Edition “Talal Abu-Ghazaleh Intellectual Property Dictionary”



The Talal Abu-Ghazaleh Intellectual Property Dictionary contains the terms and main axes of the intellectual property components, which are estimated to be about 10,000 words and terms.

The dictionary fulfills the needs of businessmen, innovators, inventors, jurists, those who are interested in intellectual property, professors, and university students. It is an indispensable reference for those wishing to obtain a certificate as an intellectual property expert. The dictionary is an incentive for all those who are interested in the field to author, write and create content in the related field in order to introduce Arab societies to a field of which they are in bad need to gain a deeper knowledge.

Intellectual Property laws have therefore become an important element in determining the rules of commercial transactions, the rights of inventors, and all other forms of intellectual creativity. This dictionary succeeded in filling a part of the wider gap which the Arab world suffers from concerning the references, researches and dictionaries specialized in intellectual property rights.

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