



**Short presentation
on
Syrian Patent Office
and
Pharmaceutical Patent Examination**

International treaties and conventions to which Syrian Arab Republic have joined In the field of intellectual property

| Convention | Date of membership |
|---|---------------------------|
| Paris Convention for the Protection of Industrial Property (1883) | 1/September/1924 |
| Madrid Agreement for the Repression of False or Deceptive Indications of Source on Goods (1883) | 1/September/1924 |
| Nairobi Treaty on the Protection of the Olympic Symbol (1981) | 13 /April /1984 |
| Stockholm Document (1967) amended the Paris Convention for the Protection of Industrial Property | 13 /December/2002 |
| Patent Cooperation Treaty (PCT) | 26/June/2003 |

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| Berne Convention for the Protection of Literary and Artistic Works (1886) | 11/June/2004 |
| Madrid Agreement Concerning the International Registration of Marks (1891) & Protocol Relating to the Madrid Agreement (1989) | 5/August/2004 |
| Convention of Establishing the World Intellectual Property Organization (WIPO) (1967) | 18/November/2004 |
| Nice Agreement Concerning the International Classification of Goods and Services for the Purposes of the Registration of Marks (1997) Patent Cooperation Treaty (PCT) | 28/March/2005 |

❖ Syrian Patent Office is a section of the Directorate for the Protection of Intellectual Property of the Ministry of Economy and Trade.

❖ **Work Mechanism of the Syrian Patent Office**

- A patent application could be applied by the applicant or legal representative plus the fee of the first year , and the application does not be acceptable unless the fee receipt is attached to this application.
- The Office prepares the record of the application containing the date and time of receiving the document and the paid fees

- If the applicant wasn't Syrian or a non-resident in Syria, He should assign a person "resident" in Syria to be an agent in the transaction of filing and registration
- The patent application should include a detailed description of the invention containing a full explanation on theme, and it should indicate the way in which the invention is capable of being used or exploited in industry
- The description must include the new elements to be protected in a clear way , and that description may be accompanied by engineering drawings of the invention, where appropriate.

- All the documents accompanied with the application should be signed by the inventor or the legal representative.
- The legal officials in the Patent Office check the application and the accompanied documents to ensure the availability of legal requirements . The formal requirements including required documents may be completed during the period of / three / months from the date of filling of the application, except the fee

- **The task of examiners** in the Patent Office is to search for documents similar to a patent application (the state of art)in websites , and then the application is sent to the scientific authority relevant such as (research centers - universities) to give a scientific opinion about the subject of application , later the Patent Commission discuss (the application and the opinion of the scientific authority) to determine the final decision on granting of the patent

- With regard to **pharmaceutical patents and chemical patents examination** , examiners in the office examine these applications the same way mentioned previously. But most of pharmaceutical applications are sent to the Faculty of Pharmacy to provide a study and to give the decision of granting the patent.
- **At present** , we face difficulties in how to deal with such applications because of the lack of specialists in the group of examiners. But the office will be provided these specialists soon , until that time we will try as far as possible to take advantage of training courses and workshops regarding patents based on pharmacy and chemistry .

Statistics:

| YEAR | GRANTED PATENTS | RESIDENT APPLICANT | NON-RESIDENT APPLICANT |
|------|-----------------|--------------------|------------------------|
| 1998 | 83 | 75 | 8 |
| 1999 | 165 | 163 | 2 |
| 2000 | 82 | 80 | 2 |
| 2001 | 74 | 37 | 37 |
| 2002 | 108 | 68 | 40 |
| 2003 | 57 | 41 | 16 |
| 2004 | 56 | 43 | 13 |
| 2005 | 72 | 56 | 16 |
| 2006 | 72 | 32 | 40 |
| 2007 | 58 | 31 | 27 |
| 2008 | 69 | 25 | 44 |

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