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AGIP Receives MIP's Middle East IP Firm of the Year Award for 2018

LONDON – Abu-Ghazaleh Intellectual Property (AGIP) received the Middle East IP Firm of the Year award for 2018 at the Managing Intellectual Property (MIP) ceremony recently held at the Savoy Hotel in London.

According to MIP, the awards recognize the achievements in IP work over the past year, whether in prosecution, litigation, licensing or other works. They mark the culmination of MIP's five month-long annual world survey of the world's leading IP firms.

AGIP earned this regional recognition, for the 9th year, for its outstanding IP practices in the Middle East, and the continuous effort in providing its clients with the best-quality services in the field of IP protection.

Ms. Dima Naber, AGIP Counsel and International Business Development Executive Director, and Mr. Amro Hattab, AGIP Jordan Office Manager, accepted the award on behalf of AGIP.



“We are very proud to be recognized this year for our outstanding work in the field of IP as the Middle East leading IP firm under the guidance of H.E Dr. Talal Abu-Ghazaleh.” Naber said.

Meanwhile, Hattab commented on this achievement saying: “This recognition further validates AGIP’s commitment to developing both innovative and quality services”.

MIP’s survey was the largest and most in-depth ever; it covered both prosecution and contentious work in 65 jurisdictions including the Americas, Asia and Europe.

AGIP enjoys an international reputation for excellence with offices throughout the Arab countries, in addition to India, Turkey, Pakistan, Iran, Russia, China, Nigeria and Afghanistan, and an extensive network of 180 liaison and correspondent offices worldwide.

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 to Serve Clients in Japan through its New Liaison Office

OSAKA - Abu-Ghazaleh Intellectual Property (AGIP) is pleased to announce the launch of its new liaison office located in the heart of Osaka marking a milestone in the effort of AGIP’s expansion in East Asia.

AGIP Japan liaison office will be a key contact for Japanese IP owners and law firms looking to manage and enforce their IP portfolios around the world. It will promote the IP services and activities of AGIP in Japan covering trademarks, patents, copyrights, designs and domain names.

As a global IP firm, AGIP needs to meet the demands of its clients, regardless of language or location. With its Japanese website, it now serves Japanese-speaking clients to be informed of AGIP’s various services, activities, news and the latest developments related to Intellectual Property (IP) laws, regulations, registration requirements and practices.

HE Dr. Talal Abu-Ghazaleh said: “The opening of Japan liaison office is another milestone of AGIP’s growth to such a major global player like Japan, we are very glad and privileged to be here.”

It is worth mentioning that AGIP Japan liaison office will complement and support our existing offices by dealing with a broad range of services offered by our mother company TAG-Org in the fields of



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AGIP Opens its Second Liaison Office in Canada

OTTAWA - Abu-Ghazaleh Intellectual Property (AGIP) is proud to announce the opening of its liaison office in Ottawa, the second in Canada after Montreal. The new office will bring AGIP closer to its clients in Canada seeking protection and enforcement of their intellectual property rights worldwide.

Ottawa liaison office will serve as a bridge between Canadian clients and AGIP through promoting all IP services offered by AGIP covering trademark, patent, copyright, design and domain name registrations, in addition to renewals and actions related to infringement, opposition and cancellation. Furthermore, the office will help Canadian clients to manage their IP portfolios, and will advise on the best way to manage their IP Records as well.

Commenting on this significant achievement, HE Dr. Talal Abu-Ghazaleh said: “The opening of Ottawa liaison office is another indication of AGIP’s growth and expansion across the world. The opening of Ottawa office aims to accommodate rapid growth and expanding business needs, and to meet the increasing demand of AGIP’s clients in both the North and South Americas for the services that AGIP provides to clients worldwide.”

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AGIP Oman Office Attends the Workshop: “Benefits of the Patent Cooperation Treaty on the National Economy”

MUSCAT – Abu-Ghazaleh Intellectual Property (AGIP) Oman office attended the workshop of: “Benefits of the Patent Cooperation Treaty on the National Economy”, organized and supported by World Intellectual Property Organization (WIPO), which was held in Muscat, Oman, March 18 – 20, 2018.

The workshop was attended by representatives from government agencies, the private sector, a number of inventors, academics, and research centers. The workshop discussed a number of topics, including the current status of the patent system in the Sultanate, the different systems of filing and the conditions for granting the patent. Also, It discussed the main benefits of the PCT at the national and international levels, as well as how to use PCT as a search engine to transfer knowledge, technology and experience.



Mr. Naji Taha, AGIP Oman office Executive Director commented: “We need to get up to date in order to be able to deal with the current issues in the field of intellectual property, and being informed regarding the current cases of patents would help us provide our clients with more efficient services and exceed their expectations.”

Kuwait Accepts National Phase PCT Applications



Kuwait–The Patent Office of Kuwait announced that it started accepting Patent Cooperation Treaty (PCT) applications designating Kuwait and entering into the national phase, as from March 27, 2018.

The PCT came into force in Kuwait on September 9, 2016 after three months of depositing its instrument of accession with the World Intellectual Property Organization (WIPO).

According to Kuwait Patent Office, the time limit to file a PCT application in Kuwait is 30 months from the

priority date, or 18 months from the international PCT application's filing date.

Further details about the procedures and requirements will be provided soon.

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Online Trademark Registration System in Russia



MOSCOW – The trademark registration process in Russia is now quicker and easier through the online registration service offered by the Russian Patent and Trademark Office.

The online service allows Russian companies and local agents to file their new trademark applications from filing up to registration and check their status online.

Our clients will save 30% of the official fees for filing new trademark applications through the online system. However, the requirements of the electronic copy of applied designation are stricter than paper filing system.

In this regard, AGIP will amend its schedule of charges related to trademark registration services in Russia.

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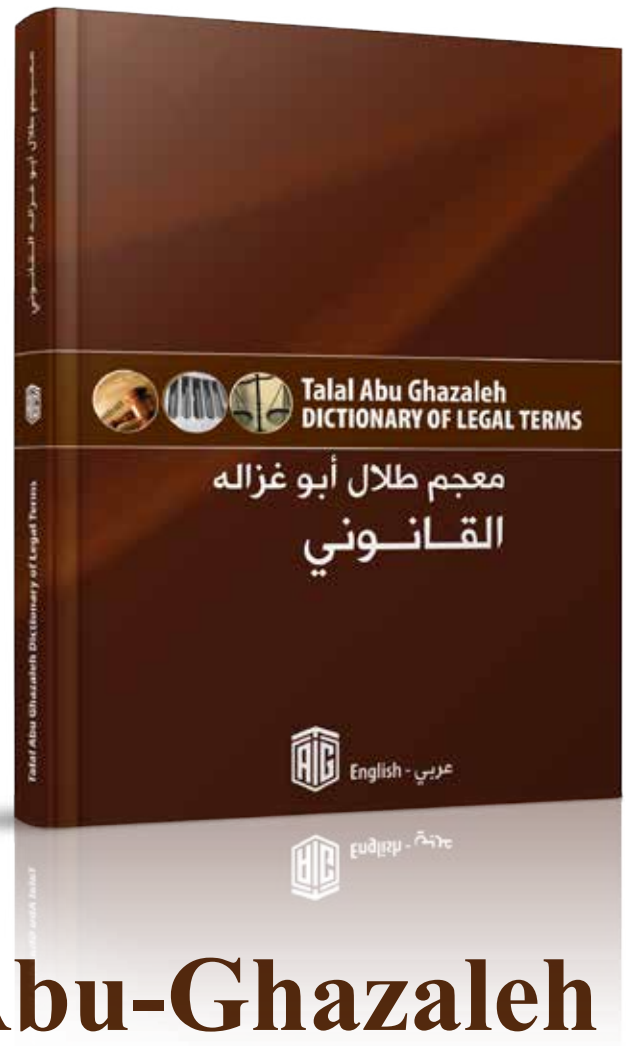
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AGIP informs you that its professionals will be attending the following IP international events and conferences, which will be held in April 2018:

Who	Event	Where	When
Luay Abu-Ghazaleh (Managing Partner and CEO) Dima Naber (AGIP Counsel & International Business Development Executive Director)	UNIFAB Annual Meeting	Paris, France	April 5 – 7, 2018
Issam Abu Gazali Saldanha (Brazil Office)	ASIPI	Bogota, Colombia	April 8 – 10, 2018
Nabil Salamé (Executive Director/ Vice-president Marketing)	IPL Annual Meeting	Virginia, USA	April 18 – 20, 2018
Nabil Salamé (Executive Director/ Vice-president Marketing)	LESI Annual Meeting	San Diego, USA	April 27 – 29, 2018

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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 and 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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