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# INTERNATIONAL UNIONS

# Interunion Coordination Committee

#### Sixth Session

(Geneva, September 24 to 27, 1968)

### Report 1)

# Composition of the Session; Officers

The Sixth<sup>2</sup>) Ordinary Session of the Interunion Coordination Committee (hereinafter referred to as "the Committee") was held at Geneva from September 24 to 27, 1968.

Twenty-five of the 27 members of the Committee were represented: Argentina, Australia, Austria, Belgium, Brazil, Denmark, France, Germany (Federal Republic), Hungary, India, Iran, Italy, Japan, Kenya, Mexico, Netherlands, Poland, Portugal, Rumania, Soviet Union, Spain, Sweden, Switzerland, United Kingdom, United States of America. The two members not represented were Cameroon and Morocco.

The following seven States were represented by observers: Algeria, Canada, Cuba, Czechoslovakia, Holy See, Israel, Lebanon.

The list of participants follows the present Report.

# Reports on the Activities of BIRPI since the 1967 Session of the Committee

Professor G. H. C. Bodenhausen, Director of BIRPI, presented reports on the activities of BIRPI since the last session of the Committee, covering a period of some nine months. Among other events, the reports mentioned the following:

- the progress made in respect of the BIRPI plan for a *Patent Cooperation Treaty* ("PCT"), including the preparation and publication by BIRPI of a second, revised draft of the proposed Treaty;
- the preparation and publication by BIRPI of a draft agreement on the international classification of industrial designs;
- the *training program* of BIRPI for government officials of developing countries;
- the continued cooperation or contacts between BIRPI and the United Nations, including the Economic and Social Council (ECOSOC), the UN Commission on International Trade Law (UNCITRAL), the UN Conference on Trade and Development (UNCTAD), the UN Industrial Development Organization (UNIDO), the UN Conference on the Law of Treaties, the International Law Commission, and the Economic Commission for Europe (ECE);
- the contacts with the Council of Europe with a view to a possible structural reform of the Convention on the International Patent Classification;
- 1) This Report was prepared by BIRPI on the basis of the official documents of the session.
- 2) Reports on the first five sessions were published in the following numbers of *Industrial Property:* 1964, pages 7 and 231; 1965, page 239; 1966, page 226; 1968, page 13.

- the meeting of a working group on ways and means of setting up financial machinery permitting authors to be assured of equitable and fair remuneration under the *Protocol Regarding Developing Countries* attached to the Berne Convention and adopted by the Stockholm Conference in 1967;
- the publication of a new BIRPI quarterly periodical, in the Spanish language, La Propiedad intelectual.

#### Financial Reports for the Year 1967

These reports of BIRPI were noted with approval by the Committee.

#### Program and Budget of BIRPI for the Year 1969

The Director of BIRPI presented to the Committee the program and budget of BIRPI for the year 1969.

In addition to the activities contemplated in the framework of the Paris Union (see page 294, below), the following are among the activities planned for 1969:

- studies will start with a view to the possible revision of the Madrid Agreement Concerning the International Registration of Marks, in order to: (i) eliminate the disadvantages of the Nice Act which have become apparent in the practical application of that Act, and (ii) make changes in the Agreement which should allow countries to accede which are not now party to it;
- the alphabetical list of goods under the Agreement Establishing an International Classification for Industrial Designs, signed at Locarno on October 8, 1968, will be drawn up;
- a committee of experts will meet to study the possibilities of establishing an international classification of the figurative elements of marks;
- the Permanent Committee of the Berne Union will probably meet to set up, possibly jointly with the Intergovernmental Copyright Committee established under the Universal Copyright Convention, a working group to examine the general situation with regard to international copyright relations;
- a working group will meet to examine the copyright law implications of the use of computers in the reproduction of literary and artistic works.

The proposed program and budget were noted with approval by the Committee.

# Staff Matters

The following were among the main decisions of the Committee in matters concerning the staff of BIRPI.

The Committee endorsed the proposal of the Director of BIRPI to appoint Mr. Joseph Voyame, Director of the Swiss Federal Bureau of Intellectual Property, as Second Deputy Director of BIRPI.

It also endorsed the intention of the Director of BIRPI to promote Mr. Claude Masouyé, Counsellor (BIRPI), to the rank of Senior Counsellor.

The Committee paid tribute to Mr. Charles-Louis Magnin, Deputy Director, and Mr. Ross Woodley, Senior Counsellor, in view of their impending retirement from the service of BIRPI.

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# International (Paris) Union for the Protection of Industrial Property Executive Committee

#### **Fourth Session**

(Geneva, September 24 to 27, 1968)

### Report 1)

# Composition of the Session; Officers

The Fourth <sup>2</sup>) Ordinary Session of the Executive Committee of the Conference of Representatives of the International (Paris) Union for the Protection of Industrial Property (hereinafter designated as "the Committee") was held at Geneva from September 24 to 27, 1968.

Eighteen of the 20 members of the Committee were represented: Argentina, Australia, Austria, France, Germany (Federal Republic), Hungary, Iran, Japan, Kenya, Mexico, Netherlands, Poland, Soviet Union, Spain, Sweden, Switzerland (ex officio), United Kingdom, United States of America. The two members not represented were Cameroon and Morocco.

The following 13 States were represented by observers: Algeria, Belgium, Brazil, Canada, Cuba, Czechoslovakia, Denmark, Holy See, Israel, Italy, Lebanon, Portugal, Rumania.

The United Nations was represented by an observer. The International Patent Institute was admitted as observer for the discussion of such items of the agenda as were of interest to that Institute.

The list of participants follows the present Report.

The following new Officers were unanimously elected: Mr. Gordon Grant, C. B. (United Kingdom), as Chairman; Mr. Yuri Maksarev (Soviet Union) and Mr. Antonio F. Mazarambroz (Spain), as Vice-Chairmen. Dr. Arpad Bogsch, Deputy Director, BIRPI, acted as Secretary of the Committee.

Reports on the Activities of BIRPI on Account of the Paris Union since the 1967 Session of the Committee

The Director of BIRPI, Professor G. H. C. Bodenhausen, presented reports <sup>3</sup>) on the activities of BIRPI on account of the Paris Union since the 1967 session of the Committee. The Committee noted with approval the Director's reports.

#### **ICIREPAT**

The Committee adopted the Organizational Rules of the new ICIREPAT ("Paris Union Committee for International Cooperation in Information Retrieval Among Patent Offices"). According to the Organizational Rules, the objective of ICI-REPAT is to promote international cooperation in the field of the storage and retrieval of technical information needed in connection with the searching or examination of applications for patents, inventors' certificates, or other similar docu-

Industrial Property, no new summary is given here.

<sup>1)</sup> This Report was prepared by BIRPI on the basis of the official documents of the session.

 <sup>2)</sup> As to the first three sessions of the Executive Committee, see Industrial Property, 1965, page 242, 1966, page 228, and 1968, page 19.
 3) Since these are summarized in the January issues of each year of

ments. "Storage and retrieval of technical information" are understood in their widest sense and include all supporting operations and all activities facilitating them, including in particular: abstracting, indexing, classification, translation, standardization of the form of documents and of search tools, processing of documents, communication and exchange of documents.

ICIREPAT's means of action will consist in conducting or promoting cooperative research, organizing actual cooperation, and making recommendations. Actual cooperation will include, in particular, the exchange of searching tools and the mutual communication of the results of the practical application of the recommended procedures or exchanged material.

Any member country of the Paris Union desiring to participate in the work of ICIREPAT may become a "participating country" of ICIREPAT, provided it pledges: (i) to perform work in its own national Industrial Property (Patent) Office or, if it is a member of the International Patent Institute, by and through that Institute, or in both manners, and (ii) to contribute to the work to be carried out in connection with ICIREPAT by the International Bureau.

Most of the tasks of ICIREPAT will be carried out in working groups ("Technical Committees") whose work will be supervised by a "Technical Coordination Committee."

The draft program of ICIREPAT will, on the basis of the proposals of the Technical Coordination Committee — which will take account of the wishes of ICIREPAT — be drawn up by the Director of the International Bureau. The final program will be established by the competent organs of the Paris Union.

Expenses of the International Bureau connected with ICI-REPAT will be covered from the voluntary contributions of the participating countries and, to the extent and under the conditions authorized by the competent organs of the Paris Union, from the budget of the Paris Union.

Interested intergovernmental and non-governmental organizations will be invited as observers to meetings dealing with matters of concern to them. The International Patent Institute is expected to play a particularly important role in the work of ICIREPAT.

# Program and Budget of BIRPI on Account of the Paris Union for the Year 1969

The draft program of BIRPI on account of the Paris Union for the year 1969, as approved by the Committee, includes, among others, the following items:

- the preparatory work on the proposed Patent Cooperation Treaty ("PCT") will continue and should, if not in 1969 then in 1970, lead to the convocation of a negotiating conference expected to establish and sign the said Treaty;
- efforts for the early convocation of a negotiating conference expected to establish and sign a special agreement on the protection of type faces will continue;
- plans for the establishment of the proposed World Patent Index will be further pursued;
- a working group to study the proposal for the establishment of the so-called *priority fee* 4) will be convened;

- meetings, preferably in cooperation with the Council of Europe, will probably be convened to study the possibility of a reform of the structure of the *International Patent Classification*;
- a "Guide to the Application of the Paris Convention," written by Professor G. H. C. Bodenhausen, Director of BIRPI, will be published;
- BIRPI will assume various tasks in its new role of Secretariat of ICIREPAT;
- BIRPI will continue its technical assistance to developing countries, particularly through the grant of fellowships and the preparation of a draft model law on industrial designs.

The ordinary income of the Paris Union not being sufficient to cover all the expenses connected with the PCT and ICIREPAT programs, a number of countries pledged voluntary contributions towards the cost of these programs for the years 1968 and/or 1969.

#### Agreement with the International Patent Institute

The Committee approved the draft of a new agreement providing for closer cooperation between BIRPI and the International Patent Institute 5).

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<sup>4)</sup> See Industrial Property, 1968, page 21.

<sup>5)</sup> The text of this agreement will be published in *Industrial Property*, as soon as it is signed.

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# **ICIREPAT**

# **Enlarged Transitional Steering Committee**

#### **Third Session**

(Geneva, September 27, 1968)

#### Note 1)

The Third Session <sup>2</sup>) of the Enlarged Transitional Steering Committee of the Committee for International Cooperation in Information Retrieval Among Examining Patent Offices (ICIREPAT) was held at Geneva on September 27, 1968.

The list of participants follows this Note.

Organizational Rules of the new ICIREPAT. — The Enlarged Transitional Steering Committee examined the draft of the Organizational Rules of the new ICIREPAT, as tentatively agreed upon by the Executive Committee of the Paris Union on September 25, 1968. The only suggestion which the Enlarged Transitional Steering Committee made in respect of that draft was subsequently adopted by the Executive Committee and incorporated in the definitive text of the Organizational Rules<sup>3</sup>).

Assessment of Program. — In its previous session 4), the Enlarged Transitional Steering Committee had decided that an appraisal of the program of ICIREPAT should be carried out. In this session, the said Committee decided the scope of the assessment and the first steps to be taken. All aspects of a documentation plan will he dealt with, including in particular (i) the shared systems, (ii) mechanical search, (iii) conversion to the International Patent Classification, (iv) microform, (v) form and printing of patents. A questionnaire will

1) This Note has been prepared by BIRPI on the basis of the official documents of the session.

4) See Industrial Property, 1968, page 251.

he drawn up and the replies of the members of the said Committee and of the International Patent Institute will be evaluated in the Committee's next session, scheduled for December 1968.

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Mr. H. Pfeffer, Consultant in Information Retrieval, Industrial Property Division.

<sup>2)</sup> As to the first two sessions, see *Industrial Property*, 1968, pages 171 and 251.

<sup>3)</sup> A summary of these Rules appears on pages 293 and 294, above.

# LEGISLATION

#### **RWANDA**

I

#### Law on Patents

(of February 25, 1963) \*)

### Article 1

The first person to file, according to the procedure established by the Minister responsible for economic affairs, the description of a discovery capable of being used in industry or trade shall enjoy in Rwanda, within the limits set out below, exclusive rights of exploitation.

#### Article 2

A receipt showing the date and hour of filing shall be issued immediately in respect of each filing. The date of the patent shall be the date on which the application was filed.

#### Article 3

Patents shall be issued without examination, at the risk of the applicants, with no guarantee as to the facts, novelty or merit of the invention, or as to the accuracy of the description, and without prejudice to the rights of third parties.

## Article 4

There shall be three types of patents: patents of invention, patents of importation, and patents of improvement.

#### Article 5

Patents of invention shall expire after twenty years.

The period of validity of patents of importation shall be limited to that of the foreign patent and may not exceed twenty years.

Patents of improvement shall expire at the same time as the main patent.

#### Article 6

Patents shall be issued subject to the payment of a 5,000-franc fee.

Patents of improvement shall not be subject to the payment of a fee.

#### Article 7

The grant of each patent shall be announced in the Official Bulletin of Rwanda. The publication costs shall be borne by the Administration.

#### Article 8

Patentees or their successors in title may bring court action against anyone who infringes upon their rights, have infringers sentenced to pay damages, and, where appropriate, have an order pronounced for the seizure of any articles manufactured in infringement of the patent.

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#### Article 9

The court before which the case has been brought may order experts to examine the allegedly infringing articles or may have such articles placed under seal.

#### Article 10

The patent shall be declared null and void by the courts if:

- (a) it has been proved that the patented article has been used, put into practice, or exploited in Rwanda by a third party for commercial purposes prior to the legal date of the invention, import or improvement;
- (b) in the description attached to the application, the patentee intentionally omits to disclose part of his secret, or discloses it inaccurately;
- (c) it has been proved that the complete description and the exact drawings of the patented article have been published prior to the filing date, unless, in the case of patents of importation, such publication resulted exclusively from a legal obligation which the inventor could not avoid.

#### Article 11

Any patent of invention or improvement relating to an invention already patented in Rwanda or abroad shall be declared null and void by the courts.

Where appropriate, such a patent may be maintained as a patent of importation.

#### Article 12

A patent of importation shall be declared null and void by the courts if it is established that it was granted to a person other than the proprietor of the foreign patent or his successor in title.

#### Article 13

If a patented discovery is not exploited in Rwanda as an article of industry or trade within two years from the date of its introduction abroad, any interested party may bring court action for the cancellation of the patent.

#### Article 14

Exclusive rights of exploitation in Rwanda obtained under the previous patent legislation shall not be affected during the remainder of the period of validity of the patent concerned.

### Article 15

This Law shall enter into force on the day of the signature thereof.

We hereby enact this Law and order that it be published in the Official Bulletin.

<sup>\*)</sup> BIRPI translation.

 $\mathbf{II}$ 

### **Ministerial Decree**

Implementing the Law on Patents of February 25, 1963 (No. 5/10/67 of May 18, 1967) \*)

#### Article 1

Any person wishing to obtain a patent of invention, importation or improvement must file an application therefor with the Ministry responsible for economic affairs.

#### Article 2

The following documents shall be attached, in duplicate, to that application:

- 1. the description of the invention;
- 2. the drawings, models or samples required for a correct understanding of the description;
- 3. an abstract setting forth in precise terms the distinctive features constituting the novelty of the invention.

#### Article 3

The application shall be drawn up on separate sheets of paper. It shall indicate the surname, first name, occupation, and residence of the inventor.

Applications for patents of improvement shall indicate the date and the period of validity of the original patent and the country where it was granted.

#### Article 4

All documents shall be dated and signed by the applicant or his agent, whose duly authenticated power of attorney shall remain attached to the application.

## Article 5

A receipt of the documents filed showing the date and hour of filing shall be issued to the applicant or his agent.

This receipt shall only be issued against payment of the fee, and such payment shall be mentioned therein.

The receipts shall conform to models 1, 2 and 3 attached to this Decree.

#### Article 6

Patents shall expressly mention that they are issued without examination, at the risk of the applicants, with no guarantee either as to the facts of the invention or as to the accuracy of the description, and without prejudice to the rights of third parties.

Patents shall conform to models 4, 5 and 6 attached to this Decree.

#### Article 7

The first issuance of a patent shall be made free of charge. Any subsequent issuance requested shall be certified as being true and shall be subject to the payment of a 1,000-franc fee.

#### Article 8

In order to be effective with regard to third parties, any total or partial assignment or transfer of a patent must be published in accordance with Article 7 of the Law of February 25, 1963, on patents.

To that end, the Ministry responsible for economic affairs shall be notified of the assignment or transfer. Such notification shall be accompanied by an authentic abstract of the deed of assignment or transfer in respect of which a receipt conforming to model 7 attached to this Decree shall be issued.

#### Article 9

Res judicata judgments annulling patents or putting them into the public domain shall also be announced in the Official Bulletin.

#### Article 10

Proprietors of patents filed outside Rwanda for exploitation in Rwanda shall, in accordance with Article 14 of the Law of February 25, 1963, retain rights they have acquired to the extent that they are able to supply proof thereof. Such proprietors shall have the burden of transferring to the Republic of Rwanda previous filings conforming to those from which they are benefiting.

#### Article 11

This Decree shall enter into force on the day of the signature thereof.

#### III

# Law on Trademarks

(of February 25, 1963) \*)

#### Article 1

Any symbol used to identify the products of an industry or the articles of a trade shall be considered a trademark.

The name of a person or the name of a commercial or industrial establishment may be used as a mark, in the distinctive form assigned thereto by the party concerned.

#### Article 2

No one may lay claim to the exclusive use of a mark unless he has filed, with the Ministry of Economic Affairs of Rwanda, two specimens and a printing block of his mark.

#### Article 3

The first person to use a mark publicly, and he alone, may file for the registration thereof.

#### Article 4

The conditions and procedures for filing an application shall be established by the Minister for Economic Affairs.

#### Article 5

A 1,000-franc fee shall be payable in respect of each registered mark. All assignments of marks by deed between living persons or by testament shall be subject to the payment of a 500-franc fee.

<sup>\*)</sup> BIRPI translation.

<sup>\*)</sup> BIRPI translation.

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#### Article 6

No mark may be assigned without the business in respect of which it identifies the articles of industry or trade. Assignments shall not be effective with regard to third parties until an abstract of the deed of assignment has been filed in the form prescribed by the Minister of Economic Affairs.

#### Article 7

The following persons shall be punishable by a fine not to exceed 5,000 francs and without prejudice to stronger penalties provided in the penal code:

- (a) those who have infringed a mark and those who have fraudulently used an infringing mark;
- (b) those who have affixed to the products of their industry or articles of their trade a mark belonging to another party;
- (c) those who have knowingly sold, offered for sale or circulated products bearing an infringing or fraudulently affixed mark.

#### Article 8

Public prosecution may only be initiated upon the filing of charges by the injured party.

#### Article 9

The registration of a mark filed without regard to the rights of third parties shall be declared null and void by the courts at the request of any interested party. At the request of the Office of the Public Prosecutor, the purview of any res judicata judgment holding a registration document to be invalid shall be transmitted to the Ministry of Economic Affairs of Rwanda for endorsement on the registration document, and for due announcement of the cancellation.

#### Article 10

Exclusive rights of use in the Republic of Rwanda obtained under the previous trademark legislation shall not be affected.

#### Article 11

This Law shall enter into force on the day of the signature thereof.

We hereby enact this Law and order that it be published in the Official Bulletin.

#### IV

#### **Ministerial Decree**

Implementing the Law on Trademarks of February 25, 1963 (No. 10/63 of May 6, 1963) \*)

#### Article 1

Registration documents in respect of all trademarks in Rwanda shall be recorded in a special register and signed both by the applicant or his agent and by the official receiving the application. The power of attorney shall remain attached to the document. The power of attorney forms shall conform to the model attached to this Decree.

The registration document shall state the day and hour of filing and shall indicate the type of industry or trade in respect of which the applicant intends to use the mark. The forms shall conform to the model attached to this Decree.

The Official Journal of Rwanda shall announce trademark registrations, assignments, and cancellation decisions.

#### Article 2

The size of the specimen mark, to be supplied in duplicate, and of the printing block, to be made of metal, shall not be greater than 8 cm in height and 10 cm in width.

#### Article 3

A copy of the registration document shall be given to the applicant upon payment of a fee. A specimen of the mark applied for shall be pasted onto this copy.

#### Article 4

A deed of assignment shall be filed in the same manner and subject to the same conditions as are prescribed for the filing of a mark.

Furthermore, the assignment shall be noted on the margin of the registration document; the same marginal note shall be marked on the copy given to the interested party.

#### Article 5

Registered trademarks shall be open to inspection by interested persons free of charge.

#### Article 6

The Chief of the Economic Affairs Service [Service de l'Economie] shall be charged with performing the duties incumbent upon the Government by virtue of Articles 1 and 5 of this Decree.

## Article 7

This Ministerial Decree shall enter into force on the day of signature thereof.

#### $\mathbf{V}$

# Law on Industrial Designs

(of February 25, 1963) \*)

#### Article 1

Any proprietor of an industrial design who wishes to reserve the right to lay claim to the exclusive use of his design in Rwanda must deposit it with the Ministry of Economic Affairs of Rwanda.

#### Article 2

Such deposit must be effected by the interested party or by his special agent.

<sup>\*)</sup> BIRPI translation.

<sup>\*)</sup> BIRPI translation.

When filing a specimen or drawing, the manufacturer shall state whether he intends to reserve his exclusive use of the design for a period of one, three or ten years. A note shall be made of such statement.

#### Article 3

The depositor shall submit a specimen or drawing of the design in a sealed envelope bearing his signature. A receipt shall be issued to him, indicating in particular the day and hour of the deposit.

#### Article 4

In the event of a dispute over the right to the exclusive use of an industrial design, the court of first instance before which the case has been brought shall, where appropriate, order the envelopes deposited by the parties to be opened.

#### Article 5

For each design deposited, a fee of 500, 1,000, or 2,000 francs shall be payable, depending on whether the depositor wishes to reserve his exclusive use of the design for a period of one, three or ten years.

All assignments by deed between living persons or by testament shall be subject to the payment of a 300-franc fee.

#### Article 6

The period of an industrial design's exclusive use may be extended for the number of years provided in Article 2 at the express request of the depositor, submitted no less than three months before the expiry of the time limit in respect of which he is requesting an extension.

#### Article 7

An assignment of an industrial design shall be effective with regard to third parties only after an abstract of the deed of assignment has been filed.

#### Article 8

The conditions and procedures for filing an extension and for the possible opening of the envelopes shall be determined by the Minister for Economic Affairs of Rwanda.

#### Article 9

Exclusive rights in Rwanda obtained under the previous industrial designs legislation shall not be affected during the remainder of the period of validity of the industrial design concerned.

#### Article 10

This Law shall enter into force on the day of the signature thereof.

We hereby enact this Law and order that it be published in the Official Bulletin.

#### ITALY

#### **Decrees**

Concerning the Temporary Protection of Industrial Property Rights at Four Exhibitions

(of April 18, June 26 and August 1 and 2, 1968) 1)

#### Single Article

Industrial inventions, utility models, designs and trademarks relating to objects appearing at the following exhibitions:

III<sup>a</sup> Mostra nazionale del marmo (Carrara, August 4 to November 4, 1968);

MITAM — XXIV<sup>o</sup> Mercato internazionale del tessile per l'abbigliamento-arredamento (Milan, October 17 to 20, 1968); SINCAS — XII<sup>o</sup> Salone internazionale campeggio sport (Milan, October 27 to 29, 1968);

V<sup>a</sup> Mostra internazionale delle attrezzature alberghiere e turistiche — TECNHOTEL (Genoa, November 9 to 19, 1968)

shall enjoy the temporary protection provided by Laws No. 1127 of June 29, 1939 <sup>2</sup>), No. 1411 of August 25, 1940 <sup>3</sup>), No. 929 of June 21, 1942 <sup>4</sup>), and No. 514 of July 1, 1959 <sup>5</sup>).

# **NEW PLANT VARIETIES**

# International Convention for the Protection of New Varieties of Plants

#### Ratification

# DENMARK

The Government of Denmark has ratified the International Convention for the Protection of New Varieties of Plants, signed in Paris on December 2, 1961<sup>1</sup>), and which came into force on August 10, 1968. The instrument of ratification was deposited with the French Government on September 6, 1968.

In accordance with the provisions of Article 31, paragraph 3, the Convention will enter into force in respect of Denmark 30 days after the deposit of the said instrument, that is on October 6, 1968.

<sup>1)</sup> Official communications from the Italian Administration.

<sup>2)</sup> See La Propriété industrielle, 1939, p. 124; 1940, p. 84.

<sup>3)</sup> *Ibid.*, 1940, p. 196. 4) *Ibid.*, 1942, p. 168.

<sup>5)</sup> Ibid., 1960, p. 23.

<sup>1)</sup> See Industrial Property, 1962, pp. 6 et seq.

# LETTERS FROM CORRESPONDENTS

Letter from the Federal Republic of Germany \*)

By Professor Dr. Friedrich-Karl BEIER, Munich

# NEWS CONCERNING NATIONAL PATENT OFFICES

# Summary of the Annual Report 1967 of the Swedish Patent Office

By Torsten GUSTAFSON

#### Introduction

A new Director-General was appointed to the Patent Office in 1967. Mr. Åke von Zweigbergk retired from the post on August 1, 1967, and Director-General Göran Borggård, formerly Head of the Legal and Administrative Department of the Ministry of Commerce and Industry, was appointed in his place.

A new Patent Law was passed in 1967. It is based on a report made in collaboration with the other Nordic countries which are also introducing essentially the same patent legislation. The Law was passed by the Swedish Legislature on November 1, 1967, and came into force on January 1, 1968.

#### The Patents Department

The increase in the number of new patent applications was considerably lower in 1967 than in recent years. This increase only amounted to 100, thus bringing the number of new applications to 18.148, that is, an increase of about  $^{1/2}$   $^{0/0}$  over 1966. That the increase was not greater was probably mainly due to the fact that the application fee was raised on July 1, 1967, from 200 to 400 Swedish Crowns.

The number from Swedish applicants was 5,309, an increase of almost  $10^{-0}/_{0}$ . These now amount to  $29^{-0}/_{0}$  of all applications, compared with  $27^{-0}/_{0}$  in 1966.

Among applicants from foreign countries, the USA is still in the lead with 4,166 applications representing 23 % of the total, which, however, amounts to a decrease of 2.5 % compared with 1966. The number of new applications from the Federal Republic of Germany has also dropped, from 2,837 in 1966 to 2,710 in 1967, a decrease of about 4 %. Those countries were followed by the United Kingdom with 1,467,

Switzerland 909, France 718 and the Netherlands 656, all these showing a small decrease.

The number of applications finally disposed of increased by 2,353 and amounted to 17,289, an increase of about 16 %.

This was due to the rationalization carried out in recent years. Nevertheless, the number of new applications exceeded the number of those disposed of by 859 and the total number of pending applications therefore rose to about 62,600.

Both foreign applications in Sweden and Swedish applications abroad have been on the increase. In 1966 the former class amounted to 13,189, an increase of 924 or about 8% over 1965. The corresponding figures for Swedish applications abroad were 8,466,961 and 13%. This shows a strongly increased interest in foreign markets on the part of Swedish industry.

#### The Trademarks Department

#### Trademarks

During the first four years after the new Trademarks Law came into force the number of applications was about 4,800 a year. In 1965, the number of applications rose to 5,575, and it has since then stabilized at just over 5,500. The doubling of the fees in trademark cases, which became effective on July 1, 1966, is probably one reason why the number of applications has not continued to increase.

From experience, it is known that quite 70% of existing registrations are renewed. The interest in renewing trademark registrations does not seem to have been influenced by the raising of the fees. During the period 1965—1967 about 3,180 registrations were renewed yearly.

#### Designs

Under the current Law, the Law of 1899 for the Protection of Certain Designs and Models, registration is restricted to decorative designs belonging to the metalworking industry. The interest in design protection under the Law is moderate.

The proposal put forward in 1965 for a new Design Law has not yet led to legislation.

#### The Board of Appeals

Since 1961, there has been a marked rise in the number of patent appeals. The Board received 429 appeals in 1967 as compared with 349 the preceding year. The number of cases pending at December 31 was 998. The number of trademark appeals has stabilized at just over 120.

The Nordic Committee set up to examine the possibilities of establishing a Nordic court of appeal for patents presented a joint report in March 1968, recommending that such a court (Nordic Patents Council) should be instituted. According to the proposal, this would be the third and final instance in patent application cases and would hear appeals from the national Boards of Appeal on both Nordic and national applications.

#### Nordic Cooperation

As mentioned above, the new Swedish, Danish, Finnish and Norwegian Patent Laws based on joint Nordic preparatory work came into force on January 1, 1968. At the same time,

essentially uniform implementing regulations (Patent Regulations) and rules for patent applications and their treatment (Patent Rules) were promulgated. In order to ensure uniform practice right from the start, periodical meetings between the heads and delegates of the various patent offices were initiated immediately after the new legislation came into force in order to deal with questions arising in connection with its application.

On the basis of the new statutes, Sweden is ready to ratify the Council of Europe Convention on the Harmonization of Certain Points of Substantive Law, signed at Strasbourg in 1963.

#### Financing

The Office not only financed its activities with incoming fees during the fiscal years 1962/63 to 1965/66 but, during this four-year period, has also shown a total net profit of approximately 4,300,000 Swedish Crowns.

Income from patents and trademarks during 1966/67 was about 20,000,000 Swedish Crowns.

#### Personnel

The personnel of the Patent Office numbered 565 at December 31, 1967, and comprised 220 engineers, 55 lawyers, 5 librarians and 285 others.

# NEWS CONCERNING INTERNATIONAL ORGANIZATIONS OTHER THAN BIRPI

# The International Patent Classification

#### Note

The Secretary General of the Council of Europe has informed BIRPI that the complete International Patent Classification came into force on September 1, 1968, none of the Contracting Parties having informed the Council of Europe of any objection to the elaboration of the Classification approved by the Committee of Experts on Patents of the Council of Europe in its meeting of November 6 to 8, 1967.

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# CALENDAR OF MEETINGS

# **BIRPI** Meetings

October 21 to November 1, 1968 (Tokyo) — Committee for International Cooperation in Information Retrieval Among Examining Patent Offices (ICIREPAT) — Technical Meetings

Object: Questions of technical cooperation in information retrieval — Invitations: All member States of ICIREPAT — Observers: International Patent Institute; Council of Europe; European Atomic Energy Community; Fédération internationale de documentation

November 25 to 29, 1968 (Geneva) — BIRPI Symposium on Practical Aspects of Copyright (held with the cooperation of the International Confederation of Societies of Authors and Composers — CISAC)

Object: To offer to participants information on practical aspects of copyright protection (collection and distribution of royalties, organization and working of authors' societies or other bodies, etc.) — Invitations: Personalities from developing countries. Members and officers of authors' societies. Individual participants against payment of a registration fee — Observers: International Labour Office; Unesco; Council of Europe

December 2 to 10, 1968 (Geneva) - Committee of Experts - Patent Cooperation Treaty (PCT)

Object: New Draft Treaty — Invitations: All member States of the Paris Union — Observers: State not member of the Paris Union: India. Intergovernmental Organizations: United Nations; United Nations Industrial Development Organization; United Nations Conference on Trade and Development; International Patent Institute; Organization of American States; Permanent Secretariat of the General Treaty for Central American Economic Integration; Latin-American Free Trade Association; Council of Europe; European Atomic Energy Community; Enropean Economic Community; European Free Trade Association; African and Malagasy Industrial Property Office. Non-Governmental Organizations: Committee of National Institutes of Patent Agents; Council of European Industrial Federations; European Industrial Research Management Association; Inter-American Association of Industrial Property; International Association for the Protection of Industrial Property; International Chamber of Commerce; International Federation of Inventors' Associations (IFIA); International Federation of Patent Agents; Japan Patent Association; National Association of Manufacturers (U. S. A.); Union of European Patent Agents; Union des industries de la Communauté européenne

December 12 and 13, 1968 (Geneva) — Committee for International Cooperation in Information Retrieval Among Examining Patent Offices (ICIREPAT) — Enlarged Transitional Steering Committee (4th Session)

Object: Implementation of the decisions of the 4th Session of the Executive Committee of the Conference of Representatives of the Paris Union — Invitations: Germany (Fed. Rep.), Japan, Netherlands, Soviet Union, Sweden, United Kingdom, United States of America — Observers: International Patent Institute

September 22 to 26, 1969 (Geneva) — Interunion Coordination Committee (7th Session)

Object: To he announced later - Invitations: To be announced later

September 22 to 26, 1969 (Geneva) — Executive Committee of the Conference of Representatives of the Paris Union (5th Session)

Object: To be announced later - Invitations: To he announced later

September I2 to 26, 1969 (Geneva) — Council of the Lisbon Union for the Protection of Appellations of Origin and their International Registration (4th Session)

Object: Annual Meeting - Invitations: All member States of the Lisbon Union - Observers: All other member States of the Paris Union

# Meetings of Other International Organizations Concerned with Intellectual Property

October 31, 1968 (Paris) — International Chamber of Commerce (ICC) — Committee for International Protection of Industrial Property

November 6 and 7, 1968 (The Hague) — International Patent Institute (IIB) — 98th Session of the Administrative Council

November 11 to 13, 1968 (Zurich) — International Association for the Protection of Industrial Property (IAPIP) — Conference of Presidents — Extraordinary Meeting

December 2 to 6 (Lima) — Inter-American Association of Industrial Property (ASIPI) — Congress

January 16 to 18, 1969 (London) - International Writers Guild (IWG) - Executive Committee

June 9 to 14, 1969 (Venice) — International Association for the Protection of Industrial Property (IAPIP) — XXVII International Congress

# ANNOUNCEMENT OF A VACANCY FOR A POST IN BIRPI

#### COMPETITION No. 69

#### Applications are invited for the following post:

# Head of the Copyright Division

#### Category and Grade: P. 5

#### Principal duties:

The appointee will be responsible for the implementation of BIRPI's program on Copyright and Neighboring Rights.

His duties will include:

- (a) Direction of the Copyright Division.
- (b) Writing of legal studies.
- (c) Acting as editor of Copyright and Le Droit d'Auteur.
- (d) Representation of BIRPI at meetings concerning Copyright and Neighboring Rights and preparation of working papers for and reports on such meetings.
- (e) Directing the work of maintaining np to date a collection of Copyright and Neighhoring Rights legislation.

### Qualifications:

- (a) University degree in law or equivalent legal qualifications.
- (b) Wide experience in the field of Copyright and Neighhoring Rights, including its international aspects.
- (c) Excellent knowledge of one of the official languages (English and French) and at least a good knowledge of the other. Additional languages would he an advantage.

#### Nationality:

Candidates must he nationals of one of the member States of the Paris or Berne Unions. Qualifications being equal, preference will be given to candidates who are nationals of States of which no national is on the staff of BIRPI.

### Age limit:

The candidate designated must be less than 55 years of age at date of appointment.

Date of entry on duty:

As mntually agreed.

Application forms and full details regarding the conditions of employment may be obtained from the Head of Personnel, BIRPI, 32, chemin des Colombettes, 1211 Geneva, Switzerland.

Application forms, duly completed, should reach BIRPI not later than December 2, 1968.