

In Focus

World Intellectual Property Day 2016 – "Digital Creativity: Culture Reimagined"

On 26th of April, the State Office of Industrial Property celebrated the World Intellectual Property Day. The State Office of Industrial Property uses this day to award the Patent of the year to the best inventor in the country.

The official ceremony took place at Hotel Bushi and was attended by numerous inventors, Intellectual Property attorneys and representatives from various institutions who work in the field of intellectual property rights.



This year, the award for Best Inventor for 2015 was given to Petre Ristevski for his invention "Lightning rod and method of protection from lightning by modular configurable architecture".

Roundtable with legal experts at the American Chamber in Skopje

On 13th of May, AmCham hosted a meeting between EU legal experts on intellectual Property and national IP lawyers. The EU Member State (MS) experts Jens Fielberg, Denmark, Roman Tserkan, Denmark and Monica Pop, Romania conducted the legal alignment activity whose aim was to make an assessment of the national legislation on IP enforcement and the extent to which it is harmonised with the EU legislation.

At the meeting, the experts met with the following national representatives: Eli Mufisovski – Regional director of React Balkan and Manager of React Online Enforcement Program, Elena Bliznakovska-Mladenovska, lawyer at Milojevic, Sekulic & Associates, Dori Kimova, Managing partner at Kimova Law Office, Gianni Manev, Lawyer at Kimova Law Office, Marija Kjosjeska, Lawyer at Berin Intellectual Property Agency, Snezana Markovska, Lawyer at Berin Intellectual Property Agency and Michelle Osmanli, Executive director of AmCham in Skopje.

During the meeting, the MS experts had the opportunity to discuss their questions and dilemmas with the IP lawyers, get answers and gain a deeper understanding of the national legislation and how it is interpreted and used in practice.

The IP lawyers on the other hand, had the opportunity to discuss the challenges they are facing while they are representing IP cases in court. It was a very fruitful meeting for both parties and it was agreed that further collaboration will take place in the future.

Sharing of best practices among Customs colleagues

Four MS experts Winfred Kooij and Peter Sannes from the Netherlands, Alicija Ceglaz, Poland and Gyula Almasi, Hungary conducted an in-depth assessment of the beneficiary country's Customs' legal framework, guidelines, instructions and manuals regarding their procedures and working methods.

In order to share best practices from their countries, the MS experts gave comprehensive presentations of the procedures regarding small consignments, destruction of goods and their recycling. In this way, the beneficiaries were able to discuss about the practices in Poland, Hungary and The Netherlands and how these procedures could be introduced in Customs Administration.

