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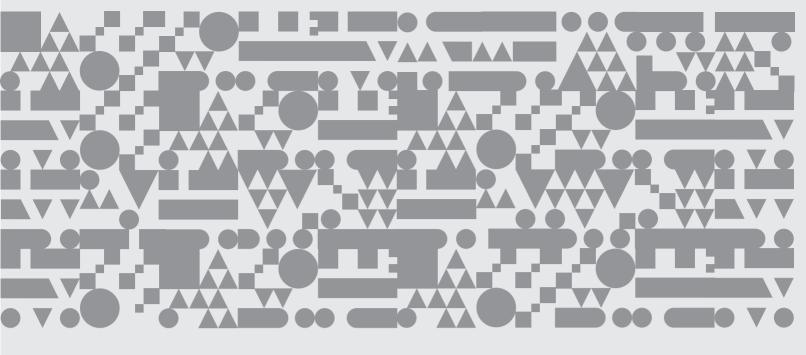


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#### **Foreword**

Dear Reader.

We would like to present the annual report of the National Intellectual Property Center of Georgia "Sakpatenti" where you will find detailed information on all projects and activities implemented in 2016 in accordance to the set objectives and priority directions.

In 2016 Sakpatenti has been traditionally vigorous at the international arena. One of the remarkable achievements of the organization has been the election of Georgia as the Chair of the Working Group for the Preparation of Common Regulations at the World Intellectual Property Organization (WIPO) for the Lisbon Agreement on the Protection of Appellations of Origin and the Geneva Act of the Lisbon Agreement. This is a very first time that a representative of Georgia was chairing the WIPO Working Group which should be regarded as a successful conclusion of outstanding work of Sakpatenti at the international field.

Last year Sakpatenti hosted a number of high-ranking officials. Particularl attention should be given to the official visit of Executive Director of the European Union Intellectual Property Office (EUIPO), Mr. António Campinos, who visited Georgia for the first time on the invitation of Prime Minister of Georgia, Mr. Giorgi Kvirikashvili. One of the biggest outcome of the visit has been the cooperation established between Georgia and EUIPO that is a step forward in development of productive relationship in future. Another notable visit has been paid by WIPO Deputy Director General, Ms. Binying Wang aiming at reviewing the projects which promote development of geographical indications (GIs) and introduce international products branding practices. The visit reaffirmed once again willingness of WIPO to further support Georgia and reinforced Georgia's role in promotion and development of GIs worldwide.

The reporting year 2016 could also be distinguished as the year for the implementation of global projects. Special emphasis should be given to the projects implemented in cooperation with the European Union Intellectual Property Office (EUIPO). In particular to the activities that enabled Sakpatenti trademark and design databases integration into the EUIPO databases – TMview and Designview allowing foreign users to search on the EUIPO website information on marks/designs registered in Georgia. Likewise, Georgian users by using Georgian interface would be able to search in EUIPO databases. In addition to this Sakpatenti has joined the TMclass platform, which allows searching and translating the list of goods and services in 42 languages.

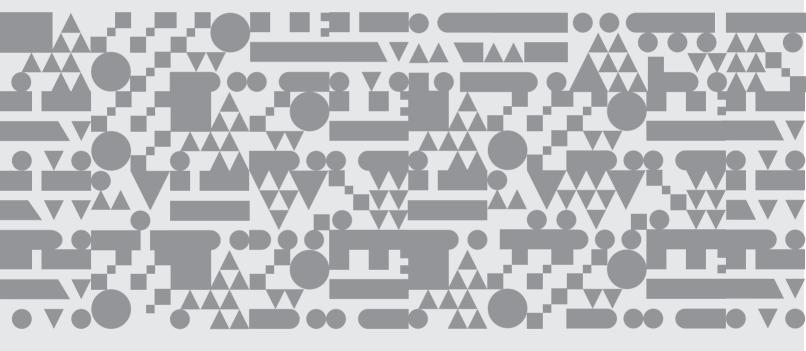
Significant steps have been taken towards further development and improvement of examination procedure on intellectual property subject-matters. A number of study visits and capacity building training for examiners have been organized. The improvement of the examination quality is solidified by declining tendency of appeals in 2016 which made 7% along with the 35% decrease of upheld appeals.



The public awareness raising activities carried out in previous years aiming at increasing importance of IP protection and popularization of this sphere in general has yielded positive results which have been confirmed by considerable increase of the of filed applications in various fields. Particularly, in 2016, the number of local applications on trademarks increased by 30%; by establishing advantageous 70% fees the number of applications filed on behalf of higher educational institutions and independent scientific research entities increased up to 50%; the number of applications for new plant varieties and animal breeds increased by 100% as compared to the previous year; in addition, in the reporting year the deposited subject-matters also increased by 45%. These figures are growing from year to year which proves the effectiveness of the carried out work and eventually results in increase of the interest among population on the IP protection matters.

Since the intellectual property field is constantly developing Sakpatenti team is trying to keep up with the leading countries and to bring the intellectual property system of Georgia in line with the international standards. In 2016 we successfully reached the set objectives and would remain committed to keep up good work to celebrate and share with you our new achievements in future.

Nikoloz Gogilidze - Chairman LEPL National Intellectual Property Center of Georgia Sakpatenti



## **Events**

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#### **January**

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Workshop on "Commercialization of Intellectual Property" took place at Sakpatenti Office. During the meeting Estonian and Georgian experts discussed intellectual property rights protection mechanisms, technology transfer systems and intellectual property commercialization at universities. Experts also introduced to participants the Estonian successful project "Innovation Voucher System".

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On the invitation of Sakpatenti, Mr. Marius Kuningas, Director of the Intellectual Property and Technology Transfer Centre of Estonia, visited Georgia. Within the visit, in order to plan future cooperation and joint projects, the delegation of Estonia held bilateral meetings with representatives of Shota Rustaveli Scientific Foundation and the Georgian Innovation and Technology Agency.

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Mr. Stephen Lee, US patent attorney, nominated by US News as the best patent attorney of New York in 2015, delivered a lecture on "US Patent Disputes in the Pharmaceutical Field from the Viewpoint of Intellectual Property". The lecture was attended by patent attorneys of Georgia, representatives of association of pharmaceutical companies, Sakpatenti lawyers and examiners. Over the last 30 years Mr. Stephen Lee has been working for the law firm "Kenyon & Kenyon", specializing in intellectual property.

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Representative of Sakpatenti participated in a seminar on the European Patent System, organized by Strasbourg University Centre for International Intellectual Property Studies (CEIPI). During the seminar, procedural and essential issues of the European Patent Convention were discussed. The knowledge gained at the seminar will be useful for Sakpatenti legislative activity, which considers to harmonize patent legislation of Georgia with the European Patent Convention. (Strasbourg, France).

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First course of Intellectual Property Law was held at the IP Training Centre (Academy) of Sakpatenti. Certificates of the Centre were handed over to lawyers from "Legal Assistance and Public Involvement Municipal Center" of Tbilisi City Hall and LEPL Legal Aid Service. The aim of the course is to extend knowledge of practicing lawyers in intellectual property law. The lectures, delivered by the management of Sakpatenti, cover 26 hours and is offered two times in a week by 2-hour sessions.



The delegation of the Patent Office of the Republic of Bulgaria, headed by the Vice-President David Sukalinski, paid a two-day visit to Georgia. Within the visit, a Working Plan for Cooperation between the Patent Office of the Republic of Bulgaria and the National Intellectual Property Center of Georgia Sakpatenti was signed. It covers exchange of knowledge and experience on significant legislative activities in the IP field, practices related to registration of IP subject-matters and services, as well as capacity building of examiners.

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During the meeting held at Sakpatenti, Ambassador of the United States of America to Georgia H.E. Mr. Ian C. Kelly familiarized with the process of implementation of the projects in the intellectual property field, carried out in partnership with the Government of the USA. The Ambassador and the Chairman of Sakpatenti Mr. Nikoloz Gogilidze discussed future cooperation plans, in particular, the support of the US Government in the implementation of Sakpatenti Action Plan, which aims supporting the project on the Intellectual Property Educational Center, improvement of examination process, promotion of innovation activity and development of the branding system.

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Sakpatenti, in cooperation with "Microsoft Georgia", organized a workshop on IP protection issues for representatives of audit companies. During the meeting advantages of licensed software, international and local experience in cyber security and measures taken to protect intellectual property, as well as legal mechanisms for protection of computer programs in Georgia were discussed.

#### **February**

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The fifth session of Georgia-Bulgaria Intergovernmental Trade, Economic, Scientific and Technical Commission took place, during which prospects of bilateral cooperation were discussed in various fields, including IP protection.

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Sakpatenti awarded a special prize to the team on the third position of the "Millennium Innovation Competition", with the project "Membrane Kinematic Paired Original Dispersive Construction Design". Sakpatenti hosted the finalists of the competition, who were introduced to Sakpatenti activities, mechanisms of preliminary search of the object under study and observed the process of patent examination on the spot. The received information will assist winning team members in developing and implementing new projects. The "Millennium Innovation Competition" project was funded by the US State Department.

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Sakpatenti Chairman Mr. Nikoloz Gogilidze held a public lecture at the Techno-Park on the topic "From an Idea to Intellectual Property". He provided to young innovators and other interested persons basic information on intellectual property law, on the basis of practical examples offered an overview of stages to be passed from an idea to intellectual property, explained peculiarities of IP subject-matters and discussed their protection mechanisms and means.

Meeting with Senators of the Republic of France took place at Sakpatenti. During the meeting prospects of deepening cooperation between Georgia and France from the viewpoint of development of the system of geographical indications were discussed, which will facilitate increasing export potential of Georgian products on the European market. The Senators expressed their willingness to support Sakpatenti in the field of further development of IP protection.

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At a meeting held at Tbilisi office, Sakpatenti Chairman presented to patent attorneys the report on a yearly work, in which progress was observable as a result of the efficient activity of Sakpatenti. Namely, trademark examination process improved, and subsequently number of trademark applications rose, and the number of appeals decreased. The number of appeals upheld by the Chamber of Appeals increased. The success achieved through cooperation with international offices was also noteworthy. Sakpatenti Chairman welcomed the patent attorneys' notes, suggestions and recommendations, which will be taken into consideration and shared in the process of further work of Sakpatenti.

#### March

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Georgian Bar Association and National Intellectual Property Center of Georgia SAKPATENTI organized a round table meeting for lawyers and patent attorneys at Sakpatenti Tbilisi Office. Sakpatenti new approaches on trademark examination issues were introduced to the participants. The round table meeting was conducted in the discussion format and the parties outlined future plans for cooperation.

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Sakpatenti representative participated in the seminar organized by the World Intellectual Property Organization (WIPO) and European Union Intellectual Property Office (EUIPO), during which issues related to the IP registration procedure and proofs were discussed. Knowledge gained at the seminar will assist Georgian examiners in introducing EUIPO experience in Sakpatenti. (Alicante, Spain)

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Within the framework of USAID Human and Institutional Capacity Development Project (HICD 2020) Sakpatenti Institutional Assessment Program was launched, which aims to outline the goals and objectives of the organization and compare the current quality of work performance with the optimal quality, as well as identifying gaps in performing work and implementing particular measures to remedy them. Performance Assessment Program is a part of the Human and Institutional Capacity Development (HICD) Complex Model, which aims to improve institutional resources of partner organizations in order to enable them, implement more effectively their functions, mandates, as well as technical assistance programs of the US Government and other donor organizations.

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In order to deepen knowledge on the agreements in the field of intellectual property law, Sakpatenti representative passed a course organized by the WIPO and the WTO, during which familiarized in detail with significant issues of IP law, the history of adoption of the TRIPS Agreement and the WIPO and the WTO Activities. The WIPO and the WTO are organizations where various mechanisms can be used to protect the interests of countries. (Geneva, Switzerland)

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Sakpatenti delegation visited the USA to exchange information on intellectual property systems and legislation, establish new business relations and further deepening of cooperation with the United States Patent and Trademark Office. The training-consultancy program was organized by the Commercial Law Development Program (CLDP) and the United States Patent and Trademark Office (USPTO). (Alexandria, Virginia, USA)

## **14** TMview

Sakpatenti delegation visited European Union Intellectual Property Office (EUIPO), which was aimed at transition to the next stage of process of integration of Sakpatenti trademarks and designs databases into the EUIPO databases (TMview, Designview). Integration with these databases will enable foreign users to receive information on marks/designs registered in Georgia, whereas it will be possible for Georgian users to conduct search by means of the Georgian interface. (Alicante, Spain)

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The registration procedure of six Georgian appellations of origin was completed at the Federal Service for Intellectual Property of the Russian Federation. The exclusive right for the appellations of origin "Khvanchkara", "Tvishi", "Akhasheni", "Tsinandali", "Mukuzani" and "Kindzmarauli" on the territory of Russian Federation was granted to the National Wine Agency. The protection of appellations of origin of Georgian wines in the Russian Federation will facilitate combatting with their illegal use.

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Mr. Octavian Apostol, Director General of the State Agency on Intellectual Property of Republic of Moldova (AGEPI), and Ms. Svetlana Munteanu, Deputy Director General, paid an official visit to Georgia. A bilateral meeting took place between the management of the two offices at Sakpatenti. During the meeting the parties discussed the IP systems and challenges in Georgia and Moldova, considered joint cooperation plans and fulfillment of the obligations under the Association Agreement with the European Union.

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The third meeting of the Interagency Coordination Council for Intellectual Property Rights Enforcement took place at Sakpatenti office. The members discussed measures related to infringement of intellectual property rights in the Internet and issues related to administrative violations in the IP field. The Chairman of the Council raised the issue on the necessity of conducting research for identifying priorities in the process of combatting counterfeit goods and the need for the elaboration of a new legislative regulation to govern the IP rights protection issues in the Internet.

#### **April**

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Sakpatenti delegation participated in international conference "Development and Intellectual Property", where national, regional and international experience was shared. The conference was held at the WIPO headquarters and was attended by representatives of governments of various countries, educational institutions, business sectors and civil society, associations and non-governmental organizations. (Geneva, Switzerland)



Sakpatenti representative participated in the seventeenth session of the WIPO Committee on Development and Intellectual Property (CDIP). Along with other significant issues, committee reviewed WIPO Development Agenda and projects which facilitate its implementation. (Geneva, Switzerland)

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Sakpatenti representative completed study course on patent examination in pharmaceutics, organized by WIPO and Israel Patent Office. Sharing experience of leading countries and its implementation will facilitate further improvement and development of Sakpatenti activities.

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Representatives of the USPTO International Relations Office introduced to their Georgian colleagues the US experience on examination of misleading, well-known, non-traditional, three-dimensional and sound marks. The specificity of work of the USPTO Chamber of Appeals was also reviewed. The four-day workshop, took place at Sakpatenti office, and was organized by support of USPTO and CLDP.

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Thomas O. Melia, USAID Assistant Administrator for Europe and Eurasia paid an official visit to Georgia. Within the visit he met with Sakpatenti management. During the meeting the parties discussed the ongoing projects implemented within the framework of cooperation between the US and Georgian patent offices. Sakpatenti future plans and support of the US Government in implementing these plans were also considered.

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Sakpatenti Chairman Nikoloz Gogilidze attended Conference on Intellectual Property, Genetic Resources and Traditional Knowledge, organized by WIPO and the Turkish Patent Office. Within the conference, a meeting took place with Mr. Habip Asan President of the Turkish Patent Office, and Mr. Francis Gurry, Director General of WIPO. (Ankara, Turkey)

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On occasion of the 25th anniversary of establishment of the State Patent Bureau of the Republic of Lithuania, the conference "Intellectual Property and Sport" was organized by the State Patent Bureau of the Republic of Lithuania and the WIPO. At the conference, along with other issues, experience of Georgia with respect to implementation of measures against ambush marketing during UEFA Super Cup Match 2016 was discussed. (Vilnius, Lithuania)

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Sakpatenti hosted participants of the "Tenth International Olympiad of Young Scientists and Inventors" and introduced to them the specificity of Sakpatenti activities and ongoing processes in the intellectual property field. The received information will assist the participants of the Olympiad in effective continuation of research and creation of IP subject-matters. The Olympiad has been organized since 2006 on the initiative of "Chaglar" educational institutions, Ministry of Education and other state agencies. Over this period Sakpatenti has been a constant partner of the Olympiad.

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A conference on occasion of the World Book and Copyright Day was held, in order to raise public awareness on copyright and increase youth involvement in the field. The youth familiarized with a general overview of intellectual property and legislation on copyright and related rights. (Kvareli, Georgia)

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A delegation of the Austrian Patent Office paid an official visit to Georgia to share work experience of the Austrian Patent Office on the issues of examination of patent and trademark applications. Sakpatenti inventions and trademark examiners familiarized with patent classification systems, the vision of the Austrian Patent Office on the structured search, Espacenet search, search reports and invention integrity, patent examination viewpoint regarding patentability criteria, as well as proceedings on trademark applications at the Austrian Patent Office, relative and absolute grounds for refusal of trademark registration.

## **25**



Sakpatenti representative attended the 35th session of the WIPO Standing Committee on the Law of Trademarks, Industrial Designs and Geographical Indications (SCT), during which a number of significant issues were discussed, including registration of country names as trademarks. (Geneva, Switzerland)

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World Intellectual Property Day was celebrated with the slogan: "Digital Creativity: Culture Reimagined", which aimed to remind the society that piracy and copyright infringement is a punishable crime.

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To facilitate raising awareness on intellectual property and copyright essence and significance, a special lesson plan was drafted for pupils of the fourth-sixth grades, by cooperation of USAID/G-Pried. According to the plan, special lessons were delivered for pupils of elementary grades of up to 100 public schools. The teaching material included a reading book "Doremius Solasi" (author: Irma Malatsidze), created by cooperation of G-Pried and Sakpatenti, as well as the article on inventions "Strange Patents", published in newspaper "Reading Time" intended for pupils.

#### May

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Sakpatenti representatives attended annual conference "PATLIB 2016", aimed at sharing experience of patent information centers of the leading countries. Within the conference study seminar was held on the work of new posters search databases. (Helsinki, Finland)

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Sakpatenti delegation visited Estonia to familiarize with innovation policy and activity of institutions related to its implementation, as well as the activity of "Enterprise Estonia", which assists many industrial and research organizations of Estonia to develop their export and value-added creation potential. (Estonia)



Sakpatenti representative attended a conference organized by the EUIPO, during which intellectual property rights administrative and court practice (IPCLC) was considered. Received knowledge will facilitate work in the direction of harmonization with the EU legislation and preparation of comparative-legal research and publications planned by Sakpatenti. (Alicante, Spain)

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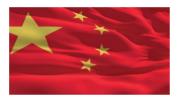


Sakpatenti management participated in the second round of negotiations on Free Trade Agreement between Georgia and China. (Beijing, People's Republic of China)

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Sakpatenti management met with Liu Junshen, Deputy Minister of the State Administration for Industry and Commerce of the People's Republic of China (SAIC), during which a decision was made to sign a Memorandum of Cooperation between the Trademark Office of China and Sakpatenti.

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The State Administration for Industry and Commerce of the People's Republic of China (SAIC) took a preliminary decision on geographical indication "Chacha" and returned right on it on the territory of China to Georgia.

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## DesignView

To implement the second stage of the project of integration of databases within the memorandum, Sakpatenti representatives visited the EUIPO.

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A meeting took place at Sakpatenti with the US Government delegation, headed by Mr. Steve Gardner, Chief Counsel for the Commercial Law Development Program (CLDP) of the U.S. Department of Commerce Office of the General Counsel. During the meeting, ongoing projects funded by CLDP were discussed, which are aimed at raising awareness on intellectual property issues among various target groups, in particular, annual trainings for judges, journalists and lawyers.

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Sakpatenti participated in the Annual Meeting of International Trademark Association (INTA). During the event, on the stand of Sakpatenti, more than 10 000 delegates representing different companies owning well-known brands worldwide, law firms and IP offices had an opportunity to familiarize with the information about the IP system of Georgia and receive consultation on issues of their interest. INTA meeting is the most significant event in the field of trademarks worldwide. (Orlando, Florida, USA)

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Meeting took place at Sakpatenti with patent attorneys and representatives of the Georgian Bar Association, during which draft amendments to the "Trademark Law" of Georgia were discussed. Draft amendments are aimed at harmonization of the current legislation with the European legislation, correction of existing deficiencies and improvement of regulating norms.

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#### June

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Sub-regional seminar "Intellectual Property Policies in Universities and Research Institutions" was held. Was discussed current situation regarding IP policies at universities in Georgia. Israel experience on the use of IP policies at universities and research institutions as well as WIPO quidance were introduced to the participants.

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Mr. Habip Asan, President of the Turkish Patent Office, paid an official visit to Georgia. At Sakpatenti Office, a memorandum of understanding was signed between Sakpatenti and Turkish Patent Office, it reflects cooperation in the field of industrial property protection.

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Sakpatenti participated in the eighth session of the Georgia-Kazakhstan Intergovernmental Commission on Trade-Economic Cooperation, held in Astana, Kazakhstan. One of the topics of negotiations at the meeting was continuation of negotiations between Georgia and the Republic of Kazakhstan on the signing of the draft Agreement on the Mutual Recognition and Protection of Geographical Indications and deepening of cooperation in IP field

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Meeting of the Working Group for the Preparation of Common Regulations under the Lisbon Agreement and the Geneva Act of the Lisbon Agreement took place. Chairman of Sakpatenti, Mr. Nikoloz Gogilidze was elected as a Chair of the Working Group. At the meeting delegates discussed draft Common Regulations under the Lisbon Agreement and the Geneva Act of the Lisbon Agreement. Short and long-term possibilities of Lisbon Union funding were also covered. (Geneva, Switzerland)

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Sakpatenti participated in the employment and internship forum of San Diego State University. Sakpatenti representatives shared the information on the activities of the Center and its policy to interested persons.

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In order to raise qualification and familiarize with recent developments in the patent field, Sakpatenti representative attended Training on Patent Documentation and Information, organized by the Austrian Patent Office and the WIPO, during which conception of technologies and innovations support centers and best practices were discussed. (Vienna, Austria)

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Representatives of Sakpatenti visited the Patent Office of the Republic of Bulgaria for the purpose of sharing experience on the patent and trademark system and examination practices, cooperation with international offices and organizations, in the field of innovations and transfer of knowledge. (Sofia, Bulgaria)



Management of Sakpatenti held a meeting with the delegation of the Danish Patent and Trademark Office delegation, paying an official visit to Georgia. At the meeting the parties discussed current developments in the Offices and prospects of cooperation.

### July

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Meeting of the Working Group for the Preparation of Common Regulations under the Lisbon Agreement and the Geneva Act of the Lisbon Agreement took place, during which the members continued working on Common Regulations under the Lisbon Agreement and the Geneva Act of the Lisbon Agreement

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During the official visit to Georgia, Mr. António Campinos, EUIPO Executive Director, and Mr. Giorgi Kvirikashvili, the Prime Minister of Georgia, discussed potential prospects of cooperation development between EUIPO and Sakpatenti.

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Representative of Sakpatenti attended the seminar on the Madrid System for the International Registration of Marks, during which the paricipants were introduced with the novelties of the Madrid System, and shared experiences of other countries. (Geneva, Switzerland)

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Sakpatenti trademark and design data was integrated into the EUIPO's TMview and Designview databases, which will enable foreign users to receive information on marks/designs registered in Georgia on the European Union Intellectual Property Office website.

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A meeting was held with the support of CLDP and USPTO, during which the US legislation, approaches and practical cases on Internet Service Providers Liability were discussed. Representatives of both, public and private sectors attended the meeting.

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Representative of Sakpatenti participated in the conference "IP Executive Week", organized by the European Patent Office (EPO) and the European Intellectual Property Office (EUIPO). At the event, the latest achievements and innovations were discussed by the EPO, the EUIPO, as well as the IP offices of the member countries, and exchanged experiences and opinions between countries. (Munich, Germany)

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With the support of CLDP and USPTO, a workshop on Adjudication of Civil Intellectual Property Infringement Cases was held for Georgian judges. American judges introduced to their Georgian colleagues the US judicial practice on disputes related to intellectual property subject-matters. They also discussed the decisions made by the Chamber of Appeals of Sakpatenti and courts of Georgia, and the opinions of the US judges were heard concerning these decisions. (Kobuleti, Georgia)

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Sakpatenti Chairman Nikoloz Gogilidze participated in the international Conference "IP for Countries along the Belt and Road", during which the meetings were held with heads of the Patent, Trademark and Copyright Offices of the People's Republic of China, as well as the representatives of the Ministry of Commerce and Beijing Municipal Government. (Beijing, China)

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Sakpatenti opened European Law Students Association (ELSA) summer school. The aim of the event was to raise students' legal awareness in the IP field. Over the period of one week, lectures were delivered on various IP subject-matters for 35 students from 15 European countries.

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Within the framework of TAIEX program, a meeting was held on "Internet Service Providers (ISP) Liability", which was attended by the representatives of the private and public sectors. They got familiarized with the EU legislation, approaches and experience on "Internet Service Providers (ISP) Liability".

#### **August**

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International conference "Georgia Against Counterfeiting in the DCFTA Context" took place, during which European and international standards and experience in the IP field were shared. Particular attention was paid to promoting active engagement of representatives of small and medium enterprises (SMEs) in enforcement of intellectual property rights.

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A Memorandum of Understanding was concluded between Sakpatenti and the Investigation Service of the Ministry of Finance of Georgia.

The Memorandum provides for popularization of intellectual property law and development of activity related with IP rights enforcement.

#### **September**

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Eleventh session of WIPO Advisory Committee on Enforcement (ACE) took place, during which Sakpatenti Chairman delivered a presentation on experience of Georgia in IP rights enforcement and interagency coordination in this direction. (Geneva, Switzerland)

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Sakpatenti delegation participated in the final round of negotiations on free trade Agreement between Georgia and China, during which agreement was reached on all issues, including problematic topics related to intellectual property, which allowed completion of negotiations over an unprecedented short period (7 months). (Beijing, China)

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Sakpatenti Deputy Chairperson Sophio Mujiri participated in the first round of negotiations on free trade agreement between the special administrative region of the P.R.C Hong Kong and Georgia. Agreement was achieved on the basic part of the chapter regulating IP. (Hong Kong, China)

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To familiarize with the progress of the joint project and to outline future cooperation plans, Mr. Sherif Saadallah, WIPO Academy's Executive Director, paid an official visit to Sakpatenti. The joint project covers drafting a regional professional course on the protection of geographical indications, participation of schoolchildren in educational projects in the intellectual property field, participation of Georgia in educational programs for judges, translation of the WIPO Academy's courses into the Georgian language and their adaptation.

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Sub-regional Conference on Intellectual Property Strategies was held, during which the national IP strategy draft, developed for Georgia with the WIPO support, was considered. The significance of the efficient implementation of the drafted strategy for the development of the country was also discussed.

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Sakpatenti Chairman Nikoloz Gogilidze paid an official visit to Estonia. Within the visit, issues of protection of Georgian wines against counterfeiting and imitation on the Estonian market were considered. (Tallinn, Estonia)

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Sakpatenti representative attended conference on modern research and prospects of its use in chemistry, chemical technology and related branches. Participants of the conference were given an opportunity to familiarize with results of work of research institutions of Georgia and foreign countries (Ureki, Georgia)

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Delegation of the Austrian Patent Office (APO), headed by its President Ms. Mariana Karepova, paid an official visit to Sakpatenti. Within the visit, Sakpatenti/APO action plan was drafted, which reflected a number of joint activities, namely: capacity building trainings in Austria for Sakpatenti examiners, as well as consultations with respect to development of innovation activities and the patent voucher program.

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A certificate of the IDFI has been handed over to Sakpatenti once again and was nominated among 55 public institutions with the 100% rate in accessibility of public information. The award ceremony of the most open and the least open public institutions in Georgia was held on the International Day for Universal Access to Information.

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Conference "Women's Role in Country Development" took place, on which, up to 100 entrepreneur women familiarized with programs, designed to support them as well as with new opportunities of financial and technical assistance. Mrs. Sophio Mujiri, Deputy Chairperson of Sakpatenti, delivered a presentation on tools of intellectual property rights protection for the participants of the event.

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Sakpatenti hosted Professor Yuriy Boshytsky, Rector of Kiev University of Law of the National Academy of Sciences of Ukraine. During the meeting Sakpatenti Chairman Mr. Nikoloz Gogilidze and Prof. Boshytsky discussed educational programs available in Ukraine and Georgia in the intellectual property field and stressed the significance of cooperation in this respect.

#### **October**

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Action Plan 2016-2017 was signed between Sakpatenti and the State Intellectual Property Office of the People's Republic of China (SIPO). Plan reflected biennial activity of Sakpatenti/SIPO cooperation. (Geneva, Switzerland)

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Sakpatenti management participated in the work of WIPO Fifty-Sixth Assembly, during which bilateral meetings were held on various issues of cooperation with top officials of the IP offices of China, Israel, Turkey, Hungary, Serbia, Switzerland and Iran. Sakpatenti management also met with Mr. Francis Gurry, WIPO Director General, Ms. Binying Wang, WIPO Deputy Director General, Mr. Sherif Saadallah, Executive Director of WIPO Academy, Ms. Cornelia Moussa, Director of Human Resources Management Department of WIPO Mr. Carsten Fink, Chief Economist, and others. (Geneva, Switzerland)

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Action Plan 2016-2017 was signed in the framework of the Memorandum of Understanding between Sakpatenti and the Turkish Patent Office. (Geneva, Switzerland)



Sakpatenti representative attended workshop on "Intellectual Property for SMEs and Building Respect for Intellectual Property", during which, together with WIPO representatives, delegates from the countries of Europe and Asia discussed use of IP in the activities of small and medium enterprises and offered an overview of tasks carried out to build respect for intellectual property in their countries. (Kiev, Ukraine)

**25** 



At Sakpatenti Training Centre, training was held within the TWINNING project – the European Union funded instrument for institutional cooperation between public administrations – "Capacity Building of the Investigation Service of the Ministry of Finance of Georgia". The Finnish model of investigation of intellectual property rights crimes and ways of collection of relevant evidence were introduced to the representatives of the Investigation Service of the Ministry of Finance of Georgia, the General Prosecutor's Office of Georgia, the Customs Department of the Revenue Service, Sakpatenti and the private sector representatives. Sakpatenti Chairman introduced to the participants the mechanisms of IP protection and enforcement according to the Georgian legislation.

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Sakpatenti representative attended the WIPO seminar aimed at introducing contemporary visions and approaches of the countries of the region and the Eurasian Regional Patent Office with respect to enforcement of the patent rights, and as a result, their reflection in relevant patent legislation (Baku, Azerbaijan)

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Conference "Branding Strategies" took place, where Georgian entrepreneurs and farmers were introduced to advantages of goods protected by GIs on the Georgian as well as world market.

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Exhibition and degustation of agro-products nominated as potential geographical indications took place. Up to 130 potential GI products were presented, among these: Cherry plum, Colchian hazelnut, Rachan ham, Kharagauli Caesar's mushroom, Choporti tomato, Lagodekhi watermelon, Colchian laurel, Khelvachauri tangerine, Tabatsquri carrot, Marneuli potato, etc.

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Representative of Sakpatenti participated in the Fourth International Conference on Geographical Indications in Antalya "Geographical Indications in Turkey and Other Mediterranean Countries - Trends, Challenges and Expectations", during which bilateral agreements with the EU and other countries on GIs were discussed. Sakpatenti representative delivered a presentation overviewed the Georgian experience and the importance of signing an agreement on protection of geographical indications with the EU and other countries.

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The Trademark License and Partnership Agreement between International Geographical Indications network, non-profit, non-governmental organization "OriGIn" and non-profit (non-commercial) legal entity "OriGIn Georgia", founded by Sakpatenti and the National Wine Agency. The Agreement envisages supporting farmers and producers in branding, marketing and management issues as well as in establishing international contacts.

#### November

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Sakpatenti representative attended the conference on occasion of the 25th anniversary of the establishment of the IP Office of the Slovak Republic, organized with the support of the European Union Intellectual Property Office and European Patent Office. (Slovakia)

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Within the TAIEX program Sakpatenti delegation paid a visit to Italy, to familiarize with the control mechanisms of GIs on the central, regional and producers' levels, with respect to potato and hazelnut. (Bologna and Alba, Italy)

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The second meeting of EU-Georgia Sub-Committee on Geographical Indications took place in Brussels, during which Decision N1/2016 of the Sub-Committee on Gls was signed, on Amending Annexes XVII-C and Part B of Annex XVII-D to the Association Agreement between the European Union, the European Atomic Energy Community and their Member States, of the one part, and Georgia, of the other part. (Brussels, Belgium)

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Sakpatenti representative attended the Forty-Seventh Session of the UPOV Technical Working Party on Fruit Crops, during which drafting TGP documents was reviewed, as well as simple and inexpensive ways for breeders for conducting tests according to basic criteria. (Angers, France)

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The International Trademark System A presentation on "Use of the Madrid System – Country Vision" was delivered by Mr. Nikoloz Gogilidze, Sakpatenti Chairman at the conference on occasion of the 125th anniversary of the Madrid International System. (Qingdao, Peoples' Republic of China)

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Sakpatenti representatives paid an official visit to the WIPO to familiarize with the WIPO experience on international registration of marks. Besides to identify and specify current problems in the process of proceedings at Sakpatenti. (Geneva, Switzerland)

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Sakpatenti delegation visited the Baltic countries. The visit was aimed at familiarization with experience of Lithuania, Latvia and Estonia with respect to concluding European Patent Validation Agreement with the European Patent Office.

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Sakpatenti representative attended a seminar on the Madrid System for the International Registration of Marks, during which current issues of development of electronic systems as well as the role of member countries in the process of registration of international applications were discussed. (Geneva, Switzerland)

#### **December**

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Sakpatenti management participated in the third meeting of the Georgian-European Union trade related issues association committee, during which the progress of Georgia was considered in terms of the DCFTA implementation. Relevant offices provided to the EU representatives information on implemented and ongoing reforms in each sphere according to the commitments under the DCFTA, which was evaluated positively by the European Union. (Brussels, Belgium)

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Deputy Chairperson of Sakpatenti participated in "Interregional Workshop on Copyright Enforcement", organized by the WIPO, the Ministry of Culture, Sports and Tourism (MCST) of the Republic of Korea and the Korea Copyright Commission (KCC), during which introduced to the participants copyright protection and enforcement mechanisms under the legislation of Georgia. (Seoul, Korea)

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The WIPO delegation led by Ms. Cornelia Moussa, Director of Human Resources Management Department, paid an official visit to Georgia. The visit was aimed at introducing an opportunity of employment of Georgian specialists in WIPO and drafting a relevant working plan in this respect.

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Sakpatenti representatives attended a seminar during which IP strategy and policy was discussed, based on the experience of the People's Republic of China, different countries of Europe and Asia. (Beijing, China)

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The second stage of training "Basic Teaching Methodologies" for predefined trainers of the Georgian Intellectual Property Training Center took place. The training aimed to prepare technical and methodological program of an intellectual property training, elaborate self-assessment exercises and support training materials according to pre-defined standards.

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#### Cooperation with World Intellectual Property Organization (WIPO)

2016 was particularly significant in cooperation with WIPO. Visits of high-ranking officials of WIPO to Georgia emphasized fruitful cooperation between entities and support in the implementation of joint projects. In 2016 the following events were organized in cooperation with WIPO:

- WIPO Deputy Director General Ms. Binying Wang paid an official visit to Georgia. She opened the Conference "Branding Strategies". During the visit, Ms. Wang has met with Mr. Dimitri Kumsishvili, the Vice Prime Minister, Minister of Economy and Sustainable Development of Georgia. At the meeting the WIPO representative assessed positively the activity of Georgia in terms of GIs protection and expressed willingness of further support development in this direction. A meeting took place with Minister of Agriculture Mr. Levan Davitashvili, during which they stressed the importance of protecting geographical indications, as one of the most effective tools and priority directions for agricultural development in Georgia. Ms. Wang expressed WIPO's readiness in implemention of joint priority projects, which will increase public awareness of intellectual property protection, and facilitate development of this system in Georgia. At the meeting Ms. Wang noted that election of Sakpatenti's Chairman, Mr. Nikoloz Gogilidze as the Chair of the Working Group for the Preparation of Common Regulations under the Lisbon Agreement and the Geneva Act of the Lisbon Agreement, demonstrated the special role and significance of Georgia in promoting development of international system of GI's.
- To introduce employment opportunities for Georgian specialists at WIPO, a delegation headed by Ms. Cornelia Moussa, WIPO's Director of Human Resources Management Department, paid an official

visit to Georgia. During the visit, the delegation met with the Minister of Foreign Affairs of Georgia Mr. Mikheil Janelidze, who emphesized the interest of the country in employment representatives of Georgia in various UN organizations in order to better introduce Georgia on the international level. Members of the WIPO delegation also held meetings with Sakpatenti's staff members, patent attorneys, representatives of universities and other target groups, who were informed about the employment opportunities at WIPO, and explaining application submition procedures for various vacancies. During the meeting with the management of Sakpatenti, the parties discussed drafting a relevant working plan, which will increase the number of Georgian applicants for WIPO vacancies, and will allow them to work at WIPO.

- Within the Intellectual Property Academy project framework, Mr. Sherif Saadallah, Executive Director of WIPO's Intellectual Property Academy, paid an official visit to Georgia, where he held meetings with the Ministry of Agriculture of Georgia, the National Wine Agency and the Ministry of Education and Science. Meetings were also held with various universities of Georgia, Georgia's Innovation and Technology Agency (GITA). Mr. Saadallah also met with the future lecturers of the Georgian Intellectual Property Training Center, who in 2016 completed the second stage of "Basic Teaching Methodologies" training. The training was related to technical and methodological preparation of an intellectual property training program, elaborating on self-assessment exercises and supporting training materials, aligned with pre-defined standards. At the final meeting with Mr. Nikoloz Gogilidze, Chairman of Sakpatenti, Mr. Saadallah outlined future cooperation plans, namely: drafting a professional course on the protection of geographical indications, participation of Georgia in training programs developed for judges, participation of school children in WIPO educational projects (IP4kids), translation of the WIPO Academy courses into Georgian language and their adaptation (customizing WIPO Academy General Course on IP (DL-101) in accordance with Georgia's legislation, and publishing methodological literature.
- WIPO financed Sakpatenti's representative to participate in a one-year intellectual property Master's program in Turin;
- WIPO Academy financed Sakpatenti employees' distance learning courses;
- With WIPO's assistance, completed the work on "Development of State Intellectual Property Strategy in Georgia" project, which assessed IP system of Georgia, identified areas of development, and outlined implementation plan of future activities. The strategy was discussed at the conference on Intellectual Property Strategies, held in Tbilisi with the support of WIPO.



#### Cooperation with the European Union

In order to implement commitments under the Deep and Comprehensive Free Trade Agreement (DCFTA) Sakpatenti in cooperation with the Delegation of the European Union to Georgia carried out following joint activities in 2016.

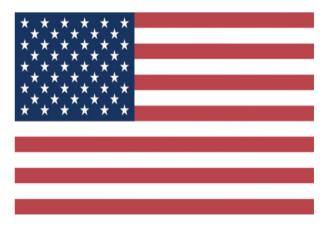
- A meeting on Internet Service Providers Liability
  was held within the TAIEX program. At the meeting
  representatives of public services and private sector
  of Georgia familiarized with the European Union
  legislation, approaches and experience on Internet
  service providers liability. The received information
  will be used in the process of drafting Georgian
  legislation on "E-Commerce" which will provide
  regulations on internet service providers liability.
- International Conference "Georgia Against Counterfeiting in the Context of DCFTA" was held with the support of the European Union funded project "SME Development and Deep and Comprehensive Free Trade Agreement (DCFTA) in Georgia". At the conference European and international standards and experience in the IP field were exchanged. Event special emphasize was given to promoting active engagement of representatives of small and medium enterprises (SMEs) in intellectual property rights enforcement.
- Sakpatenti have got engaged in project "Value of Intellectual Property for SME" – (VIP4SME), funded by Program for Research and Innovations "Horizon 2020", which envisages organizing informative meetings, conferences and seminars for raising awareness in the IP field among representatives of small and medium enterprises.

#### Cooperation with the Government of the United States of America

In 2016 Sakpatenti, within the cooperation with the Government of the United States of America (through the Embassy of the United States of America to Georgia, USAID, G-PriEd, CLDP and USPTO), carried out the following activities:

 By support of USAID Georgia Primary Education Project (USAID/G-PriEd), special lessons were delivered to the 4th-6th grades pupils of up to 100 public schools on occasion of the World Intellectual Property Day – April 26. Based on consultation with the Sakpatenti, G-PriEd, drafted a special lesson plan, aiming to raise awareness among children on the principles and significance of intellectual property and especially copyright. Fairy-tale on the topic of copyright "Doremius Solasi", created by cooperation of G-PriEd and Sakpatenti was used as the lesson material and was handed over to children as presents.

- Workshop for Georgian judges were organized with the support of CLDP and USPTO. At the workshop American judges introduced to their Georgian colleagues the US judicial practice on disputes related to IP. A seminar was also held for representatives of the mass media, where Georgian and US experts discussed various IP subject-matters and economic significance of their protection.
- A meeting on Internet Service Provider (ISP) Liability
  was held by support of CLDP and USPTO. American
  experts introduced to the representatives of the
  private and public sectors the secondary liability
  system of the USA and other issues related to Internet
  Service Provider (ISP) Liability.
- Sakpatenti examiners and lawyers capacity building activities continued in 2016 with the support of CLDP and USPTO. In this regards study visit of Sakpatenti lawyers and examiners were organized to the USA.
- Within the framework of USAID Human and Institutional Capacity Development Project (HICD 2020) Sakpatenti activities were assessed for the purpose of structural development of the Office. As a result of the assessment, an action plan was drafted; document contains detailed recommendations and methods of improvement existing performance of the Office.
- To familiarize with the process of implementation of the projects in the intellectual property field, carried out in partnership with the Government of the USA, a meeting was held between Sakpatenti management and Ambassador of the United States of America to Georgia H.E. Mr. Ian C. Kelly. During the meeting future cooperation plans were discussed, in particular, the support of the US Government in the implementation of Sakpatenti Action Plan, which implies supporting the project on the Intellectual Property Educational Center, further improvement of examination, promotion of innovation activity and development of the branding system.





#### Cooperation with European Union Intellectual Property Office (EUIPO)

The year 2016 was significant and successful in terms of cooperation with EUIPO. Especially noteworthy is the official visit of Mr. António Campinos, EUIPO Executive Director on July 6-7, who visited Georgia for the first time on the invitation of Mr. Giorgi Kvirikashvili, Prime Minister of Georgia. Specified visit brought Georgia-EUIPO relations to a new stage. Within the visit:

- A meeting was held with Mr. Giorgi Kvirikashvili, Prime Minister of Georgia. Mr. António Campinos, EUIPO Executive Director, introduced the results of joint activities of EUIPO and Sakpatenti, and achieved progress. At the meeting it was also noted that it is essential to launch a new project, within which on the basis of EUIPO Trademark and Design Guidelines, Georgian textbooks will be prepared.
- Meetings were held with Mr. Dimitri Kumsishvili, Minister of Economy and Sustainable Development of Georgia, Mr. Mikheil Janelidze, Minister of Foreign Affairs, H.E. Mr. Janos Herman, Ambassador, Head of Delegation of European Union to Georgia, and representatives of business acting in Georgia. At the meetings special attention was given on significance of integration of Georgian databases into the EUIPO trademark and design databases.

Within the Memorandum signed between EUIPO and Sakpatenti, in 2016 the following activities were carried out:

- Sakpatenti trademark and design databases were integrated into the EUIPO system – TMview and Designview, which allows foreign users to search information on marks registered in Georgia on the EUIPO website. In addition, it is possible for users to search in EUIPO databases by means of the Georgian interface. Sakpatenti also joined the TMclass platform, which allows searching and translating the list of goods and services in 42 languages;
- Sakpatenti examiners participated in capacity building activities – EUIPO seminars and workshops, also completed EUIPO Academy distance learning courses.

#### Cooperation with European Patent Office (EPO)

Within the biennial Program of Co-operation Activities, signed between Sakpatenti and EPO, in 2016 the following activities were implemented:

- On the invitation of EPO, Sakpatenti representatives attended annual conference "PATLIB 2016", aimed at sharing experience of European patent information centers;
- To raise qualification, Georgian examiners completed distance learning courses of the EPO Academy;



- With EPO support, Sakpatenti delegation paid an official visit to the Baltic countries Estonia, Lithuania and Latvia. The visit was aimed at familiarization with experience of the Baltic countries with respect to cooperation with the European Patent Office, which will assist Georgia to evaluate the effect of the Validation Agreement with the EPO on the patent system of Georgia. Within the visit, Sakpatenti delegation held meetings with representatives of the countries' patent offices, patent attorneys and private sector.
- Sakpatenti representative participated in the Conference "IP Executive Week", held at EPO. At the event the latest developments and achievements of IP offices of the European Union and EPO member countries were discussed, which serves as a good platform for exchange of information and opinions between the countries.

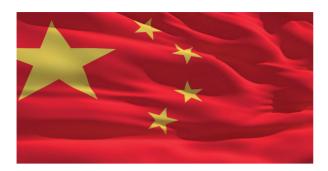
#### Cooperation with the Government of the People's Republic of China

The year 2016 was distinguished by active cooperation with offices of the People's Republic of China. Especially noteworthy is successful completion of negotiations on a Free Trade Agreement with China over an unprecedented short period (7 months). The Agreement includes protection of IP as a separate chapter and Sakpatenti delegation was actively engaged in the negotiations process.

Noteworthy, strengthening cooperation with the State Administration for Industry and Commerce of the People's Republic of China (SAIC), during which a decision was made to sign a Memorandum of Cooperation, to be signed during the official visit of Vice Minister of SAIC in 2017.

The reporting year was active also from the viewpoint of cooperation with the State Intellectual Property Office of the People's Republic of China (SIPO). At the meeting between the Commissioner of SIPO and Sakpatenti Chairman, in the framework of the Agreement on Cooperation between the offices, an Action Plan was signed, within which the following activities were planned and implemented:

- To hold Sakpatenti/SIPO joint intellectual property seminars to promote better understanding and utilization of Chinese intellectual property system for Georgian public;
- To invite staff members to the events organized by SIPO and Sakpatenti, to enhance exchange and sharing of related experience.
- · To improve examination quality through sharing



patent examination practice by using SIPO's "Cloud Patent Examination System" (CPES).

- Sakpatenti Chairman participated in WIPO/SIPO joint conference "Intellectual Property for Countries Along the Belt and Road".
- SIPO Deputy Commissioner official visit was planned to Georgia to strengthen cooperation and better familiarize with the IP system of Georgia.

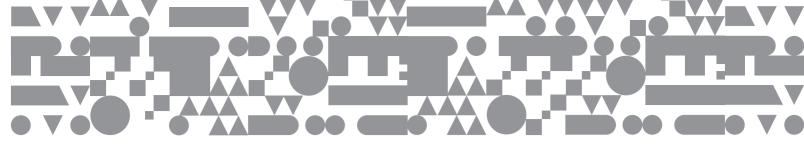
#### **Cooperation with Patent Offices**

To overcome common challenges and strengthen cooperation in the IP field, in 2016 Sakpatenti continued active consultations with various IP offices. In particular:

- The delegation of the Patent Office of the Republic of Bulgaria, headed by Vice-President Mr.David Sukalinski, paid an official visit to Georgia. Within the visit a Working Plan for Cooperation between the Patent Office of the Republic of Bulgaria and Sakpatenti was signed. It covers exchange of knowledge on significant legislative developments in the intellectual property field, practical issues related to registration of IP subject-matters, as well as capacity building of examiners. Within the working Plan, delegation of Sakpatenti also visited Bulgaria to familiarize with the IP system and share experience of Bulgaria.
- Delegation of the State Agency on Intellectual Property of Republic of Moldova (AGEPI), headed by Director General Mr. Octavian Apostol, visited Georgia. During the meeting the heads of the offices discussed challenges in the intellectual property field in Georgia and Moldova and joint cooperation plans for overcoming them.
- Sakpatenti hosted an official visit of Danish Patent and Trademark Office Delegation, headed by Deputy Director General Mr. Keld. During the meeting, future cooperation plans between Sakpatenti and the Danish Patent and Trademark Office were discussed.
- Delegation of the Austrian Patent Office (APO), headed by its President Ms. Mariana Karepova, paid an official visit to Sakpatenti. At a bilateral meeting the heads of the two Offices agreed to draft an action plan, which will reflect a number of joint activities: capacity building trainings in Austria for Sakpatenti examiners, consultations with respect to development of innovation activities and the patent voucher program. Within the visit, members of the Austrian delegation offered one week on-desk trainings for examiners of Sakpatenti Department of Inventions. In 2016 another visit of Austrian specialists took place

for capacity building of examiners of the Trademark Department and Department of Inventions.

- Mr. Habip Asan, President of the TurkPatent, paid two
  official visits to Georgia to strengthen cooperation
  between the offices and to plan and implement
  joint activities. Basis on the Memorandum of
  Understanding between Sakpatenti and TurkPatent,
  an Action Plan was signed, within which the IP offices
  of the two countries will cooperate in the direction of
  capacity building of examiners, sharing of experience
  and best practices, organization of joint events and
  holding consultations in the process of drafting new
  legislative acts in the intellectual property field. The
  memorandum also envisages support in participation
  of a representative of Georgia in the WIPO/Ankara
  university joint Master's Program in IP.
- Mr. Sandris Laganovskis, Director of the Patent Office of the Republic of Latvia, paid an official visit to Georgia. During the meeting with Sakpatenti management, prospects of future cooperation were discussed, especially, from the viewpoint of cooperation with the European Patent Office.
- An official meeting took place between the Head of the Israel Patent Office and Sakpatenti Chairman.
   The parties discussed perspectives of cooperation in terms of exchanging experience and capacity building of examiners.
- Sakpatenti Chairman met with the Head of the IP Office of Iran. At the meeting, agreement was achieved to sign a memorandum of understanding in order to organize joint events and strengthen cooperation.
- Meeting of Sakpatenti Chairman took place with the Head of the Intellectual Property Office of Serbia.
   The parties discussed the prospects of cooperation with respect to IP assessment program at Small and Medium Enterprises and sharing experience.
- Within the Agreement on Cooperation between the offices, a meeting was held with the management of the Hungarian Intellectual Property Office (HIPO), on the issues of cooperation and sharing experience between the IP Coordination Council of Hungary and the Interagency Coordination Council for IP Rights Enforcement, functioning at Sakpatenti.



## Conferences/ 2016



Title: INTA 2016

Date and Venue: May 20-25, 2016, Orlando (Florida,

Organized by: International Trademark Association

Sakpatenti participated in the INTA Annual Meeting, which is the most significant event in the field of trademarks worldwide. During the event more than 10 000 delegates representing different companies who own various well-known brands worldwide, law firms and officials of offices functioning in the intellectual property field familiarized with the information about Georgia.

10108 participants were registered for the INTA Meeting 2016 in Orlando, this is unprecedented in the history of the Association, Within the Annual Meeting, INTA committees sessions, discussions, bilateral and working group meetings and an exhibition took place.

The event was opened by INTA Executive Director Mr. Etienne Sanz and Warner Bros. Consumer Products



For the first time in the history of the INTA annual meeting, the working groups of IP offices took place with the topic "Moving Towards Establishment of a 21st-Century Intellectual Property Office", the meeting was coordinated by patent offices of Great Britain, Singapore and Chile. In parallel with the event, an exhibition was held, where more than 200 law companies, intellectual property

offices and business representatives were represented as exhibitors. In 2016 National Intellectual Property Centre of Georgia Sakpatenti participated for the first time in the exhibition. Among the participants of the exhibition information booklets were distributed containing information about registration of intellectual property subject-matters, right enforcement







mechanisms, investment climate of Georgia, tourism opportunities and doing business. The participants were also handed over as presents goods of appellations of origin and geographical indications protected in Georgia (wine and Churchkhela) and consultations were offered on various IP subject-matters. The stand of Sakpatenti aroused great interest among the participants, it increased the image of Georgia as a country with the favorable investment climate, as well as emphasized the fact that one of the main priorities of government of Georgia is proper protection of intellectual property.

The World Intellectual Property Organization (WIPO), European Union Intellectual Property Office (EUIPO), Japan Patent Office (JPO), Korean Intellectual Property office (KIPO), and African Regional Intellectual Property Organization (ARIPO) participated in the exhibition. Also, noteworthy active participation of other patent offices in the event. The event was also attended by patent attorneys of Georgia, who had an opportunity to reach out and meet with potential clients.

Within the event, meetings of the INTA Trademark Office Practices Committee – European National TMO Relations Subcommittee took place, in which representatives of Sakpatenti participated along with representatives of the IP Offices the Benelux, the Czech Republic, Denmark, France, Norway, Slovakia, Turkey and Great Britain. Sakpatenti representatives introduced to the participants the projects implemented by Georgia in the direction of establishing an effective system for the protection of trademarks and achieved progress in this regard.

Sakpatenti Chairman Mr. Nikoloz Gogilidze headed the round table on: "A New Stage of Intellectual



Property Protection after Implementation of Deep and Comprehensive Free Trade Agreement with the European Union". Sakpatenti representatives also participated in the open day of IP offices and attachés, where they discussed the current challenges in the IP field and ways of their overcoming.

Within the event, for the purpose of discussion of future cooperation prospects, bilateral meetings were held with representatives of the intellectual property offices of the USA and Japan. During the meeting with representatives of major companies of the world, such as Brown Forman, Novartis, Servier, future plans of their activity in Georgia were discussed in terms of enforcement of their IP rights. Participation in the event will facilitate considerably popularization of the Georgian intellectual property rights protection and enforcement system and attraction of potential applicants.

International Trademark Association (INTA) is a global union of owners of trademarks, uniting 6700 organizations of 190 countries. The activity of INTA is directed towards supporting the development of the system of trademarks and intellectual property, in general. INTA also carries out public awareness raising activities and promotion of trademark system in various directions, offers education programs, as well as ensures promotion of protection of rights of trademarks owners, rendering them legal assistance and improvement of relevant legislation.

The INTA Annual Meeting and exhibition are regularly attended by companies owning various well-known brands worldwide, leading law firms and international, regional and national offices functioning in the IP field.







Title: Georgia Against Counterfeiting in the DCFTA Context

Date and Venue: August 1-2, 2016, Batumi (Georgia)

Organized by: National Intellectual Property Centre of Georgia Sakpatenti, and EU funded project SME Development and DCFTA in Georgia implemented by Private Sector Development Programme South Caucasus (PSD SC), Deutsche Gesellschaft für Internationale Zusammenarbeit (GIZ) GmbH

The Second International Conference "Georgia Against Counterfeiting in the Context of DCFTA" was aimed to raise awareness of representatives of small and medium enterprises (SMEs) on the mechanisms of intellectual property rights enforcement, promoting their active engagement in combatting counterfeiting as well as sharing international experience. Particular attention was paid to deepening the public-private dialogue on issues of fighting against counterfeiting, discussion of best practices and current challenges.

The Conference was opened by Mr. Genadi Arveladze, Deputy Minister of Economy and Sustainable Development of Georgia, who noted that protection of intellectual property and its effective enforcement are the main tool stimulating innovations in the country, which in its turn facilitates the long-term economic growth in the country. Thus, for the effective protection and enforcement of intellectual property rights it is necessary to coordinate the efforts of the business sector, state agencies and the general public and to work out common systemic approaches. Mr. Nikoloz Gogilidze, Chairman of the National Intellectual Property Centre of Georgia Sakpatenti, in his welcoming





address stressed the importance of the forum as a platform for raising public awareness on the issues pertaining to the intellectual property protection and enforcement in Georgia. Mr. Carlo Natale, Deputy Head of the EU Delegation to Georgia, in his opening remarks welcomed the initiative to further strengthen protection and enforcement of IP rights in Georgia. Welcoming addresses were also delivered by Mr. Philipp Steinheim, Team Leader, GIZ PSD SC/SME DCFTA GE, Mr. Zurab Katchkatchishvili, Executive Director, International Chamber of Commerce Georgia, Ms. Nino Chikovani, President of Georgian Chamber of Commerce and Industry and Mr. David Saganelidze, Executive Director of ISC Partnership Fund.

In 2016 the event was attended by executive management of the entities and organizations from the viewpoint of the participants as well as the speakers. The Conference gathered representatives of the Government sector, international and regional organizations, associations, funds, small and medium enterprises.

During the Conference, representatives from the World Customs Organization (WCO), Europol, the Cooperation with Business Action to Stop Counterfeiting and Piracy (BASCAP, ICC), also from the USA, China, Italy, Hungary and Romania showcased best practices and international experience in the combatting counterfeiting.

At the first session, presentations were delivered on the IP rights protection system in Georgia, mechanisms of rights enforcement and activities carried out by the relevant offices over the last year were delivered by Mr. Nikoloz Gogilidze, Chairman of Sakpatenti, Mr.





Giga Kobaladze, Chairman of the Georgian Copyright Association (GCA), Mr. Giorgi Kobeshavidze, Deputy Head of Customs Department of the Ministry of Finance and Mr. Giorgi Gogaladze, Senior Investigator of Investigation Service of the Ministry of Finance. In his speech Mr. Nikoloz Gogilidze noted the effective functioning of the Interagency Coordination Council for Intellectual Property Rights Enforcement, stressed the importance of integration of the Georgian databases into the European Union Intellectual Property Office (EUIPO) trademark and design databases and the opportunity of searching in EUIPO databases by means of the Georgian interface.

According to the information, provided by Mr. Giga Kobaladze, Chairman of the Georgian Copyright Association (GCA), over the last year fighting against counterfeiting became significantly active, the Association was expanded to include new members, the number of concluded licenses, collected and distributed royalties and new mutually representative agreements also increased.

As a result of the effective work of the Customs Department, according to the data of 2015, the Customs Department issued 73 orders on suspension of goods, which is higher by 29 as compared with the same data of 2014. In 58 cases the right holder and the owner of the goods agreed on destruction of the goods, in 9 cases the right holder filed a lawsuit in the court, and in all other cases it was impossible to prove that the goods were counterfeit and the goods were released.

Mr. Giorgi Gogaladze, Senior Investigator of Investigation Service of the Ministry of Finance, noted in his





presentation that over the recent years the Investigation Department of the Investigation Service of the Ministry of Finance launched and completed investigation on up to 30 cases provided for by Articles 189 and 196 of the Criminal Code of Georgia, which implies infringement of rights of owners of copyright, related rights and makers of database and the illegal use of a trademark or other commercial indication. In particular, in the above-mentioned period, for the fact of infringement of copyright, the reproduction and selling of infringing copies, provided for by Article 189 of the Criminal Code of Georgia, and for the criminal offenses, provided for by Article 196 of the Criminal Code of Georgia, the court passed the verdict of guilty and the confiscated goods. according to the applicable law, were destructed or recovered in favor of the state.

The Investigation Service of the Ministry of Finance became one of the members of the Interagency Coordination Council for Intellectual Property Rights Enforcement. The Council facilitates coordination of activities between Sakpatenti and the Investigation Service. On the basis of the information provided by Sakpatenti, the Investigation Service carries out pre-investigation activities and in case of identification of unlawful acts launches investigation into the matter.

In 2015 with the financial support of the European Council a two-year "Twinning" project was launched to improve the skills of the Investigation Service employees of the Ministry of Finance, an important element of which is the fight against intellectual property crime. The European Union experts, together with the staff of the Investigation Service are working





to improve investigation of intellectual property rights infringements, technologies and operation mechanisms and to bring in line the administrative capacity of the Investigation Service with the European Union and international standards. For this purpose, a number of study visits of the representatives of the Investigation Service took place to Finland and the Netherlands, during which the European colleagues introduced the latest methods and technologies of combatting intellectual property crime. Within the project, trainings and seminars are held at the Investigation Service, which are led by the European Union experts. In addition, the "Twinning" project stipulates drafting recommendations in order to improve the legislation of Georgia in the field of combatting IP infringement.

Ms. Bérengère Dreno, IP Criminal Intelligence Officer of Europol, discussed European enforcement actions against intellectual property crime. In her presentation the speaker offered the data of IP crime in the European Union, Europol objectives and functions as well as conducted enforcement actions and successful operations, future plans and current challenges. It is noteworthy that in near future Georgia will start cooperation with Europol.

Mr. Donald E. Townsend, Regional Intellectual Property Rights Attaché - Russian, CIS and Georgia, U.S. Foreign Commercial Service/U.S. Patent and Trademark Office, introduced to the participants the US experience in combatting counterfeiting. He discussed the activities of the National Intellectual Property Rights Centre of the USA, offered the statistical data of suspension of counterfeit goods by the US Customs and Border





Services, US government acts to protect distribution network from counterfeiting goods, and informed regarding successful operations and issues of regional cooperation.

Experience of various countries in combatting counterfeiting was introduced by representatives of the Intellectual Property Offices of China, Romania and Hungary.

The speaker from the Cooperation with Business Action to Stop Counterfeiting and Piracy (BASCAP) discussed IPR guidelines, developed for combatting counterfeiting, implemented measures and projects.

The representative of the World Customs Organization (WCO) Ms. Sandra Wens delivered a presentation on the role of customs in IPR border enforcement, activities of WCO, best practices and enforcement tools.

During the Conference representatives of the private sector delivered presentations on challenges in intellectual property rights enforcement.

Mr. Elio De Tullio, IP Lawyer, discussed cost-effective IPR enforcement strategies for Small and Medium Businesses.

Mr. Giorgi Taktakishvili, Chairman of the National Association on Patent Attorneys of Georgia, discussed the trends of the Georgian court practice on destruction of counterfeit goods.

During the event, issues of combatting piracy and role of intermediaries in selling counterfeit and pirated goods were also discussed. The experience of the USA in this direction was introduced to the participants by





Mr. Donald E. Townsend, Regional Intellectual Property Rights Attaché – Russian, CIS and Georgia, U.S. Foreign Commercial Service/U.S. Patent and Trademark Office. The current situation in Georgia, namely, the impact of counterfeit copies on legal businesses was discussed by Mr. Zurab Bezhashvili, Head of Legal Department of music business company and music shop "Bravo Records". The representative of "Microsoft Georgia" Ms. Mariam Vashakidze delivered a presentation on legal tools for software protection. The Chairperson of the Georgian Publishers and Booksellers Association offered a presentation on pirated books and the negative impact of black market on authors, publishers and consumers.

During the conference presentations were also delivered by representatives of pharmaceutical, construction and plant protection means producing companies. Existence of counterfeit goods in these fields is especially dangerous and harmful for human health and often causes fatal results.

Ms. Maia Khetsuriani, Chief of "Les Laboratoires Servier" Representative Office in Georgia, discussed the issue of counterfeit medicines on the basis of the analysis of association of pharmaceutical companies and "Servier" experience.

The representative of "Heidelberg Cement Caucasus" Ltd Mr. Irakli Makharoblidze offered an overview of challenges of trademark enforcement of "Heidelbergcement" in Georgia, whereas Director of "Noblex" Mr. Alexander Ediberidze introduced to the participants the types of counterfeiting in the field of plant protection and fertilizers, results and examples of



fighting against them.

The Conference took place with active involvement of the participants. Discussions were held and a number of significant issues were raised, which requires additional consideration and discussion.

The Conference was summarized by Mr. Nikoloz Gogilidze, Chairman of the National Intellectual Property Centre of Georgia Sakpatenti, who noted that Georgia has made considerable steps in the direction of fighting against counterfeiting and piracy. However, much remains to be done to overcome the current challenges and problems. Especially important is the coordinated work of the state agencies, improvement of legislation in the direction of responsibilities of the intermediaries, raising public awareness and increasing involvement of the private sector.

Within the event, a Memorandum on Cooperation was signed between the Georgian Chamber of Commerce and Industry (GCCI) and the National Intellectual Property Centre of Georgia – Sakpatenti. According to the Memorandum, the parties will plan and implement joint projects aimed at raising awareness and promotion of intellectual property among representatives of the business sector. Sakpatenti will also participate in outreach events planned by GCCI, aimed at promoting DCFTA among Georgian entrepreneurs.

The representatives of the private and public sectors will discuss the progress made over the year and new challenges on the Third International Conference "Georgia Against Counterfeiting 2017".







Title: "Intellectual Property Policies in Universities and Research Institutions"

Date and Venue: June 1-2, 2016, Georgia's Innovation and Technology Agency

Organized by: National Intellectual Property Center of Georgia Sakpatenti, World Intellectual Property Organization (WIPO)

During the sub-regional seminar ""Intellectual Property Policies in Universities and Research Institutions", attended by representatives of Georgian and foreign universities, scientific-research institutions and patent offices, local and foreign experts, importance of intellectual property policy in universities and best practices were discussed.

WIPO representative introduced to the participants recommendations drafted by WIPO. During the seminar the significance of development of IP at universities and academic institutions of Georgia and necessity of elaboration of IP policy were discussed. Among the Seminar speakers was Mr. Habip Asan, President of the TurkPatent, who delivered a presentation on acquisition of IP rights on inventions created at universities and research institutions in Turkey and patent management schemes. For representatives of educational and research institutions of Georgia it was especially interesting to familiarize with the experience of one of the leading countries in the inventions field - Israel. The country, where every university has elaborated and makes effective use of intellectual property policy documents. At the event the experience of Romania and the Czech Republic were also introduced. Georgian participants expressed interest in translation into the Georgian language of the IP guidelines developed by WIPO for universities and research institutions. WIPO agreed to the suggestion and the document will be translated into Georgian in nearest future.



Title: Sub-Regional Conference on Intellectual Property Strategies

Date and Venue: **September 15-16, 2016, Courtyard Marriott hotel** 

Organized by: National Intellectual Property Center of Georgia Sakpatenti and World Intellectual Property Organization (WIPO)

Sub-Regional Conference on Intellectual Property Strategies, where attended by the heads of intellectual property offices of various countries, international and local experts engaged in drafting the strategy, representatives of state agencies, private sector and higher educational institutions. The significance of drafting national IP strategies for countries and preconditions of their implementation were discussed. Besides, the IP strategy of Georgia, which was drafted with the WIPO support, was also reviewed.

IP Expert from United Kingdom discussed the role of effective intellectual property strategy in the economic, political and social framework. Mr. Sandris Laganovskis, Director of Patent Office of the Republic of Latvia, introduced to participant experience of Latvia in this



respect, whereas a representative of the State Agency on Intellectual Property of Republic of Moldova (AGEPI) offered an overview of Moldova experience.

At the Conference experience of Slovakia and Poland was also considered regarding the effective management and exploitation of intellectual property by universities and public research organizations.

Ms. Marina Lamm, Patent Attorney of Office of Policy and International Affairs, at United States Patent and Trademark Office, delivered a presentation on the role of the Government of the USA in encouraging the commercialization of university research.

Sakpatenti Chairman together with the British expert and representatives of the Patent Office of Albania discussed the topic of creating a competitive and innovative market position and use of intellectual property to receive added value.

The conference was significant, in sense of exchanging experience, as it was attended by representative of countries who have already drafted their IP strategies, as well as the countries who are in the process of drafting the IP strategy or are currently planning to draft an IP strategy.

At the end of the conference, panel discussion was held with the participation of representatives of the Government of Georgia, business, research institutions and international experts. At the discussion panelists identified the necessity of development a single regional platform, where countries will share experience on drafting IP strategy, its effective implementation and current challenges.



Title: "Branding Strategies"

Date and Venue: October 27-28, 2016, Biltmore Hotel

Organized by: National Intellectual Property Center of Georgia Sakpatenti and World Intellectual Property Organization (WIPO)

The Conference "Branding Strategies" was aimed at introducing to Georgian producers and farmers the advantages of products protected under geographical indications on the market in Georgia as well as worldwide. The event was attended by more than 120 producers and farmers from all regions of Georgia. WIPO Deputy Director General Ms. Binying Wang, opened the event and in her opening remarks spoke about the WIPO role and expressed willingness to support Georgia in such a significant issue as increasing awareness of Georgian goods on the international market.

During the event, welcoming remarks were delivered by Sakpatenti Chairman Nikoloz Gogilidze and Deputy Minister of Agriculture Giorgi Chkheidze, who noted that demand on Georgian agro products rapidly increases at the international markets, subsequently creating new opportunities for farmers and entrepreneurs. Hence, the conference will facilitate development of local agro business and exporting Georgian products to the international market and increasing public awareness on them.

In her presentation Ms. Marie Paule Rizo, Head of Design and Geographical Indication Law Section, Brands and Designs Sector of WIPO, discussed brands reputation and image determining factors in the marketplace. She reviewed difference between well-known brands and trademarks as well as their significance with respect to goods.

Mr.David Gabunia, Adviser of Sakpatenti Chairman, offered an overview of main principles of current situation of geographical indications (GIs) protection in Georgia, also discussed future challenges and advantages of the GI system.



Mr. Andrei Maximov, Director, "Maximov & Partners" delivered a presentation on GIs as a marketing instrument for Georgian exports.

Conference participants familiarized with success achieved by the use of designs and packaging of goods, as well as role of entrepreneurs' associations in drafting and implementing effective branding strategies on the example of company "Zearis".

The conference lasted two days and ended by the ceremony of signing the Trademark License and Partnership Agreement between International Geographical Indications network, non-profit non-governmental organization "OriGin", and "OriGin Georgia". The activities of "OriGin Georgia" will reveal potential goods eligible for protection by GIs in Georgia, provides support in their inventory, establishing the specifications and ensuring legal protection. The Agreement between "OriGin" and "OriGin Georgia" provides assistance to farmers and producers in branding, marketing and management issues as well as in establishing international contacts.







## **Trademark**

In order to improve trademark examination procedure and simplify procedures related to registration of trademarks, as well as to introduce the practice of the European Union Intellectual Property Office (EUIPO), in 2016 Sakpatenti carried out the following activities:

- Sakpatenti trademark databases were integrated into the EUIPO system - TMview, which allows foreign users to receive information on marks registered in Georgia on the EUIPO website. In addition, it is possible for users to search in EUIPO databases by means of the Georgian interface. Sakpatenti also joined the TMclass platform, which allows searching and translating the list of goods and services in 42 languages;
- Eleventh edition of the Nice Classification was translated into the Georgian language;
- Negotiations were started for integration of Sakpatenti databases into the WIPO-administered program Madrid Goods and Services (MGS) Database and Madrid Class. Noteworthy, that use of MGS will simplify trademark registration procedure at Sakpatenti for foreign users;
- Work was continued on the draft amendments to the "Trademark Law" of Georgia and Trademark Instruction for the purpose of their harmonization with modern requirements and further improvement of examination procedure.

To raise public awareness in trademark field the following scientific articles were prepared:

- · Color as a trademark;
- What kind should be a trademark to be registered at Sakpatenti?
- New strategy of the European Union of trademarks.

As regards the number of applications, in 2016 local applications increased by 30%. It should also be noted

that due to transition to a new trademark program at the WIPO, in 2016 more than 700 applications were failed to be submitted in due time to program failure in the application proceedings at the International Bureau.

As in previous year, among national as well as foreign applications, applications for pharmaceutical products predominated (1229), a great quantity of applications were filed in advertising and office functions (713). A great number of applications were again filed from the USA (373), Federal Republic of Germany (304) and Republic of Turkey (296). In 2016, 22 applications, sent from Georgia to the International Bureau under the Protocol Relating to the Madrid Agreement Concerning the International Registration of Marks, were granted international registration numbers.

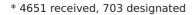
The leading classes according to the number of local trademark applications are as follows:

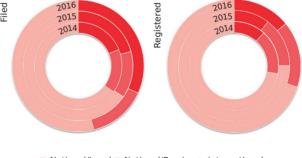
- Class 5: Pharmaceutical, veterinary and sanitary preparations, etc. – 490 applications;
- Class 33: Alcoholic beverages (except bears) 252 applications;
- Class 35: Advertising; business management; business administration; office functions – 275 applications.

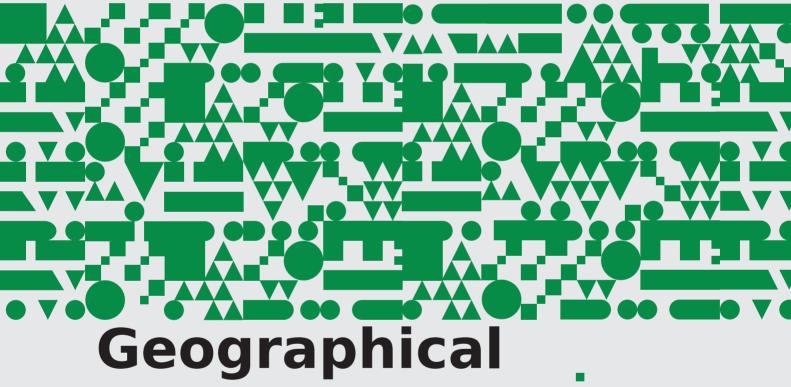
The leading classes according to the number of local and international trademark applications are:

- Class 5: Pharmaceutical, veterinary and sanitary preparations, etc. - 1229 applications;
- Class 35: Advertising; business management; business administration; office functions – 713 applications;
- Class 9: Data processing equipment, computers; computer software, etc. –498 applications.

Trademark		Filed Applications			Registered Applications		
		2014	2015	2016	2014	2015	2016
National Procedure	Local	913	1092	1478	474	452	656
	Foreign	782	722	669	665	639	745
International Procedure		3130	3437	2504	2958	3278	3248
Total		4825	5251	5354	4097	4369	4649







Geographical Indication and Appellation of Origin

# Geographical Indication and Appellation of Origin

To carry out activities necessary for protecting Georgian appellations of origin and geographical indications abroad, revealing new appellations of origin and geographical indications, improving and updating specifications of registered appellations of origin and geographical indications, Sakpatenti in 2016 implemented the following activities:

- The Non-Profit (Non-Commercial) Legal Entity "OriGIn Georgia", founded by Sakpatenti and the National Wine Agency, the activities of which include revealing potential goods eligible to be protected as GIs in Georgia, their inventory, establishing the specifications and ensuring legal protection, revealed up to 130 potential geographical indications. Among these are: Colchian hazelnut, Rachan ham, Kharagauli Caesar's Mushroom, Choporti tomato, Lagodekhi watermelon, Colchian laurel, Khelvachauri tangerine, Tabatsquri carrot, Marneuli early potato, etc.
- "OriGIn Georgia" became a member of the global alliance "OriGIn", which allowed producers working in Georgia in revealing potential geographical indications and in identification of their characteristics for the purpose of their further registration, both in the country and abroad. Cooperation also envisages supporting Georgian producers to participate in international exhibitions and fairs.
- Company "Sante GMT Products" was registered in the Geographical Indications Register as an entity having the right to use geographical indication "Sulguni" name. "Sulguni" was registered as a Gl by Sakpatenti in 2012 and the right of its use is granted to an entity satisfying the requirements set by the legislation. "Sante GMT Products" is the first company which has satisfied requirements determined by specifications of "Sulguni";
- The registration procedure of 6 Georgian appellations of origin was completed at the Federal Service for Intellectual Property of the Russian Federation (ROSPATENT). The exclusive right for the appellations of origin "Khvanchkara", "Tvishi", "Akhasheni", "Tsinandali", "Mukuzani" and "Kindzmarauli" on the territory of Russian Federation was granted to the LEPL "National Wine Agency", which will facilitate combatting illegal use of Georgian appellations of origin.
- Agreement was signed on Amending Annexes XVII-C and Part B of Annex XVII-D to the Association Agreement on Protection of Geographical Indications of Agricultural Products and Foodstuffs between the European Union and the European Atomic Energy

Community and their Member States, of the one part, and Georgia, of the other part, which entered into force on April 1, 2012. On the basis of this Agreement, in addition to 18 appellations of origin of Georgian wine, already protected in the European Union, other Georgian appellations of origin and geographical indications will also be protected, including "Sulguni", "Churchkhela", etc.

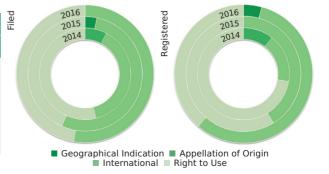
- Specifications of the registration data of GIs "Acharuli Chlechili", "Megruli Sulguni", "Meskhuri Chechili", "Svanuri Sulguni", "Tushuri Guda", "Imeruli Kveli" and "Kartuli Kveli" were amended with respect to English titles. This will ensure protection of consumers' rights in relation to food information, including providing written information concerning the specific qualities related to its origin on a food label, according to the legislation of Georgia; as well as providing efficient functioning of the domestic market and promoting export.
- An amendment was made to the specification of geographical indication "Sulguni", related to fat content in Sulguni (milk fat instead of 3.6% was amended to 3.2%). As a result of this amendment, the quality of the product and raw materials used for its preparation were brought into conformity with the requirements registered by Sakpatenti, as due to various reasons it is impossible for the producers to provide stably cow milk with 3.6% milk fat content.

It is noteworthy that in 2016 acquisition of rights to use geographical indications were mainly requested for wine names, of which the following were the most requested:

- "Kindzmarauli" and "Mukuzani" 5 certificates for each:
- "Akhasheni", "Tsinandali" and "Khvanchkara" 4 certificates for each;
- "Gurjaani" 3 certificates.
- In the list of goods of the appellations extended to Georgia under the Lisbon Agreement for the Protection of Appellations of Origin and their International Registration the following classes predominate:
- Class 29: Cheese, meat, olive oils 39 applications;
- Class 33: Wine and alcoholic beverages 9 applications;
- Class 31: Fruits and vegetables 7 applications.

In 2016, 53 applications were filed from the Republic of Italy, and 1 application per each of the following countries - Former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia, Republic of Cuba and Republic of Costa Rica, requesting extension to Georgia under the Lisbon Agreement.

Subje	Subject-matter: geographical indication and appellation of origin			ons	Registered appellations			
appella	appellation of origin		2015	2016	2014	2015	2016	
National	Geographical Indication	0	4	0	0	0	4	
Procedure	Appellation of Origin	5	0	0	5	0	0	
Internation (Lisbon	25	64	50	8	33	53		
Right to U	35	52	45	34	47	36		





Design

### Design

For the purpose of raising public awareness on the legal protection of design in Georgia, to introduce the practice of the European Union Intellectual Property Office (EUIPO), as well as to simplify procedures related to design registration for applicants and design owners, in 2016 Sakpatenti carried out the following activities:

- Sakpatenti design database was integrated into the EUIPO centralized search system - DesignView, which allows users to receive the information on designs registered by national offices, included in the system in a single unified format. Along with this, Georgian users are given an opportunity to search by means of a Georgian interface, which will make the system more convenient:
- Description of DesignView search system and manual for simplifying work in the system were translated into the Georgian language. The Georgian translation of the Locarno Classification was also brought in line with requirement of DesignView;
- A booklet was prepared on issues of legal protection of designs, which will enable applicants to familiarize in a simple language design registration procedure and peculiarities of legal protection of designs.

In 2016, the majority of the applications filed under the national procedure – 98%, were filed by local applicants. It indicates that Georgian citizens have special interest in designs as one of the significant objects of intellectual property. It is noteworthy that for the first time

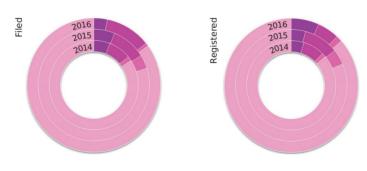
applications were filed in Class 16 (Optical Equipment) and Class 28 (Cosmetic Products).

Several applications were filed in the classes of foodstuffs, jewelry, printed matter, graphic symbols, sales and advertising equipment as well. It should be noted in addition that for classes of travel goods, lighting apparatus, furnishing, smokers'articles and electricity equipment – 1 application was filed per each class. According to the number, the leading classes of national applications, filed according to the international classification of designs are as follows:

- · Class 9: Packages and containers;
- · Class 7: Household goods;
- · Class 25: Building units.

Priority objects of protection of applications filed on the basis of international registration again remain: clocks and watches, packages and containers, as well as articles of adornment. It is remarkable that the greatest quantity of applications was filed from the Swiss Confederation (117), Italy (20) and Turkey (19). In 2016 applications under the international procedure were also filed from the United States of America and Japan, which are new members of the Hague System. In 2016, for the first time design applications were filed with Sakpatenti under the Hague Agreement Concerning the International Registration of Industrial Designs, requesting sending from Georgia to the International Bureau.

	Design			d Applicati	ons	Registered	Registered Design Applications			
Design			2014	2015	2016	2014	2015	2016		
	National Local		18	20	9	13	12	18		
National Procedure			25	33	30	22	29	14		
	For	eign	5	13	2	4	13	4		
International Procedure		257	262	232	242	234	231			
Total			305	328	273	281	288	267		



■ National Local/Legal Entity ■ National Local/Natural Person ■ National Foreign ■ International



Invention

#### Invention

In 2016, for the first time over 6 years, the number of patent applications increased. Especially, noteworthy increase of the number of applications for inventions and utility models filed by higher educational institutions and independent scientific-research entities. Considerable increase is in the number of international applications filed by citizens of Georgia at Sakpatenti as a PCT Receiving Office. In 2016 the preliminary patent search service was actively used by universities as well as scientific-research institutions, also start-ups and natural persons (in total, 82 preliminary searches were conducted). The service was introduced in 2015 and it facilitates development of research and innovative activities in Georgia.

In 2016, Sakpatenti and Shota Rustaveli National Science Foundation cooperation intensified, in particular:

- Sakpatenti conducted preliminary patent searches for projects of the state research grant competition in applied research and participated in the work of the evaluating commission:
- Sakpatenti participated in consideration of Georgian science, technology and innovation system policy expert analysis (Policy Mix Peer Review of the Georgian STI system) and drafting relevant recommendations, which were submitted to the Ministry of Education and Science of Georgia;
- Sakpatenti participated in the work of the commission of the Young Inventors and Scientists competition "Leonardo da Vinci". The competition aimed to increase level of educations, as well as accelerate interest of pupils in innovation and technical progress;

In 2016 cooperation of Sakpatenti also deepened with Georgia's Innovation and Technology Agency (GITA). In particular:

- Sakpatenti representation was opened at the Technological Park (Techno-Park) of Georgia, it allows persons and organizations interested in innovations to receive all innovation-related services by a singlewindow principle, including the consultation in the intellectual property field.
- Preliminary patent searches were conducted and consultations on issues related to intellectual property protection were offered for the winning projects of the high technology component of "Start-up Georgia" project for supporting start-up business development.
- Sakpatenti Chairman on a regular basis conducted training for participants of various projects of GITA on the

topic "From an Idea to Intellectual Property Protection".

Sakpatenti regularly conducted preliminary patent searches on various projects from Georgia's Innovations and Technology Agency.

In 2016 the foundation was laid for cooperation with the start-up competition "Creative Business Cup (CBC) Georgia". In particular, Sakpatenti conducted preliminary patent searches for start-up projects participating in the competition and participated in the work of the evaluating commission.

As a result of the carried out activities and a 70% discount in fees related to patenting, established in recent years, in 2016 the number of applications for inventions filed on behalf of higher educational institutions and independent scientific research entities increased up to 50%. The 2% increase was recorded in applications for inventions filed under the international procedure. The number of applications filed with Sakpatenti as a PCT Receiving Office increased by 400%. Applications filed for utility models increased by 3%.

In 2016 the majority of national as well as foreign applications for inventions and utility models were filed in human necessities (Section A), and chemistry, metallurgy (Section C). As in the previous year, the greatest number of foreign applications was filed from the USA (54) and Italy (11). In 2016, the list of leaders also included Japan (19).

The leading sections according to the number of national applications for inventions are:

- Branches of Section A: human necessities 29 applications:
- Section B: performing operations 15 applications;
- Section C: chemistry, metallurgy 13 applications.

The leading sections according to the number of foreign applications for inventions are as follows:

- Section C: chemistry, metallurgy 86 applications
- Branches of Section A: human necessities applications;
- Section B: performing operations 13 applications.

The leading sections according to the number of national applications for utility models are as follows:

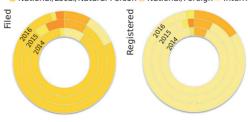
- Branches of Section A: human necessities 32 applications;
- Section B: performing operations 10 applications;
- Section E: building and mining 8 applications.

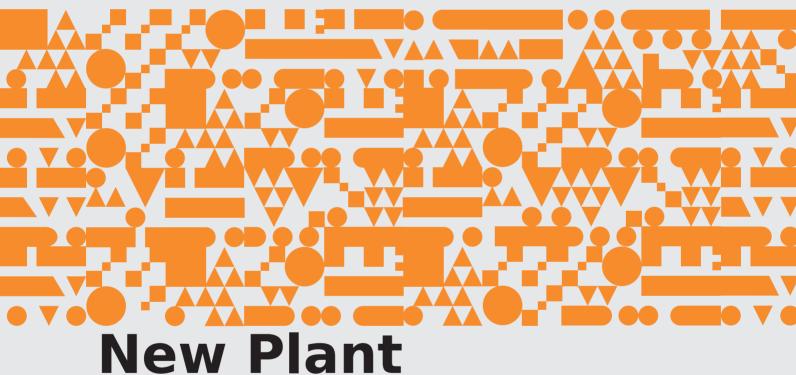
Subie	Subject-Matter: Invention					tions	Registered Patents			
Subje				2014	2015	2016	2014	2015	2016	
	Legal <sup>l</sup>		Universities	4	17	25	5	3	19	
National	Local	Local	Entity	Other	6	2	6	5	3	19
Procedure		Natural Person		100	79	65	53	58	39	
		Foreig	n	8	2	4	11	14	7	
Int	ernational P	rocedui	re	179	171	174	139	131	112	
	Total			297	271	274	208	206	177	
PCT Applications filed with Sakpatenti as a Receiving Office			3	3	15					

Subjec	Subject Matter Utility Medel					itions	Registered Patents			
Subject-Matter: Utility Model			2014	2015	2016	2014	2015	2016		
	Lega	Legal	Universities	0	6	6	3	3	6	
National	Local	Entity	Other	5	0	7	3	3	J	
Procedure		Natu	ural Person	45	54	54	42	36	31	
	Foreign					1	1	1	1	
Int	International Procedure			0	5	2	0	1	0	
Total			51	68	70	46	41	38		



■ National/Local/Legal Entity/Universities ■ National/Local/Legal Entity/Other ■ National/Local/Natural Person ■ National/Foreign ■ International ■ PCT





Varieties and
Animal Breeds

### New Plant Varieties and Animal Breeds

To improve and advertise new plant varieties and animal breeds protection mechanism, in 2016 Sakpatenti implemented following activities:

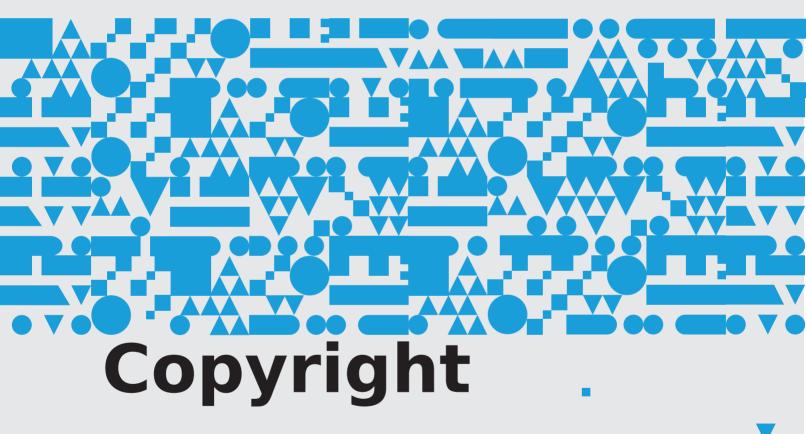
- To assist local breeders, UPOV Requirements for New Plant Varieties and Guidelines for the Conduct of Tests for Distinctness, Uniformity and Stability - blueberry (Vaccinium corymbosum L.) and barley (Hordeum vulgare L.) were translated into the Georgian language. This will help breeders to conduct testing according to basic criteria in conformity with the requirements of the international standards;
- Sakpatenti representative participated in the Forty-Seventh Session of the Technical Working Party on Fruit Crops, during which the members reviewed draft Guidelines to conduct tests on fruit crops according to basic criteria;
- Work was continued on the draft law: "Access to Genetic Resources and Related Traditional Knowledge and Fair and Equal Distribution of the Benefits Received as a Result of their Use", prepared within the agro biodiversity strategic plan for 2014-2020, intending the use of the Georgian genofond and equal distribution of benefits;

- A presentation "New methods of use of biochemical markers for identification of varieties" was prepared to introduce the recent developments in New Varieties protection system, which is based on the Report of the Fifteenth Session of the UPOV Working Group on Biochemical and Molecular Techniques;
- 22 informative digests were prepared to raise awareness on selective achievements.

It is noteworthy, that as a result of the initiatives carried out in 2016, the number of applications filed for new plant varieties and animal breeds increased by 100%, compared to the previous year. The number of local and foreign applications have become equal, the applications filed by legal entities increased by 53%, and the applications were also filed from local legal entities. It's noteworthy, that the applications filed in 2016 stand out by the variety of crops. Applications for new varieties of peach (9), pear (6), sweet cherry (4), nectarine (2) and garlic (1), were filed at Sakpatenti for the first time. In the reporting period 10 issues of Official Bulletin for the Protection of New Plant Varieties and Animal Breeds were published.

New Plant Varieties and Animal Breeds		File	d Applicati	ons	Registered Varieties/Breeds			
		2014	2015	2016	2014	2015	2016	
Local	Legal Entity	1	0	10	3	1	15	
Local	Natural Person	15	9	14	9	5	22	
Faucien	Legal Entity	45	15	13	15	42	10	
Foreign	Natural Person	0	0	11	0	0	0	
Total		61	24	48	27	48	47	





### Copyright

In 2016 in order to raise public awareness on the importance of legal protection of copyright and related rights in Georgia, Sakpatenti carried out the following activities:

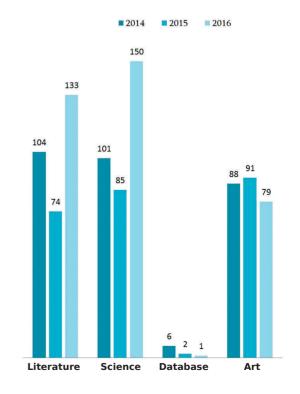
- With the support of the Government of the United States of America, Commercial Law Development Program (CLDP) of the U.S. Department of Commerce and the United States Patent and Trademark Office (USPTO), a meeting was held for representatives of public services and private sector, during which the US legislation, approaches and practical cases on Internet Service Providers Liability were discussed;
- Within the TAIEX program, Delegation of the European Union to Georgia and Sakpatenti organized a one-day meeting on Internet Service Providers Liability for representatives of public services and

private sector, during which the EU approaches and experience on Internet service provider's liability were introduced to the participants. Infringements in the intellectual property protection field and legal tools of copyright enforcement were considered. On the basis of practical examples, mechanisms of combatting internet piracy and liability of Internet service providers were discussed;

 A booklet on copyright and related rights was prepared, which will enable interested persons to familiarize in plain language with mechanism of legal protection of this subject-matter.

In the reporting year, as compared with 2015, the number of deposited works protected by copyright increased by about 45%. The majority of deposited works were related to literature and science.

Subject- matter	Category	2014	2015	2016
	Anthology	-	1	-
	Description	3	-	1
	Dramaturgic Work	-	1	-
_	Translation	1	3	5
a. P.	Collection	4	4	4
rat	Literary Work	32	33	52
Literature	Monograph	-	-	1
	Synopsis	4	5	9
	Script	40	23	49
	Compiled Work		4	12
	Book	20	-	-
	Computer Program	18	11	9
	Methodological Work	32	13	46
ø.	Overview	-	1	
Science	Scientific Work	33	27	48
scie Scie	Scientific Article	2	9	6
01	Scientific-Methodological Work	16	14	25
	Textbook	-	4	16
	Compiled Work	-	6	
Database	Database	3	2	1
Database	Reference	3	-	-
	Adaptation	1	-	-
	Architectural Project	16	16	4
	Audio-Visual Work	9	5	13
	Description	1	-	-
	Decorative-Applied Art	3	-	4
	Design	3	8	9
	Dramaturgic Work	-	-	1
	Sketch	5	4	1
	Theatrical-Decorative Art	1	4	1
	Collection	1	-	-
Art	Logo	1	4	6
	Multimedia Work	-	1	19
	Musical Arrangement	1	-	-
	Musical Work	13	12	
	Musical Work with Words	17	15	14
	Work of Visual arts	9	16	2
	Telefilm	1	-	-
	Painting	3	1	
	Photography	1	5	2
	Sculpture	-	-	1
	Book	2	-	2
	Total	299	252	363



### Lawmaking and Litigation/ 2016

In 2016, for the purpose of further improvement and harmonization of the legislation with international standards, Sakpatenti drafted the following legislative amendments:

- For "Trademark Law" of Georgia;
- For the "Law of Georgia on Appellations of Origin and Geographical Indications of Goods";
- · For the "Patent Law of Georgia"
- For the Law of Georgia "On Copyright and Related Rights".

In the process of drafting the above-mentioned legislative amendments Sakpatenti formed working groups in which along with Sakpatenti staff members, Georgian patent attorneys were actively involved. For the discussion of the draft amendments meetings were also held with members of the Georgian Bar Association.

The draftamendments are aimed at further harmonization of the current legislation with the legislative norms of the European Union, legal elaboration and improvement of the existing norms, as well as regulation of certain legal aspects on the legislative level. Along with this, as a result of implementation of these amendments, the legislation will become more flexible for applicants as well as for Sakpatenti examiners. Amendments mostly cover following issues:

- Introducing a significant subject-matter certification mark – into the "Trademark Law" of Georgia and defining terms and conditions of its registration, in addition, taking into account certain circumstances, possibility of registration of color as a separate trademark;
- Defining in the "Law of Georgia on Appellations of Origin and Geographical Indications of Goods" state control mechanism for the production/use of goods of registered appellations of origin and geographical indications, basic elements of goods specifications and terms of making amendments to them; obligation of marking goods with a sign of a protected appellation of origin and geographical indication, defining legal mechanisms of protection in case of infringement of exclusive rights in an appellation of origin and geographical indication, as

well as specifying the rule of conducting examination as to form and substantive examination;

- In the "Patent Law of Georgia" improving regulation of norms for patent examination, publication of application and filing an appeal against decision of patent examination, which is aimed at harmonizing with the European Patent Convention, as well as correcting existing deficiencies in the text of the Law and improving the wording of some articles;
- Defining in the Law of Georgia "On Copyright and Related Rights" the issue of liability of intermediary providers for acts infringing copyright, related rights and rights of makers of databases, also grounds for exempting from liability. The present amendments were drafted by Sakpatenti on the basis of the draft Law of Georgia "On Electronic Commerce", prepared by the Ministry of Economy and Sustainable Development of Georgia, which is related to commitments under the Deep and Comprehensive Free Trade Agreement (DCFTA) and is significant for effective enforcement of copyright and related rights in the Internet.

In 2016, the majority of appeals (149) filed with the Chamber of Appeals of Sakpatenti were again related to decisions of trademarks examination. As in previous years, in 2016, the tendency of decreasing the number of appeals continued and as compared with the year 2015 amounted to 7%. The number of upheld appeals decreased to 35%, and that of appeals upheld partially – to 20%, which to a certain extent indicates further raising of Sakpatenti examiners' qualification, hence improvement of examination quality. The tendency of decrease was also reflected in the number of appeals filed against Sakpatenti with respect to the Chamber of Appeals and examination decisions. In particular, as compared with the previous year, the number of appeals (24 appeals) filed with the court decreased by 20%.

In 2016 Sakpatenti participated in 29 court hearings, of which 28 were related with trademarks, and 1- with an invention. The majority of disputes (25) were settled in favor of Sakpatenti, the appeals against Sakpatenti were upheld in 4 cases.

				2014					2015					2016		
Subjec	t-matter	Filed	Heard	Upheld fully	Upheld partially	Rejected	Filed	Heard	Upheld fully	Upheld partially	Rejected	Filed	Heard	Upheld fully	Upheld partially	Rejected
Invention	Applicant	4	5		1	6	1	1			1	1	1			1
invention	Third Party															
Hailiau Madal	Applicant	1					1	1			1					
Utility Model	Third Party											1	1	1		
Dosian	Applicant	1	1				-	-				1				1
Design	Third Party	2	2			1	4	-								
Trademark	Applicant	181	165	75	13	77	132	138	82	11	54	127	113	48	11	53
irademark	Third Party	17	18	1	2	15	28	23	4	5	14	22	22	6	1	16
To	otal	206	191	76	16	99	166	163	86	16	70	152	137	55	12	70

### PR, Publishing and Educational Activities/ 2016

To raise public awareness in the IP field, in 2016 Sakpatenti carried out the following activities:

• In the framework of the conference "Branding Strategies" an exhibition and tasting of goods of potential geographical indications (GIs) and appellations of origin has been organized. Up to 130 potential GIs were introduced to the conference participants. Among these are: cherry plum, Colchian hazelnut, Rachan ham, Kharagauli Caesar's Mushroom, Choporti tomato, Lagodekhi watermelon, Colchian laurel, Khelvachauri tangerine, Tabatsquri carrot, Marneuli early potato, etc. Maps of potential GIs were developed and distributed amongst the participants.



• Information booklet was prepared on enforcement of intellectual property (IP) rights in Georgia. In addition, a special TV program dedicated to the issues of IP has been aired one of the public broadcating national channels. The program aimed to raise awareness of the private sector on the recent developments and challenges in the IP field, as well provided updates on the legislative changes in relation to IP rights enforcement, drafted within the framework DCFTA agreement. The events have been implemented within the context on international conference "Georgia against Counterfeiting in the DCFTA".





- Booklet "Trademark for the Success of Your Business"
  has been published aiming at raising the awareness
  of business representatives on the importance and
  advantages of registration of trademark as one of the
  most significant IP subject-matters in the business
  field. The booklets have been distributed through the
  support of Public Service Hall LEPL, as the targeted
  beneficiary groups are the frequent customers of the
  services provided by them.
- Information flyers containing easy references on requirements of registration procedures of IP subject-matters (trademark, design, invention, utility model and new varieties and breeds) and on the services provided by Sakpatenti has been prepared and distributed among the applicants.



- The following booklets and brochures on various themes have been prepared and distributed: Trademarks, Geographical Indication, Design, Invention and Utility Models, New Varieties and Breeds and Copyright. Provided information will enable interested parties to better understand the processes and procedures on these subject-matters.
- In 2016 Sakpatenti's following regular editions have been published:
- 24 volumes (№1(438)-24(460) of the Official Bulletin of Industrial Property in Georgian and English languages.

 10 volumes of the Official Bulletin for the Protection of New Plant Varieties and Animal Breeds (№№1(31)-10(40) in the Georgian and English languages.

Specifications and abstracts of applications for inventions and utility models have been developed at the Editorial Section including those to be placed on international CD ROMs. In 2016, in total 375 patent specifications have been prepared.

In accordance to the 2014-2018 Action Plan the following materials have been published in support of the activities aiming at developing and promoting of trade specific literature:



- Second revised edition "International Copyright Law", book I (authors - David Gabunia and Giorgi Taktakishvili) illustrating the comments on the articles of the Berne Convention, Rome Convention and TRIPS Agreement.
- "International Copyright Law", book II (author -David Gabunia) with the commentaries on the WIPO Copyright Treaty and the WIPO Performances and Phonograms Treaty. Both books target the audiences interested in the modern approaches and challenges in the field of international copyright law.



 Fairy-tales intended for fourth-sixth grades school students: "Compass", "Doremius Solasi, "Washingmachine", "Star-candles", "Umbrella" (author
 Irma Malatsidze). These publications are home reading materials on IP subject-matters, created in cooperation with the USAID-funded project G-PriEd on development of Georgian primary education.

All the above listed editions and materials enriched the Sakpatenti library where specific literature on different trade fields are available free of charge. By providing free access to information Sakpatenti provides opportunities

to interested groups of people to expose and deepen knowledge in the field of intellectual property.

In 2016, more than 1 100 persons have used the services of Sakpatenti's informational fund. The following activities were undertaken to top-up the collections of fund:

- 60 new books authored by well-known experts of the IP field world-wide were purchased:
- Within the framework of the project on IP Training Centre with WIPO assistance Sakpatenti library collection was enriched by 45 books;
- Subscription to periodical "WIPR World Intellectual Property Review" has been resumed and regular subscriptions to "IP World" and "Managing IP" has been renewed;
- Works on patent libraries project PATLIB has been in progress that envisages free of charge access to commercial databases and non-patent literature for visitors of Sakpateni library.

In 2016, in total at Sakpatenti 5 320 application have been filed on inventions, utility models, designs, trademarks and geographical indications. In 2016 in total up to 17000 documents have been processed by filing team.

Subject-m	Subject-matter					
Inventi	on	297	285	273		
Utility M	odel	51	54	70		
Design	National Procedure	48	66	41		
Design	International Procedure	257	262	232		
Trademark	National Procedure	1695	1814	2149		
irauemark	International Procedure	3130	3437	2460		
Geographical Indication and	International Procedure	25	64	50		
Appellation of Origin	Copyright	35	52	45		
Total	5538	6034	5320			
Correspon	dence	13671	10986	11436		

### Finances/ 2016

To ensure financial support of Sakpatenti activities, to manage resources and the budget process, as well as to organize effectively procurement, Sakpatenti achieved the results given below and carried out the following activities:

- In the expenditure of financial resources, as compared with the defined planed budget, economy of 14.78% was achieved, at the expense of economy of increase of nonfinancial assets:
- The received cash incomes, as compared with the relevant figures of the previous year, increased by 8.6%, which is explained by the carried out public awareness raising activities in the IP field;
- In accordance with the Law on Public Procurement, simplified procurements were carried out (363 contracts with the value of 565801 GEL), simplified electronic tenders (25 contracts with the total value of 358970 GEL) and consolidated tenders (7 contracts with total value of

- 69721 GEL). By these procurements, economy of 41023 GEL was achieved;
- From the financial resources 38600 GEL were directed to funding the Non-Profit (Non-Commercial) Legal Entity "OriGIn Georgia", the activities of which is to reveal potential goods eligible for protection by GIs in Georgia, their inventory, establishing the specifications and ensuring legal protection.
- From the employees' salaries amounts were transferred monthly to the charitable Foundations of "Solidarity", Dimitri Tsintsadze and "Europe Donna Georgia".

In 2016, Sakpatenti submitted operatively and fully the information requested by the Institute for Development of Freedom of Information (IDFI), for which a special award for "Accessibility of Public Information in 2016" was handed over to the Office for the second time.

#### **Budget Incomes (Cash Figures)**

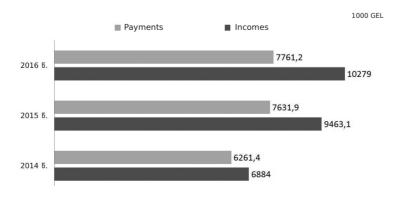
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Code	Title	Specified Plan	Own Resources	Budget Resources	Total Income	Result +/-
1	Incomes from basic activities	9242,8	9242,8	0,0	9242,8	0,0
1,1	From services rendered to non-resident natural persons and legal entities	0,0	5739,8	0,0	5739,8	0,0
1,2	From services rendered to resident natural persons and legal entities	0,0	3503,0	0,0	3503,0	0,0
2	Incomes from non-basic activities	580,0	1036,2	0,0	1036,2	456,2
2,1	Grants	580,0	587,7	0,0	587,7	7,7
2,2	Including positive exchange difference	0,0	448,5	0,0	448,5	448,5
	Sum Total of Incomes	9822,8	10279,0	0,0	10279,0	456,2

#### **Budget Payments (Cash Figures)**

Thousand GEL

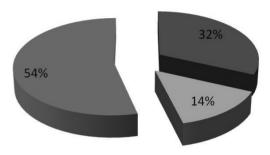
Code	Title	Specified Plan	Own Resources	Budget Resources	Total Income	Result +/-
21,0	Payment for work	3310,9	3266,4	0,0	3266,4	-44,5
21111,0	Salary	0,0	2172,5	0,0	2172,5	0,0
21113,0	Bonus	0,0	719,9	0,0	719,9	0,0
21114,0	Allowance	0,0	374,0	0,0	374,0	0,0
22,0	Goods and Services	2650,4	2040,9	0,0	2040,9	-609,5
26,0	Grants	205,0	38,6	0,0	38,6	-166,4
27,0	Social welfare	72,8	71,0	0,0	71,0	-1,8
28,0	Other	2355,4	2087,4	0,0	2087,4	-268,0
282115,0	Including budget payments	0,0	2010,9	0,0	2010,9	0,0
31,0	Increase of non-financial assets	492,6	240,4	0,0	240,4	-252,2
33,0	Decrease of obligations	20,0	16,5	0,0	16,5	-3,5
Sum 1	Total of Payments	9107,1	7761,2	0,0	7761,2	-1345,9



## Statistics / 2016

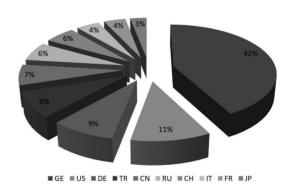
### **Trademark**

NUMBER OF FILED APPLICATIONS						
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NATIONAL/FOREIGN	669					
INTERNATIONAL	2504					
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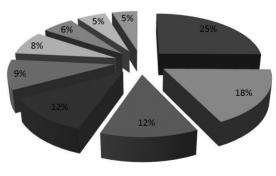


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NUMBER OF FILED APPLICATIONS ACCORDING TO COUNTRIES							
CODE	QTY						
GE	1478						
US	373						
DE	304						
TR	296						
CN	237						
RU	219						
CH	196						
IT	149						
FR	140						
JP	105						
TOTAL	3500						



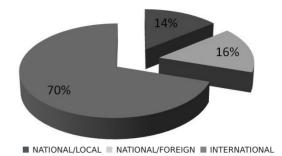
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30	604	
3	496	
33	401	
29	296	
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32	241	



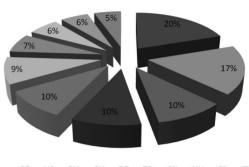
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PROCEDURE	QTY	
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NATIONAL/FOREIGN	745	
INTERNATIONAL	3248	
TOTAL	4649	

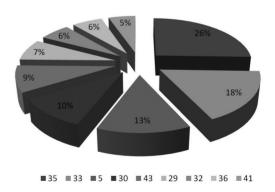


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CODE	QTY	
GE	656	
US	572	
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CH	325	
DE	316	
TR	314	
CN	223	
HU	203	
FR	185	
IT	180	
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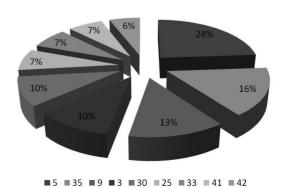


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NUMBER OF LOCAL TRADEMARKS ENTERED IN THE REGISTER ACCORDING TO CLASS				
CLASS QTY				
35	192			
33	132			
5	97			
30	77			
43	69			
29	56			
32	45			
36	45			
41	40			



NUMBER OF MARKS ENTERED IN THE REGISTER ACCORDING TO CLASS		
CLASS	QTY	
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35	741	
9	599	
3	485	
30	451	
25	338	
33	322	
41	307	
42	271	

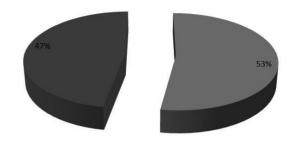


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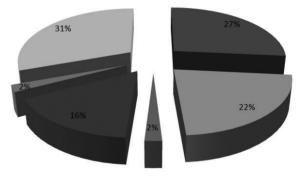
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NUMBER OF FILED APPLICATIONS		
PROCEDURE	QTY	
LOCAL/GEOGRAFICAL INDICATION	0	
LOCAL/APPELLATION OF ORIGIN	0	
INTERNATIONAL (LISBON AGREEMENT)	50	
RIGHT TO USE THE APPELLATION OF ORIGIN	45	
TOTAL	95	



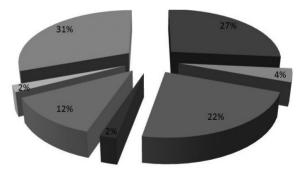
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NUMBER OF FILED APPLICATIONS ACCORDING TO CLASSES			
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33	15		



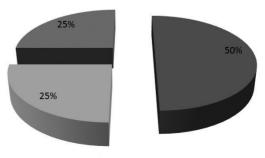
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NUMBER OF APPLICATIONS FILED UNDER INTERNATIONAL PROCEDURE (LISBON AGREEMENT) ACCORDING TO COUNTRIES AND CLASSES				
CODE	CLASS	QTY		
IR	27	13		
IR	31	2		
IT	29	11		
IT	30	1		
IT	31	6		
IT	32	1		
IT	33	15		



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NUMBER OF GEOGRAPHICAL INDICATIONS AND APPELLATIONS OF ORIGIN ACCORDING TO CLASSES		
CLASS	QTY	
29	2	
30	1	
31	1	

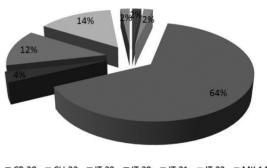


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NUMBER OF APPLICATIONS FOR THE RIGHT OF USE ENTERED IN THE REGISTER ACCORDING TO APPELLATIONS		
AO & GI	QTY	
MUKUZANI	5	
KINDZMARAULI	5	
AKHASHENI	4	
TSINANDALI	4	
KHVANCHKARA	4	
GURJAANI	3	
CHACHA	2	
TVISHI	1	
KAKHETI	1	
MANAVI	1	
SAIRME	1	
NABEGLAVI	1	
VAZISUBANI	1	
KAKHETI (KAKHETIAN)	1	
NAPAREULI (RED)	1	
SULGUNI	1	

3% 3% 3% 6%	11%	14%
■ MUKUZANI	■ KINDZMARAULI	■ AKHASHENI
■ TSINANDALI	■ KHVANCHKARA	■ AKHASHENI
■ CHACHA	■ TVISHI	■ KAKHETI
■ MANAVI	■ SAIRME	■ NABEGLAVI
■ VAZISUBANI ■ SULGUNI	■ KAKHETI (KAKHETIAN)	■ NAPAREULI (RED)

NUMBER OF APPELLATIONS OF ORIGIN AND GEOGRAPHICAL INDICATIONS ENTERED IN THE REGISTER UNDER INTERNATIONAL PROCEDURE (LISBON AGREEMENT) ACCORDING TO COUNTRIES AND CLASSES		
CODE	CLASS	QTY
CR	29	1
CU	33	1
IT	29	36
IT	30	2
IT	31	7
IT	33	8
MK	14	1

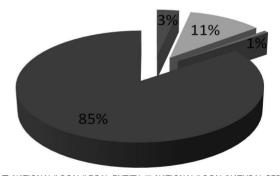


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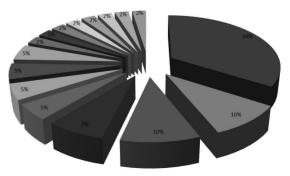
### Design

NUMBER OF FILED APPLICATIONS AND INTERNATIONAL REGISTRATIONS REQUESTING EXTENSION OF PROTECTION TO GEORGIA		
PROCEDURE	QTY	
NATIONAL/LOCAL/LEGAL ENTITY	9	
NATIONAL/LOCAL/NATURAL PERSON	30	
NATIONAL/FOREIGN	2	
INTERNATIONAL	232	
TOTAL	273	

NUMBER OF FILED LOCAL APPLICATIONS ACCORDING TO CLASSES       CLASS     QTY       9     14       32     4       25     4       7     3       20     2       11     2       1     2       19     2       12     1       16     1       13     1       6     1       28     1       31     1       27     1       26     1			
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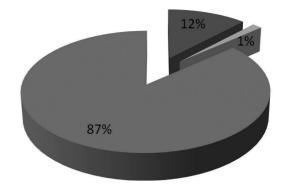
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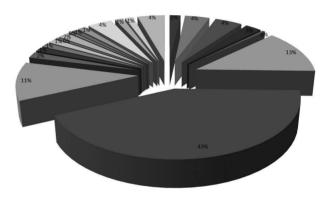
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NUMBER OF DESIGNS ENTERED IN THE REGISTER	
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NATIONAL	32
FOREIGN	4
INTERNATIONAL	231
TOTAL	267



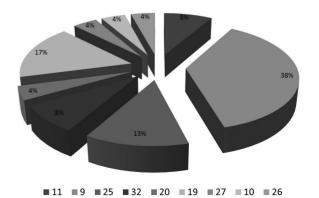
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8	1	
9	29	
10	99	
11	25	
12	4	
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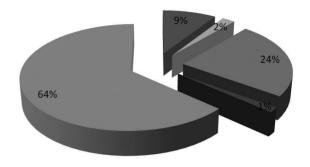
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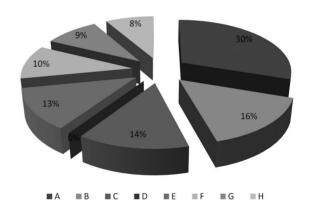
### **Invention**

NUMBER OF FIELD APPLICATIONS	
PROCEDURE	QTY
NATIONAL/LOCAL/LEGAL ENTITY/UNIVERSITIES	25
NATIONAL/LOCAL/LEGAL ENTITY/OTHER	6
NATIONAL/LOCAL/NATURAL PERSON	65
NATIONAL/FOREIGN	4
INTERNATIONAL	174
TOTAL	274
PCT APPLICATIONS/ SAKPATENTI - RECEIVING OFFICE	15

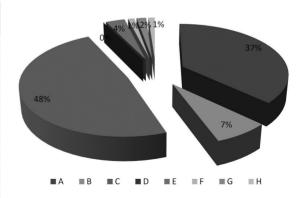


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- NATIONAL/LOCAL/LEGAL ENTITY/OTHER
- NATIONAL/LOCAL/NATURAL PERSON
- NATIONAL/FOREIGN
- INTERNATIONAL PCT RO/GE: 15

NUMBER OF FILED LOCAL APPLICATIONS ACCORDING TO BRANCHES		
BRANCH	QTY	
А	29	
В	15	
С	13	
D	0	
E	12	
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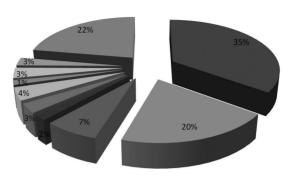


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А	66
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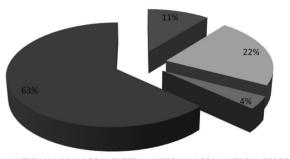
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NUMBER OF FILED APPLICATIONS ACCORDING TO COUNTRIES	
CODE	QTY
GE	96
US	54
JP	19
DE	5
FR	8
IT	11
GB	4
TR	9
NL	7
OTHER	61
TOTAL	274



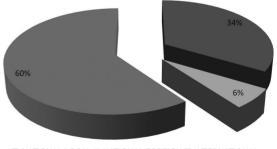
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NUMBER OF PATENTS ENTERED IN THE REGISTER	
PROCEDURE	QTY
NATIONAL/LOCAL/LEGAL ENTITY	19
NATIONAL/LOCAL/NATURAL PERSON	39
NATIONAL/FOREIGN	7
INTERNATIONAL	112
TOTAL	177



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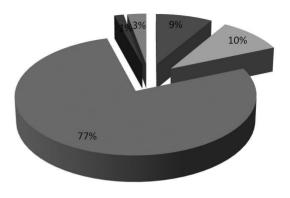
NUMBER OF CANCELED PATENTS		
PROCEDURE	QTY	
NATIONAL/LOCAL	119	
NATIONAL/FOREIGN	22	
INTERNATIONAL	213	
TOTAL	354	



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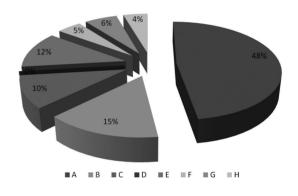
### **Utility Model**

NUMBER OF FIELD APPLICATIONS		
PROCEDURE	QTY	
NATIONAL/LOCAL/LEGAL ENTITY/UNIVERSITIES	6	
NATIONAL/LOCAL/LEGAL ENTITY/OTHER	7	
NATIONAL/LOCAL/NATURAL PERSON	54	
NATIONAL/FOREIGN	1	
INTERNATIONAL	2	
TOTAL	70	

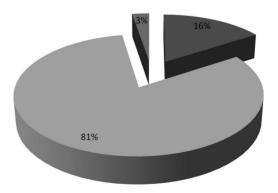


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- NATIONAL/LOCAL/LEGAL ENTITY/OTHER
- NATIONAL/LOCAL/NATURAL PERSON
- NATIONAL/FOREIGN
- INTERNATIONAL

NUMBER OF FILED LOCAL APPLICATIONS ACCORDING TO BRANCHES					
BRANCH	BRANCH QTY				
А	32				
В	10				
С	7				
D	0				
E	8				
F	3				
G	4				
Н	3				



NUMBER OF PATENTS ENTERED IN THE REGISTER		
PROCEDURE	QTY	
NATIONAL/LOCAL/LEGAL ENTITY	6	
NATIONAL/LOCAL/NATURAL PERSON	31	
NATIONAL/FOREIGN	1	
INTERNATIONAL	0	
TOTAL	38	

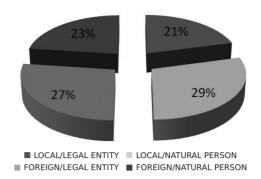


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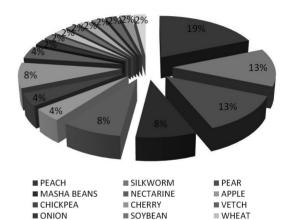
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### **New Varieties and Breeds**

NUMBER OF FILED APPLICATIONS				
APPLICANT QTY				
LOCAL/LEGAL ENTITY	10			
LOCAL/NATURAL PERSON	14			
FOREIGN/LEGAL ENTITY	13			
FOREIGN/NATURAL PERSON	11			
TOTAL	48			



NUMBER OF APPLICATIONS FILED ACCORDING TO CULTURES		
VARIETY	QTY	
PEACH	9	
SILKWORM	6	
PEAR	6	
MASHA BEANS	4	
NECTARINE	4	
APPLE	2	
CHICKPEA	2	
CHERRY	4	
VETCH	2	
ONION	1	
SOYBEAN	1	
WHEAT	1	
GARLIC	1	
POTATO	1	
TRITICALE	1	
APRICOT	1	
OAT	1	
EARTH WORM	1	



■ POTATO

■ OAT

■ TRITICALE

■ EARTH WORM

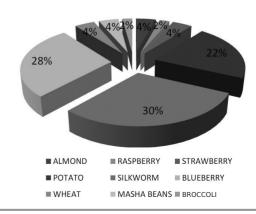
■ GARLIC

■ APRICOT

NUMBER OF APPLICATIONS ENTERED IN THE REGISTER				
APPLICANT QTY				
LOCAL/LEGAL ENTITY	15			
LOCAL/NATURAL PERSON	22			
FOREIGN/LEGAL ENTITY	10			
FOREIGN/NATURAL PERSON	0			
TOTAL	47			

21%	32%
47%	
	■ LOCAL/NATURAL PERSON ■ FOREIGN/NATURAL PERSON

NUMBER OF APPLICATIONS ENTERED IN THE REGISTER ACCORDING TO CULTURES				
VARIETY QTY				
ALMOND	2			
RASPBERRY	1			
STRAWBERRY	2			
POTATO	10			
SILKWORM	14			
BLUEBERRY	13			
WHEAT	2			
MASHA BEANS	2			
BROCCOLI	1			
TOTAL 47				





### Action Plan/ 2017

- · Capacity building for examiners (EUIPO, EPO, USPTO/CLDP)
- Training/workshops for judges, lawyers and journalists (CLDP)
- Delivering an IP course for SMEs, researchers, scientists, lawyers, patent attorneys, pupils and staff members
- With the support of WIPO Academy, translation distance learning course DL-101 General Course on Intellectual Property in the Georgian language and offering it to Georgian-speaking users
- In cooperation with WIPO, organization of a regional professional development program on geographical indications
- · Training of teachers in teaching invention (WIPO)
- · Translation and publishing WIPO publications
- · Publishing books by Georgian and foreign authors in IP field in the Georgian language
- · Drafting an IP strategy for scientific-research institutions
- Promotion of raising awareness on geographical indications protection issues among farmers, producers, representatives of Government structures (OriGIn – Georgia)
- Revealing in regions of Georgia potential geographical indications and promotion of their legal protection (OriGIn – Georgia)
- Participation in developing a multi-level control system of correspondence of products protected by geographical indications with the established specifications (OriGIn Georgia)
- Participating in creation of associations of farmers and producers around geographical indications and supporting in introducing modern forms of branding in their activities (OriGIn Georgia)
- Negotiations on concluding agreements on mutual protection of geographical indications with EFTA member countries
- Organization of a Conference "Modern Mechanisms of Branding" (WIPO)
- · organization of a Conference "Georgia against Counterfeiting"
- Drafting new instructions for trademarks and designs (EUIPO)
- · Working on legislative amendments
- Presentation at the session of WIPO Rights Enforcement Committee on "Enforcement of Intellectual Property Rights in Georgia"
- Cooperation with EUIPO Dispute Hearing Council
- · Negotiations with EPO on the validation agreement
- Bilateral meetings with EPO member countries
- · Participation in the annual meeting of the International Trademark Association (INTA)
- · Further improvement of the electronic filing system (USAID)

