



Access to Patent Information and Its Strategic Use for Promotion of Innovation

**Institute for Intellectual Property of
Bosnia and Herzegovina**

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Intellectual property protection system of BIH

History

The intellectual property system of BIH was set up in 1992 with the acceptance of the legislation governing industrial property protection, copyright and related rights and implementation procedure of the former Yugoslavia, as well as the conventions and treaties which had also been ratified by the former Yugoslavia.



Membership in International Conventions and Treaties as of 01.03.1992.

1. Convention Establishing the World Intellectual Property Organization
2. Paris Convention for the Protection of Industrial Property
3. Bern Convention for the Protection of Literary and Artistic Works
4. Madrid Agreement Concerning the International Registration of Marks
5. Universal Copyright Convention
6. Locarno Agreement Establishing an International Classification for Industrial Designs
7. Nice Agreement Concerning the International Classification of Goods and Services for the Purpose of the Registration of Marks
8. Convention Relating to the Distribution of Program-Carrying Signals Transmitted by Satellite



BiH Membership in the International Conventions Concerning IPR (1996 - 2009)

- Patent Cooperation Treaty (PCT) (1996)
- Cooperation and Extension Agreement with the EPO, Munich (2004)
- Trademark Law Treaty (TLT) (2006)
- Trademark Law Treaty (Singapore TLT) (2006)
- Treaty on Intellectual Property in Respect of Integrated Circuits (2007)
- Convention for the Protection of Producers of Phonograms against Unauthorized Duplications of their Phonograms (2009)
- International Convention for the Protection of Performers, Phonogram Producers and Broadcasting Organizations (2009)



BiH Membership in the International Conventions Concerning IPR (2006-2009)

- Protocol Relating to the Madrid Agreement Concerning the International Registration of Marks (2009)
- Budapest Treaty on the International Recognition of the Deposit of Microorganisms for the Purposes of Patent Procedure (2009)
- Hague Agreement Concerning the International Registration of Industrial Design (Geneva Act 1999) (2008)
- Agreement Concerning the International Patent Classification (2009)
- Strasbourg Agreement Concerning the International Patent Classification (2009)
- WIPO Copyright Treaty (2009)
- WIPO Performances and Phonograms Treaty (2009)



Legislative Reform in BiH (I)

The first legislative reform ended in 2002.

- Partial harmonization with the requirements of WTO TRIPS (Agreement on Trade Related Aspects of Intellectual Property Rights)
- Parliamentary Assembly of BiH adopted two laws covering IPR:
 - Industrial Property Law in BiH ("Official Gazette of BiH", No. 3/02)
 - Copyright and Related Rights Law in BiH ("Official Gazette of BiH", No. 7/02, 32/02 and 76/06)



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History

The Institute for Intellectual Property of Bosnia and Herzegovina is a legal successor of the Institute for Standardization, Metrology and Patents of BIH, established on October 1, 1992.



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The Law Establishing the Institute for Intellectual Property of BiH entered into force on September 30, 2004. (Official Gazette BiH, No. 43/04)



Institute for Intellectual Property of Bosnia and Herzegovina

On January 1, 2007, the Institute for Intellectual Property of Bosnia and Herzegovina was established as an independent state organization.

It reports directly to the BIH Council of Ministers.

It is financed from the State budget.



Institute's competence

- ✓ **Protection of industrial property rights** - (patent, trademark, industrial design, geographical indications, topography of integrated circuits)
- ✓ **Copyright and Related Rights** - issuing licenses for the collective management of copyright and related rights, supervision of the work of organizations for the collective management of copyright and related rights
- ✓ **International cooperation** - with the institutions and organizations of other countries at global, regional or other levels
- ✓ **Legislative activities** - preparing the basis for signing bilateral and multilateral agreements, conventions, laws and other regulations in the area of intellectual property
- ✓ **All professional activities in this field not explicitly allocated to other state bodies** – this group covers in particular: *documentation and search thereof, education* and publishing in the domain of intellectual property



Current Capacity of the Institute

- **Staff:** total 52 employees
- **Office:** Three locations: Headquarters in Mostar, Branch offices: Sarajevo and Banja Luka
- **Receiving Offices:** Established at all three locations
- **PATLIB Center opened in Banja Luka** - the necessary equipment and educated staff have been provided, technical conditions for using information from national, regional and global funds of intellectual property are in place
- **IT infrastructure:** improved for the performance of daily tasks and procedures for the grant of industrial property rights



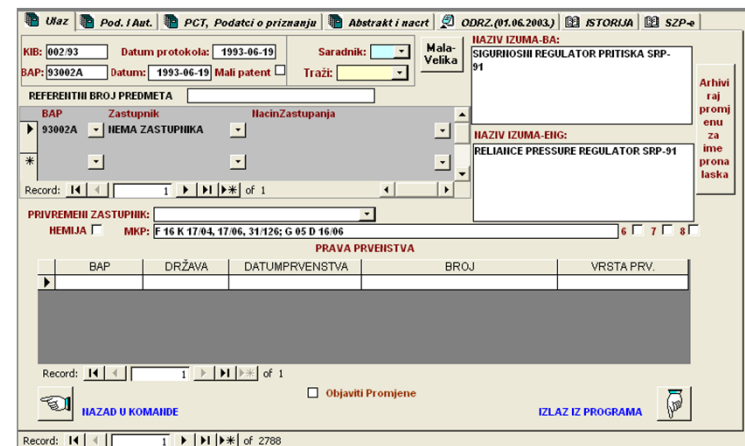
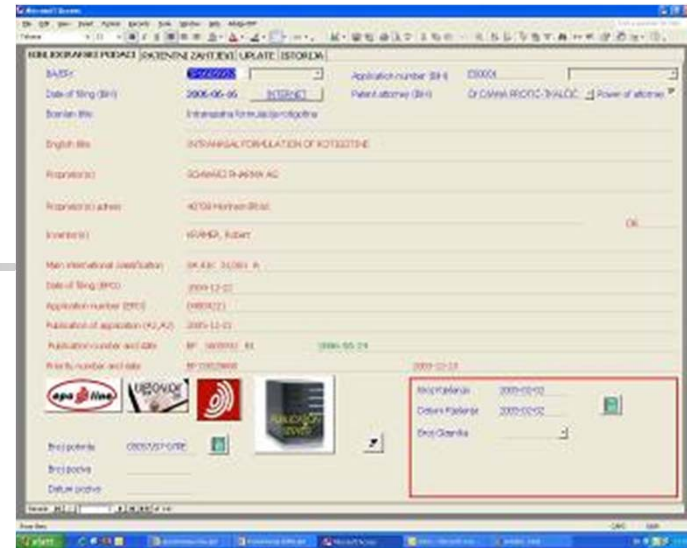
Information services

- "IP-help desk"
- Acces to patent databases
- PATLIB Center and information room

REGISTERS

- **Electronic registers**

The Institute maintains electronic registers of applications for the grant of protection, register of granted IP rights (registered patents, re-registered former Yugoslavia patents and European patents and trademarks), register of industrial designs and trademarks), register of attorneys for the protection of industrial property and other necessary records for the efficient work in the domain of IP





Official Gazette of the Institute

- Redesigned in 2007
- The official publication containing IP rights applied for and granted
- Official Gazette is published in paper and electronic forms (CD), quarterly

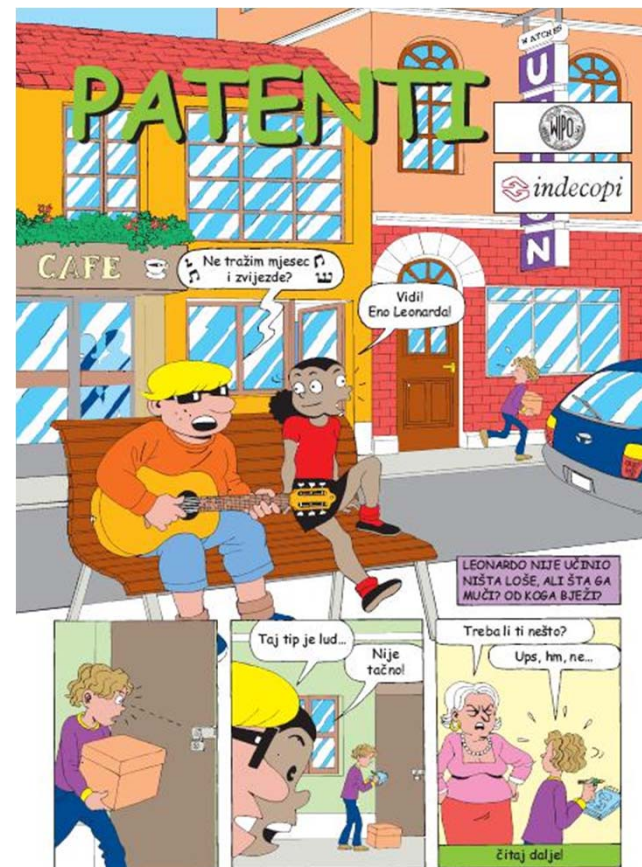
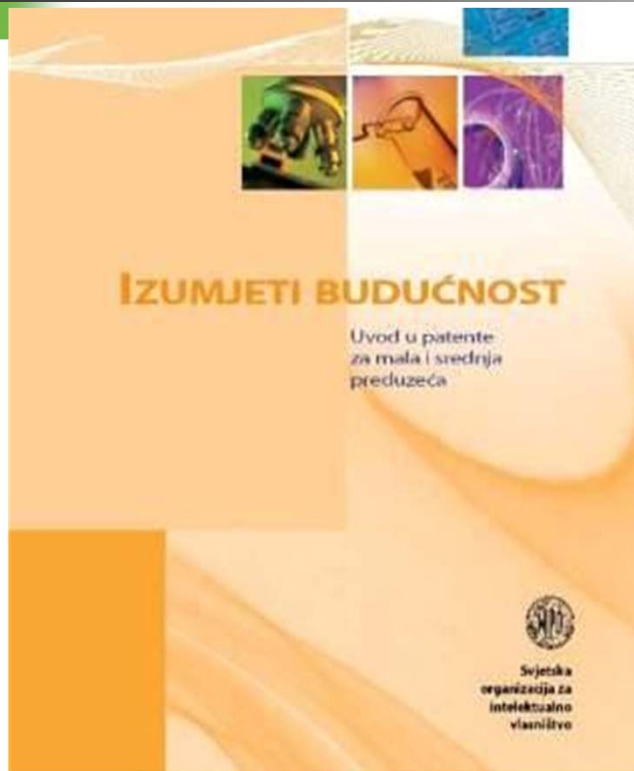


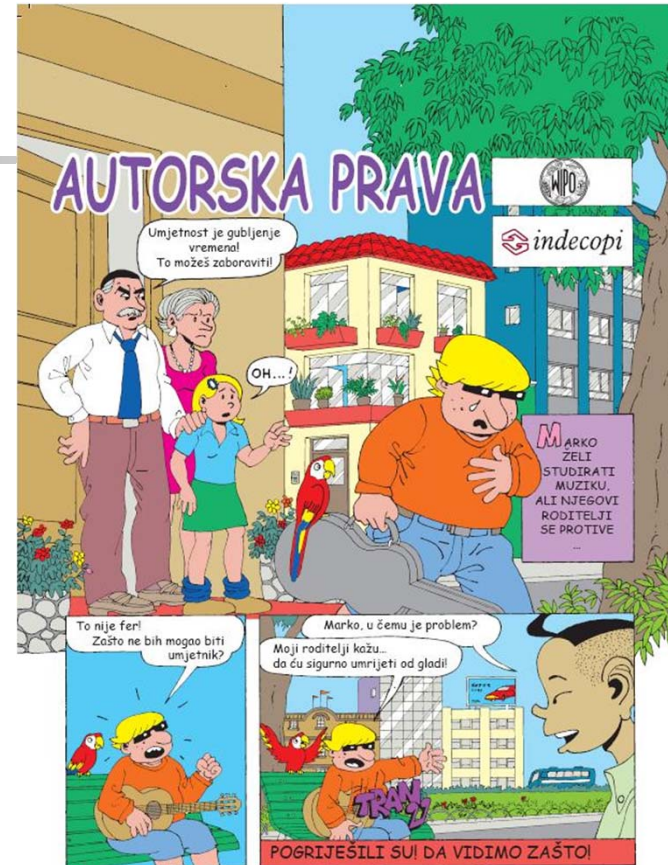
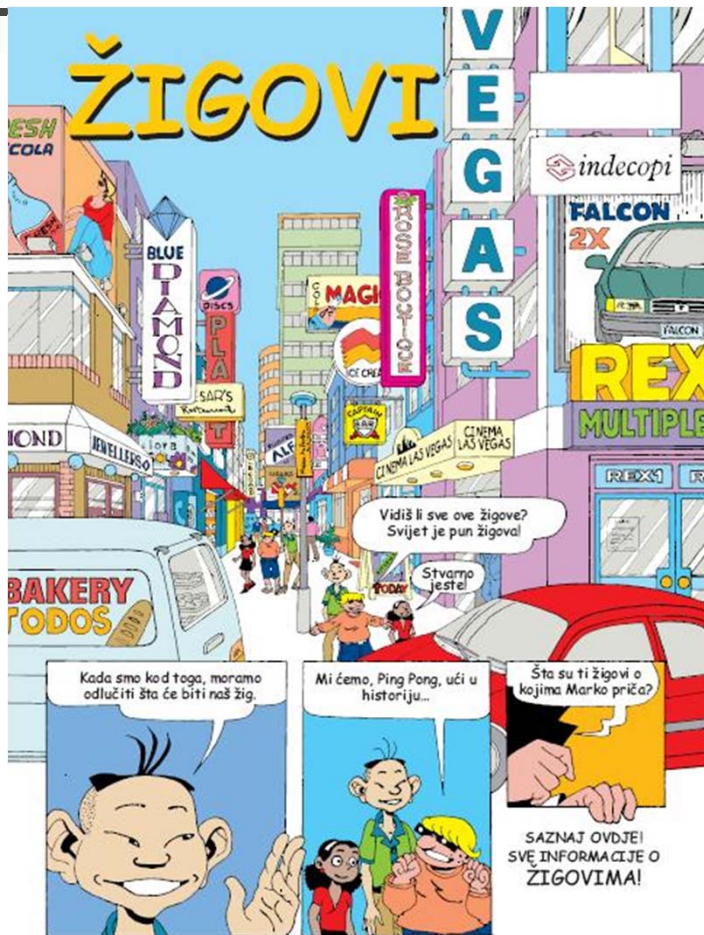
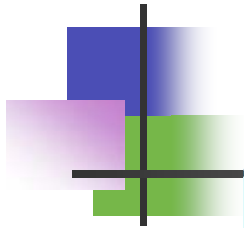
Information on the Internet (www.ipr.gov.ba)

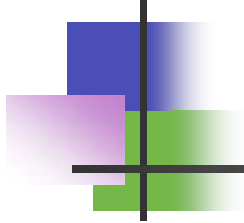
- redesigned WEB page (2009)
- available documents (laws and forms) and other information for the users

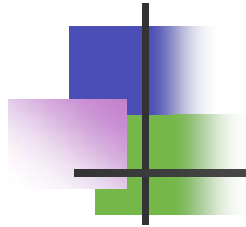


WIPO publications









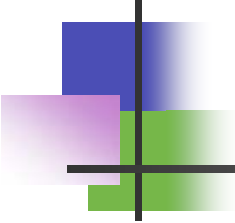
Development Strategy of the Institute for Intellectual Property of Bosnia and Herzegovina (2008-2015)

Adopted by the Council of Ministers of BIH
on July 2, 2009



Directions for the Development of Intellectual Property System in BiH

- Development of a modern intellectual property system
- Strengthening the institutional capacities of the Institute for Intellectual Property of BiH
- Development of intellectual property system users



Development Strategy of the Institute for Intellectual Property of Bosnia and Herzegovina

- The Institute has a leading role in the establishment, development, functioning and application of the new intellectual property system of BiH
- By 2015, the Institute will become a focal point for the intellectual property in Bosnia and Herzegovina



Development of Modern Intellectual Property System

- Improving the legislative framework in the field of intellectual property
- Promotional and educational campaign - as a first step in the development of the user component of the intellectual property system in Bosnia and Herzegovina
- Specialist training of employees of institutions and SMSs dealing with enforcement of intellectual property



Legislative framework in BiH

- Parliamentary Assembly of BiH adopted new laws in IP in 2010:
 - 1) Law on Copyright and Related Rights
 - 2) Law on Collective Management of Copyright and Related Rights
 - 3) Law on Trademarks
 - 4) Law on Patents
 - 5) Law on Industrial Designs
 - 6) Law on Geographical Indications
 - 7) Law on Integrated Circuit Layout Design Protection



Development of Intellectual Property System

- Network of information and consulting centers ("help desk" for intellectual property) in Banja Luka, Mostar and Sarajevo
- Technical and organisational prerequisites for the systematic dissemination of information in IP field as a basis for electronic access to the resources of the Institute
- Design and implementation of a model for the use of intellectual property at universities, SMSs and other external actors



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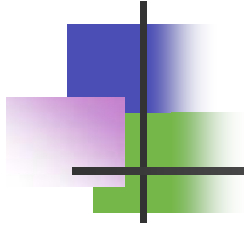
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