

Annual Activities Report -2015

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IFIA EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING - GENEVA

2015

During the course of Executive Committee meeting held on April 16th, in Geneva, 17 out of 20 delegates were present. The opening ceremony was addressed by his Excellency, Mr. Alireza Rastegar, IFIA President. Early in the meeting, Dr. Farag Moussa was awarded a diploma by European Inventors Association to honor his exceptional activities for the welfare of society in the field of invention. Then, Mr. President provided Executive Committee members with a 4-month report of his activities during his presidency.

Moreover, membership requests of different associations were reviewed by the participating members and 25 of them were approved in different categories of membership including full, corresponding and collaborating ones.

Thereafter, Mr. Lennart Nilsson presented a brief report of Technology Transfer Center activities to the Executive Committee and explained its future plans in detail. It was determined by the unanimous consent to organize International Inventors Congress in Sweden in August 2015. The other highlight of the meeting was to endorse an agreement on the way of dealing with the status of inactive members of IFIA as well as unstable membership of some countries. Then, on the initiative of Mr. President, a time was allocated to unveiling IFIA new medal which is supposed to be awarded to three groups of people known as ambassador, best invention and memorial medal. All of the members reached an agreement on this issue.

After determining and introducing three direc

tors of IFIA, Mr. President proposed IFIA official registration in Geneva Welcome Center (CAGI), which was unanimously confirmed. Furthermore, the members were notified that IFIA office has been opened in Geneva to facilitate IFIA relations with international organizations.

Toward the end of the meeting, Mr. President's proposal about handling specific matters in virtual Executive Committee was verified by members. Finally, IFIA members were informed that the next Executive committee meeting will be held in Nuremberg, Germany alongside iENA invention exhibition. In the three consecutive virtual Executive Committee meetings held on May 25, August 18 and September 13, several membership requests were presented and thoroughly approved. They include:

1. I-Tech Expo: Invention, Innovation and technology exhibition
2. Bitgaram International Exposition of the Electric Power Technology (BIXPO)
3. Korea Electric Power Corporation (KEPCO)
4. Istanbul Aydin University
5. Anatolian Inventions and Inventors Association
6. The First Institute of Canadian Inventors
7. Inventors club of Georgia
8. Iraqi Inventors & Innovators Society
9. United Arab Emirates University
10. Istanbul International Invention Fair (ISIF)
11. Egypt invent
12. Young creative
13. Moscow International Inventions and Innovative Technology Salon
14. INFOINVENT
15. International Exhibition for Young Inventors (IEYI)

Furthermore, the cast of IFIA Extraordinary General Assembly meeting in conjunction with the Executive Committee meeting in Germany on October 30 to amend IFIA Statues was presented.

Moreover, the members were informed that IFIA rented a booth in iENA exhibition to enable the independent inventors to showcase the inventions. The Executive Committee members were offered a great opportunity to present 2 free inventions of their national inventors to be published in iENA catalog and judged by the International Jury Board.

IFIA further supported the participation of EXCO members in Istanbul International Invention Fair (ISIF) to be held between March 3 and 6, 2016.

The organization of the 5th World Competition of Green Inventions alongside iENA exhibition was another issue reviewed in the virtual EXCO meeting.



IFIA IN GENEVA EXHIBITION 2015

THE 43rd edition of Geneva International Exhibition of Inventions, approved as an official event of IFIA, took place from April 15 to 19 under the patronage of the Swiss Federal Government, the State of Geneva and the World Intellectual Property Organization (WIPO). This support testifies to the usefulness and quality of the event, now acknowledged as the most important exhibition of inventions anywhere today.



The presence of manufacturers, commercial agents, promoters, financiers, users and entrepreneurs of all kinds, both national and international provided a valuable chance of networking for the participants. The exhibitors, crossing 752 from 48 countries, seized every opportunity to publicize the fruits of their research to professional business visitors, international journalists from the press and the public and to turn their investments into profit by protecting and developing their invention through the negotiation of licenses.



IFIA also got the best use of this opportunity by setting up a booth equipped with publications, posters, and banners to represent IFIA. Moreover, IFIA meeting space adjacent to its booth facilitated the arrangement of several meetings with the authorities of associations, active in the field of invention and innovation all around the world to examine the potential cooperation.



Moreover, the first version of IFIA magazine as well as advertising folders were distributed among the visitors in this exhibition to acquaint them with IFIA international activities. IFIA President's appreciation message for the organization of such a marvelous event was published on the first page of the Geneva International Exhibition book.

A UNIQUE OPPORTUNITY FOR WOMEN INVENTORS IN KOREA

Korean International Women's Invention Exposition (KIWIE) commenced on May 15th and lasted up to 18th in aT center. It was hosted by Korean Intellectual Property Office (KIPO), organized by Korean Women Inventors Association (KWIA) and supported by IFIA. Mr. President took part in this marvelous event and he was pleased to observe a great multitude of inventors coming from various countries as well as the visitors who made this event more lively and vibrant by their strong presence.

This exposition aims to enhance economic activities for the women inventors internationally through securing Intellectual Property rights, designing IP-related educational contents for women Inventors, creating methods to support the domestic and overseas inventors, sharing success stories and expanding networks by information transmission.

KIWIE grasps this great opportunity of inventors' assembly by organizing a workshop titled IP Wave for Creative Women leaders to make the participants aware of IP rights and promote its creation and utilization. In the closing ceremony, relying on the International Jury evaluation, two inventors were awarded IFIA medals by IFIA President.



WIPO AND IFIA - A NEW PERIOD OF COLLABORATION

In order for IFIA to enhance its cooperation with the international organizations, a meeting was held on 17 April 2015 convening Mr. Alireza Rastegar, IFIA President, IFIA Executive Committee members as well as WIPO authorities in the WIPO Headquarters.

After the opening was addressed by Mrs. Anna Morawiec Mansfield, Head of WIPO Non-Governmental Organizations and Industry Relations Section, Ms. Tomoko Miyamoto, Head of WIPO Patent Law Section widely illustrated WIPO activities. Later in the meeting, Mr. Mathew Bryan, Director of WIPO PCT Legal Division, expanded on Patent Cooperation Treaty and delivered helpful information concerning international protection to IFIA members.

During the meeting the need for establishing bilateral cooperation between IFIA and WIPO to benefit the inventors was hotly debated. On IFIA initiative, a proposal was put forward to award IFIA - WIPO mutual prize to the best invention of the year and Ms. Cecile Benbachir, WIPO Program Officer, Building Respect for IP Division, elaborated on how to award WIPO medal in IFIA events to further disseminate the culture of invention and innovation.



Mr. Marcelo di Pietro, Director of WIPO Academy illuminated the ways that IFIA members can enjoy WIPO educational programs. IFIA also proposed designing multimedia IP as well as PCT-based educational courses for which IFIA is supposed to prepare a primary sample in order to be carefully scrutinized. The organization of training workshop concurrent with IFIA events to raise awareness regarding Intellectual property Rights as well as Patent protection was the other proposal on behalf of IFIA.

IFIA also expressed its intention to continue the past tradition of organizing IFIA - WIPO joint international symposiums and conferences. The implementation of joint projects including Inventors Assistance Program “pro bono” was discussed with Mr. Marco Aleman, the Acting Director of WIPO Patent Law Division.



THE FIRST DISPLAY OF CUTTING-EDGE INVENTIONS IN EGYPT

The First Invention and Innovation Conference and Exhibition was organized by Egyptian Inventors Syndicate (EIS), Beni-Seuf University, and Egyptian Society for women and Youth Inventors (AAEWI) between March 8 and 9 in Egypt under the patronage of IFIA. The event gave an opportunity for promising young innovators or scientists to share creative ideas among each other and also to provide excellent exposure of the latest inventions and cutting edge technologies across various sectors. The showcased innovations were categorized in different fields including Engineering, Medical and water Technology, Environmental protection, Agriculture, Arts, Chemical industry, Teaching items and etc. Altogether, 68 inventors from 14 countries presented around 110 inventions in the exhibition.

The message of IFIA President, Mr. Alireza Rastegar, appreciating the organizers for enhancing the culture of invention and innovation in

Egypt and encouraging the participants to exchange innovative knowledge was conveyed to the audience during the opening ceremony.

The conference shed light on the issues of importance for the participating inventors from the development of an idea to its commercialization. The laws of patent, the problems that applicants face while drafting the patent application were clarified and the solutions were offered to them. The significance of participation in international invention exhibition as a platform to meet the commercializing bodies was illuminated, as well. The innovative women as well as their struggle was the other highlight of the conference.

Alongside the exhibition, a workshop on the Intellectual Property Right followed by a businessman and investors forum was held to acquaint the inventors with their rights and the importance of its protection. Afterwards, fifteen Innovation and Patent based lectures were delivered by outstanding university professors and doctors.



THE DISCLOSURE OF INTERNATIONAL INVENTIONS IN EUROINVENT 2015



The 7th European Exhibition of Creativity and Innovation - EUROINVENT - was held from 14th to 16th of May 2015, in Palas Mall Iasi and it was officially opened by Her Excellency Mrs. Angela Filote – Head of the European Commission Representation in Romania, together with the representatives of the organizers, local and county administration.



Alongside the major festival, several prestigious events took place during three days including (1) Exhibition of inventions, projects and research; (2) Visual Art Exhibition and (3) Salon of Scientific, Technical and Artistic Books. Moreover, International Conference on Innovative Research and Patent centered seminars held by OSIM (State Office for Invention and Trademark) with the objective to raise awareness about the ways of protecting ideas and preparing a patent application are worthy of notice.



To disclose the details, over 250 inventors and researchers from various countries as well as more than 400 inventions and research projects evaluated by the International Jury, were exhibited at Euroinvent 2015. Finally, according to the Jury evaluation, the inventions were awarded in different categories such as The youngest Inventor Award, The Woman Inventor Award, Best Design Award, and etc.



SHOWCASING AGRICULTURAL INNOVATIONS IN CROATIA- AGRO ACRA 2015

International Fair on Innovation in Agriculture, Food Industry and Agricultural Mechanization - Agro ARCA - took place from May 8th to 10th, 2015 in City of Trilj, Croatia.

It was under the direct supervision of Croatia government, Ministry of Agriculture, Ministry of Economics and under the patronage of the International Federation of Inventors' Associations (IFIA) as well as the Mayor of Trilj.

The International Jury honored and awarded the outstanding inventions with medals, certificates and prizes while the great figures of Croatia were present there, too. This fair presented practical and useful innovations that were the result of either individuals or teams creativity in companies, the academic community and public institutes from Croatia and the rest of world.

It affected the development and improvement of the economy and agriculture in general and opened up space for qualitative step toward the markets of neighboring countries. During this event, application of high- tech methods of production, processing of agricultural products and the introduction of new technologies in the food industry were hotly debated in conferences.



13th international innovation exhibition

ARCA 2015

15th - 18th October 2015, Zagreb, Croatia



WHAT IS **INPEX**?

INPEX America's largest invention trade show, is a unique invention and New Product Exposition featuring inventions, new products and innovations. The 30th anniversary show of INPEX, organized at Monroeville Convention Center from 16 to 18 June 2015 under the patronage of IFIA, provided a forum for inventors, entrepreneurs and intellectual property owners to exhibit their inventions, share ideas and attempt to make contacts with companies interested in new products.

INPEX provided an exceptional opportunity for the participants to make contact with potential distributors, manufacturers, and venture capitalists to establish a license or sales agreement. Meanwhile learning opportunities were offered to satisfy the requirements of inventors and entrepreneurs with the George Forman Inventors University. A program of seminars, presentations and panel discussions was arranged to provide helpful information in pursuing their invention.

During the International Award Program, the winners were determined on the basis of usefulness, creativity and overall appeal. More than 100 medals including IFIA Best Invention Medal, trophies and cash prizes in more than 40 categories were bestowed to the winners.

INPEX also drew international media attention from sources such as CNN Headline News, The Discovery Channel, USA Today and the New York Times which ensured the national and international coverage.



IFIA AIMS HIGH:

A SENIOR ADVISOR APPOINTED



During a discussion forum held in July 2015 in Geneva, with the participation of Alirza Rastegar, IFIA President, IFIA Director and Mr. Vladimir Yousefov, an agreement was endorsed to appoint Mr. Vladimir Yousefov as the Senior Advisor of IFIA President to bring a wealth of knowledge, experience and commitment into the organization considering his wide international experience over 35 years in Intellectual Property, Innovation Infrastructure, Policy Development, Technology Transfer and Licensing.

Mr. Vladimir Yousefov has already served in WIPO as the IP consultant and Innovation Advisor. He has a special focus on Innovation, Technology Transfer related projects and relationships with patent offices. He has mastered five languages including German, English, French, Bulgarian, and Russian.

IFIA President can certainly benefit from his great consultation to consolidate and implement the invention commercialization policies and become aware of the current and upcoming regulations of the international organizations like WIPO, USPTO, and European Patent Office.

Moreover, IFIA has a commitment to further strengthen its collaboration with other international organizations and patent offices through his consultations. Relying on Mr. Yusefov's contribution, IFIA will also enable access to more comprehensive information regarding Intellectual Property for the inventors worldwide in order to ensure it is responsive to a rapidly-evolving global IP environment. IFIA hopes to leap forward in the field of Intellectual Property Rights as well as patent protection thanks to the attempts of Mr. Vladimir Yousefov.

IFIA - ISTANBUL AYDIN UNIVERSITY MEETING 2015



During the course of a meeting held in Istanbul Aydin University on July 9, 2015, with the presence of Mr. Alireza Rastegar, IFIA President, IFIA Presidential office Executive Manager, IFIA Strategic Planning and Coordination Manager as well as Aydin University chairman, Dr. Mustafa Aydin the possibility of mutual collaboration was deeply explored.

Dr. Aydin put forward his long-term plans and perspective to provide the necessary equipment and support to the academic inventors from the idea development to its commercialization. Since IFIA provides the outstanding opportunity of making a great network of communication between the international stockholders, investors, manufacturers, distributors and inventors, both parties arrived at the conclusion that bilateral cooperation can be beneficial to a large extent.

Later at the meeting, IFIA President indicated the available potentialities in the International Federation of Inventors' Associations to showcase the student's innovation in an international level via participation in IFIA International Invention Exhibition, World Congress, Seminar and Workshops.

Another issue discussed in the meeting was co-organizing educational workshops in the field of Industrial Property and International Patent Protection with the objective to acquaint the students with its legal basis.

THE YOUNG INVENTORS SHARE INNOVATIVE IDEAS IN IYIA 2015



The 2nd International Young Inventor Awards (IYIA) was held on June 7th - 9th, 2015 in Universitas Negeri Jakarta, Indonesia. The event was supported by International Federation of Inventors' Associations (IFIA). As one of the youth-oriented events, IYIA gave opportunity to all young innovators around the world to share their creative idea in the field of invention and innovation. Not only the exhibition and competition, but also several other programs in IYIA such as International seminar in Education, Education Fair from some universities in Indonesia, awarding night, and also Jakarta cultural tour to Mini Park of Indonesia (Miniature of Indonesia) were included in the agenda. Twelve countries and more than 500 participants from elementary school, high school, and also universities with about 200 inventions participated in IYIA 2015. IYIA itself has several categories to be judged such as Technology, Education, Engineering, Chemistry, Biology, Medication, Environment, Science and many other categories.

In addition to the Gold, Silver and Bronze medal, the participants were also awarded with Grand, Semi Grand, and Best of The Best Prizes. The winners also benefited from the scholarship opportunity granted by the partner University.

ARRANGEMENTS PRIOR TO THE ORGANIZATION OF **ISIF**



On July 8, 2015, a meeting was held between IFIA team, AFANYA and Turkish Patent Office, in Istanbul with the assembly of the following people:
Mr. Alireza Rastegar- IFIA President
Mr. Bijan Nasiri Azam-President Executive Office Manager
Mr. Masoud Shafaghi-Strategic Planning and Coordination Manager
Mr. Koray Sahin- AFANYA Event Management – Projects Coordinator & Co-Founder
Mr. Hakan Bayram- Turkish Patent Institute - Expert

The main objective of the meeting was to determine how to organize the annual invention exhibition in Istanbul. Initially, AFANYA representative gave a detailed description of their activities and clarified the quantitative potentialities of Istanbul for hosting the event. Moreover, Turkish patent office pointed out the importance of Istanbul city regarding the statistics of patented inventions in Turkey. In addition, the number of inventions which have been granted PCT and the inventions which have been patented in Turkey by a foreign applicant were elucidated.

Following the discussion over a necessity of holding educational workshops in Istanbul with the close collaboration of WIPO, IFIA's past activities and present potentialities as well as its international interactions were demonstrated.

Lastly, the participants came to a final agreement that a formal request for holding invention exhibition should be forwarded to IFIA Executive Committee in order to be reviewed in the next meeting. To strengthen the future collaborations, AFANYA membership certificate was awarded to its representative by Mr. President. During their stay in Istanbul, IFIA board visited the suggested venue for exhibition and the available facilities gained their approval.

THE YOUTH IGNITE INNOVATION: INTERNATIONAL YOUTH CONFERENCE



International Youth Leader Innovation Conference (IYLIC) was hosted by IFIA and co-hosted by Taiwan Invention and Innovation Industry Association (TIIA) with the intention to develop the youth innovative ability, to sharpen their communication skills, and to raise awareness of developing their innovative ability. The event was opened by his Excellency Mr. Alireza Rastegar, IFIA President, on July 12 and lasted up to 17 of July. Its principal goal was to enable the youth to make more contributions to their communities and society and inspire their creativity through competitions, conference and performing educational activities in the groups of 2-3. Another major focus of the event was for the youth to come up with green

solutions to the existing environmental problems.

To this end, the youth were encouraged to produce short videos on "Go Green" innovative practical method presented by the groups of 3-4 people.

Over 100 participants from 14 countries attended the event. Alongside the event, a conference was held and well-known speakers delivered a speech. Afterwards, the International Jury Board evaluated the inventions based on the criteria of innovation, chance of commercialization, exhibit quality and the team performance during conference. Based on the obtained scores, the nominees were awarded with Bronze, and Gold medal. In addition, 1000 USD was granted to the best invention.



IFIA ACADEMY INNOVATIVE ACTIVITIES

IFIA academy has commenced its innovation-oriented activities in the new period of IFIA Presidency in the form of exhibitions, fairs, conference and workshops with the supervision of Mr. Mohd Mustafa AL Bakri Abdullah in Indonesia, Malaysia and Romania. The total number of inventions showcased in the mentioned events exceeded 1000 products. The widespread participation of different nationalities especially in the conference and their enthusiasm to exhibit their innovations is an obvious manifestation of IFIA newfound academy success.

Following the details of IFIA Academy activities are provided:

1. International Art, Creativity & Engineering Exhibition (i+ACEH 2015) & Workshop on Innovation-

Date : 28th - 29th March 2015

Venue: Universitas Ubudiyah Indonesia (UUI), Aceh Indonesia

Countries: Indonesia, Korea, Philippines, Canada, Malaysia, Bangladesh

Total Invention: 150 Products

2. International Engineering Invention & Innovation Exhibition (I-ENVEX 2015) & Seminar on Innovation

Date : 17 – 19 April 2015

Venue: Universiti Malaysia Perlis (UniMAP), Perlis Malaysia

Countries: Indonesia, Korea, Philippines, Malaysia, Taiwan, Vietnam, Iran, Iraq, Egypt, Romania, India

Total Invention: 460 Products

3. EUROINVENT 2015 & International Conference on Innovative Research (ICIR 2015)

Date : 14 – 16 May 2015

Venue: Pallas Mall, Iasi Romania

Countries: Indonesia, Korea, Philippines, Malaysia, Taiwan, Egypt, Romania, India, Moldova, Ukraine, USA, Canada, United Kingdom, Turki, Poland, Iraq, Iran, Macedonia, Croatia and others

Total Invention: 550 Products

TAIPEI INTERNATIONAL INVENTION SHOW 2015



Taipei International Invention Show and Technomart 2015, recognized as IFIA official event, was co-organized by Taiwan External Trade Development Council (TAITRA), Industrial Technology Research Institute (ITRI) and Taiwan Technology Marketplace Service Center (TWTM) during October 1 to 3 in Taiwan. The event convened the outstanding figures like Mr. Den- Yih Wu, Vice President of Republic of china, Ministry of Economic Affairs, Ministry of National Defense, Ministry of Education, Council of Agriculture and Ministry of Science and Technology.

IFIA President, Mr. Alireza Rastegar, addressed the audience during the opening ceremony and placed a high value on the role that the government should play in providing unwavering support to the independent inventors as well as invention associations since they are regarded as the main source of advancement or promotion of modern technologies. They deserve inspiration and appreciation from the public and the government to keep the wheels of industry, technology and economy going.

The main objective of the event was to inspire the transfer of International Intellectual Property and technology, to attract greater prospects for venture capital in the areas of international Intellectual property trade and technology transfer, to demonstrate the innovations among Taiwan industry, government and academic institutes and to promote a public appreciation for IP innovations. With the ultimate goal of attracting the best business to visit, know and invest in Taiwan.

A total of 980 inventions from 13 countries participated in the invention competition held during the 11th Taipei International Invention Show & Technomart and after the evaluation, the awardees received Platinum award, gold medals, silver medals, and bronze medals accordingly.

IFIA President bestowed IFIA Certificate to Miss. Wang, Director General of Taiwan Intellectual Property Office (TIPO) and Mr. Wu kou-Chen, Chairman of Chinese Innovation & Invention Society to appreciate the sincere efforts they devoted to the organization of this successful event.

IFIA FIRST WORLD CONGRESS

2015

The First World Congress and Innovation Conference, hosted by Stockholm Innovators Association, and the Swedish Inventors' Association (SUF), was conducted over two days in late August at the Stockholm International Fairs premises. In addition to seminars, lectures and discussions on the conditions for innovation and inventing, the conference and congress also resulted in an official statement in the form of five positions.

A hundred participants, both national and international convened to discuss the conditions for inventors and the role that IFIA plays in this regard. One conclusion was the need to address and correct the general misconception that inventions and innovations mainly originate from the academic world. This is common perception that many politicians all over the world seem to have which therefore tends to result in a relatively one-sided support and financing of inventions or innovations.

The congress also discussed the importance of acknowledging the world's female inventors as an equally important group. Likewise it was emphasized by lecturer Winfried Sturm to embrace creativity as a key factor in development, both as an attribute and as an important subject, as well in school as in academic education.

Two intense days of lectures and discussions resulted in the congress adopting five important official positions for IFIA to pursue and communicate.

- Establishing that a Scientist is not the same as an Inventor.

If governments maintain the misconception that it is primarily the scientist who invents, thereby allocating most of its funding there, that will seriously diminish a nation's potential for innovative growth. Identifying the inventor as the primary source of new technology, product development and industrial growth is a societal concern.

- Acknowledging the importance of the Entrepreneur.

The very special talents of the inventor do – as studied – very often not include entrepreneurial talent. It is therefore essential that the inventor community seeks cooperation with the entrepreneur community for mutual prosperity, for the benefit of society as a whole.

- Declaring that Triple Helix is just a thesis, not a fact.

In very many countries, the thesis Triple Helix is presumed to be the working formula for innovation. With the facts, studies and testaments given at the IFIA congress, it is now confirmed that Triple Helix only remains a thesis, not a truth. It should therefore be abandoned as a basis for innovation strategies.

- Declaring that female inventors must be acknowledged.

There is no difference in the quality of inventions made by women compared to those made by men. Nevertheless, female inventors and innovators have unfortunately by tradition and culture been much more invisible. Given that half of this planet's inhabitants – consumers, workers and voters – are women, it is only natural for a modern age to also acknowledge them as equals in the field of innovation and inventing.

- Appeal to the inheritance trustees of Alfred Nobel's will.

The execution of Alfred Nobel's will, concerning the distribution of the physics prize must be revised, so that the balance between laureates for discoveries versus inventions mirrors the testaments exact wording, i.e. half of the laureates should be inventors, not just approximately 20%.





World Competition of the Chemical Inventions

5TH WORLD COMPETITION OF CHEMICAL INVENTIONS

Chemistry immensely contributes to the modern world and a vast majority of the changes we observe in the world around us are caused by chemical reactions. Research in the field of chemistry alone has made us aware of the atmosphere, the earth and above all, our real self. Such outstanding figures as Alfred Nobel, Marie Curie, Louis Pasteur, Rosalin Franklin, and lots of other great chemists helped us come to a better understanding of composition, structure and changes of matter.

IFIA has always highlighted the importance of chemistry through implementing different projects like proposing Marie Curie medal to UNESCO in order to be awarded to the best invention in this regard. Furthermore, the year 2011 was named as the International Year of Chemistry following the verification of IFIA's proposal to the Executive Board of UNESCO.

Moreover, World Competition of Chemical Inventions was settled by IFIA to further strengthen its objective of emphasizing the significance of chemistry for the advancement of society. To this end, International Federation of Inventors' Associations (IFIA) and the Association of Polish Inventors and Rationalizers organized the World Contest of Chemical Inventions alongside International Warsaw Invention Show in 2011. Since then this event has annually been held.

IFIA organized the fifth edition of World Competition of Chemical Inventions alongside International Warsaw Invention Show (IWIS) from 12 to 14 October, 2015. The chemical inventions were evaluated by International Jury Board and IFIA Best Chemical Invention medal was awarded to the most remarkable ones.



World Competition of Green Inventions

| 5TH WORLD COMPETITION OF GREEN INVENTIONS

As it is widely known, Eco-friendly inventions have revolutionized the way we generate energy, recycle waste and protect the planet. After all, if it weren't for such green innovation, we wouldn't have solar panels, wind turbines, hybrid cars and so forth.

However, the world is increasingly facing challenging environmental problems such as the global warming, air pollution, deforestation which must be tackled by great minds. IFIA as an international federation which convenes the invention associations under its umbrella is responsible to eradicate such pressing problems by encouraging environmental friendly inventions that often involve pollution-elimination, energy efficiency, recycling, safety and health concerns, renewable resources, and more.

Therefore, IFIA urges inventors to come up with sustainable solutions toward the fast-evolving ecological problems to ensure a safer place to live regarding health. To this end, the inventors were invited to showcase their green inventions in the 5th World Competition of Green Inventions which were held coincident with the iENA exhibition in Germany, Nuremberg from October 29 to November 1.

It was an exceptional opportunity for all of the inventors around the world to unveil their invention, and have them evaluated by the International Jury Board. The best inventions which were compatible with the criteria specified by the Jury were awarded with IFIA Best Invention Medal.

IFIA AWARD WINNERS 2015

In 2015, IFIA best invention medal and certificate was awarded to the greatest inventions showcased in the international invention exhibitions organized under the patronage of IFIA. The best inventions are selected relying on the Jury's evaluation of its novelty, inventive step, potentiality to be commercialized, and its benefit for the mankind.



Macao / Inventor's Name: Sheng-chung Tzeng



IWIS / Inventor's Name: Winićjusz Stanik



USA / Inventor's Name: Korea Electric Power Corporation (KEPCO)



USA / Inventor's Name: Hadi Hosseini



BIXPO / KEPCO Sector



MALAYSIA / Inventor's Name: Dr. AHMAD MAJDI BIN ABD RANI, SHAFWAN AKMAL ZAMRI,



SIIF / Inventor's Name: Yang Seong-mok



SIIF / Inventor's Name: Sommer Michelle, Shen Linda, Sistik Laura, Vennemann Eva



AGRO / Inventor's Name: FRANJO CRNKOVIĆ & ALTPRO d.o.o.



MALAYSIA / Inventor's Name: Datuk Dr. CHOO YUEN MAY & Team



Geneva / Inventor's Name: Teerapon TANOMSAKYUT



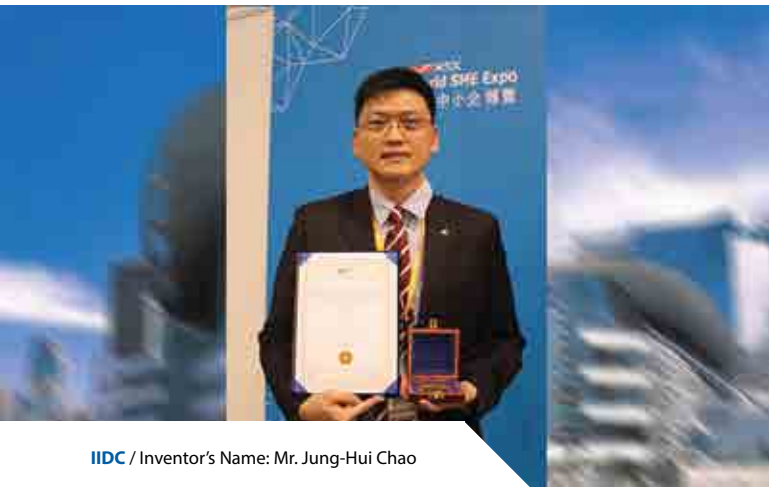
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MALAYSIA / Inventor's Name: Dr. ZAIDA HAJI ZAINAL & Team



IWIS / Inventor's Name: Michal Szota



IIDC / Inventor's Name: Mr. Jung-Hui Chao



IYLIC / Best young inventors from Chinese Taipei



Kuwait / Inventor's Name: Ms. Fatma Alhajri



Kuwait / National Association for Science and Research



ARCA / Inventor's Name: Marko Abramovic



INFO / Inventor's Name: Professor Constantin Spinu



BIXPO / FSUE MCC



IENA / Inventor's Name: Hak Su Kim, Socialbin Co. LTD



A NEW COLLABORATION : **A VASTER OUTREACH**

On July 28, 2015, IFIA signed a memorandum of understanding with the European Alliance for Innovation (EAI) to help expand its mission and promote the culture of invention and innovation at a European level. EAI was created by leaders from industry, research, and policy making organizations to engage the global community with the shared goal of securing Europe's future competitiveness through innovation. By harnessing the potential of the ICT revolution, EAI engages the global community in all sectors of society to explore ways in which innovation in technology and business can benefit society at large.

IFIA as a professional society is provided a great opportunity to have a more unified and effective voice at European level, advance innovation and impede fragmentation in Europe by commencing its collaboration with EAI to organize events, seminars and conferences to have a vaster international outreach and recognition.

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IFIA - KEPCO BILATERAL COOPERATION

Alongside Bitgaram International Exposition of Electric Power Technology (BIXPO) held in Korea in October 2015, IFIA and KEPCO signed a memorandum of understanding to meet their mutual expectations. KEPCO and its subsidiaries have the intention to become a world electric and power invention leader.

To this end, one of the main objectives of this cooperation is to participate in international invention and innovation events including forums, seminars, congresses and invention exhibitions to benefit from the wide network of contacts from the inventors, businessmen, stockholders and inventors all around the world. Moreover, IFIA is expected to support KEPCO to apply for the international patent or commercialize the innovative idea via providing expert advice on the patent and the commercialization of the invention as well as offering the service of Transfer Technology Center.

In order to further strengthen the bilateral collaboration, both parties should disseminate news and events via IFIA or KEPCO's official website and publication. Both KEPCO and IFIA are interested in disseminating the culture of innovation internationally and providing the inventors with information, which enriches their innovative ideas and commercializes their inventions. The ultimate goal of both parties is to promote and develop the cooperation in all aspects of invention activities.



| AN EXHIBITION OF NEW TECHNOLOGY: **BIXPO** 2015

BIXPO 2015 - New Technology Bitagram International Exposition of Electric Power Technology (BIXPO) was organized by Korea Electric Power Corporation (KEPCO) in Gwangju, Korea from October 12 to 14, 2015. 2000 participants from 40 different countries attended the event and around 30000 visitors conducted a visit.

BIXPO held an exhibition of new technology, international invention fair, insightful Conference and CTO forum of new technology to create a venue for the exchanges in ideas related to electric power technologies.

The international congress was categorized in New Technology Conference, Electric Power, T&D, Future Technologies, R&D Trends etc, International Power Utility CTO's, Special Sessions, Patent Seminar, and Special Localization Session.

IFIA president and his team had the honor to participate in this event. During the course of the event, IFIA had a booth to represent its international activities to the inventors all around the world. Moreover, a workshop was held by IFIA to make the interested inventors familiar with the International Patent Protection.

Finally in award ceremony, IFIA granted three awards to the best inventions in three different classes of KEPCO, KEPCO Group and foreign Sectors.



INTERNATIONAL PATENT PROTECTION WORKSHOP

IFIA maintains the culture of knowledge dissemination regarding the international patent protection among the inventors by organizing training workshops in this field.

Mr. Bijan Nasiri held a workshop alongside Bitagram International Exposition of Electric Power Technology (BIXPO) in October 2015 to train the inventors about the International Patent Protection.

After explaining the reason behind the formation of Paris Convention as well as its benefits and drawbacks, a general overview of Patent Cooperation Treaty, the process of filing patent application was illustrated, as well.

The inventors were also made familiar with the "Patentscope" database which provides access to a rich wealth of PCT applications. The workshop participants included KEPCO staff and the inventors of BIXPO 2015.



IFIA – WIPO JOINT WORKSHOP

On Friday, October 30, 2015 IFIA - WIPO joint Workshop took place coincident with iENA Invention Exhibition. WIPO Patent Expert, Ms. Weiss, Program Officer, PCT Outreach and User Relations Section, PCT Legal Division, initially elaborated on the basic concepts of PCT. The attendees from Austria, Germany, Iran, Turkey and Afghanistan were made aware that the Patent Cooperation Treaty (PCT) assists applicants in seeking patent protection internationally for their inventions, helps patent Offices with their patent granting decisions, and facilitates public access to a wealth of technical information relating to those inventions.

By filing one international patent application under the PCT, applicants can simultaneously seek protection for an invention in 148 countries throughout the world.

Among the topics discussed during the course of this event, one can refer to Invention and Patent, Introduction to the PCT System, Contracting States, PCT Procedure, Statistics, Recent Developments, ePCT, Advantages of the PCT System, Patent scope, Arbitration and Mediation Center (AMC), Fraudulent Invoices and Information and Training.

The participants considerably benefited from updated and useful information in this field. The audience also had the opportunity to raise questions on the advantages of PCT and its protections from WIPO PCT expert.

This event was organized with the intention to further familiarize the inventors with the international protection of their inventions by WIPO, IFIA and iENA organizers.



13TH INTERNATIONAL EXHIBITION OF INNOVATIONS

ARCA 2015

On Sunday, October 18, the 13th International Exhibition of Innovations ARCA 2015 was closed in Zagreb with the presentation of awards to exhibitors and innovators. The exhibition was organized by the Union of Croatian Innovators from October 15 under the high patronage of the president of the Republic of Croatia and was supported by the Ministry of Entrepreneurship and Crafts, the Ministry of Science, Education and Sports in collaboration with the International Federation of Inventors' Associations (IFIA), University of Zagreb, Croatian Association of Technical Culture and other respectable partners.

ARCA was declared open by the minister of entrepreneurship and crafts, Gordan Maras, at the opening ceremony. President of the Union of Croatian Innovators, Mr. Marko Bubaš, President of the Croatian Association of Technical Culture Mr. Ivan Vlainić, Pro-rector for Innovation and technology transfer at the University of Zagreb, Professor Miljenko Šimpraga, PhD and vice president of City of Zagreb Assembly, Davor Bernardić etc- all spoke on the importance of promoting innovation.

The most prestigious award, Grand Prix, was awarded to Mrs. Bernanda Cecalja from Bernanda Company for the innovation called Cool Vision. Besides Grand Prix Award, gold, silver and bronze medals were awarded to those who merited them by the respected figures.

At this year's International Exhibition ARCA 2015, over 200 innovations from different countries were presented, among which 176 were in contention for awards. Special award by the International Federation of Inventors' Associations (IFIA) was presented by IFIA's president. The exhibition was thematically dedicated to the youth, hence the competition for young innovators and entrepreneurs took place under the name Innovative Ideas Day. The most successful young innovators and entrepreneurs were awarded by the Union of Croatian Innovators and the Croatian Chamber of Commerce.

On October 19, IFIA President accompanied with his team had a meeting with Assistant Minister of Economy, Mr. Tomislav Radoš and President of the Union of Croatian Innovators, Mr. Marko Bubaš. IFIA president laid great stress on the need for granting governmental support to the Croatian inventors and innovators since he believes the invention and innovation culture can be further promoted by doing so.



IFIA EXTRAORDINARY GENERAL ASSEMBLY AND EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETINGS

On October 30, 2015, IFIA Extraordinary General Assembly and Executive Committee meetings were organized in Nuremberg, Germany. The meetings were declared open by his Excellency, IFIA President. The participants of Extraordinary GA were:

1- Afghanistan - Mr. Mustafa Rezaie	15- Iceland - Mrs. Elinora I. Sigurdardottir	29- Philippines - Dr. VIRGILIO L. Malang
2- Brazil - Dr. Marcelo Vivacqua	16- India - Dr. Aynampudi Subbarao	30- Poland - Dr. Michal Szota
3- BiH - Dr. Mladen Karic	17- Indonesia - Mr. Andi Dwi Putra	31- Portugal - Mr. Fernando Lopes
4- Canada - Mr. Babak Khodaparast	18- Iran - Mr. Hossein Vaezi	32- Qatar - Mr. Adnan Fahad Rashed
5- Chad - Mr. Oumar Ayoubaye	19- Iraq - Prof. Hazim Jabbar Al-Daraji	33- Romania - Mr. Stavar Lordan
6- Check Rep. - Mr. Lukas ZMESKAL	20- Korea Rep. - Mr. Shin Kyoung-ho	34- Russia - Mr. Vladimir Petriasov
7- Croatia - Mr. Zoran Barisic	21- Lebanon - Mr. Radwan Chouaib	35- Slovenia - Dr. Ana Hafner
8- China - Dr. Zengpei Xuan	22- Libya - Mr. Jalal Saied Mohammed	36- Spain - Mr. Manuel Matellán
9- Denmark - Mrs. Vivi Aakjaer	23- Malaysia - Dr. Augustine S.H.Ong	37- Syria - Mr. Yasser Saada
10- Egypt - Ms. Hebatalrahman A.	24- Moldova - Ms. Tanya Iunali	38- Sweden - Mr. Cenneth Lindkvist
11- France - Ms. Catherine P. Cauchy	25- Morocco - Mr. Majid EL Bouazzaoui	39- Chinese Taipei - Mr. James, Su
12- Georgia - Mr. Omar Bilonashvili	26- Nigeria - Dr. Hassane I. SOULEY	40- Togo - Mr. Amah D. Gnassingbe
13- Germany - Mr. Winfried Sturm	27- Niger - Mr. Joel Shaka Momodu	41- Turkey - Mr. Koray SAHIN
14- Hong Kong China - Mr. Kau-sam Yeung	28- Palestine - Mr. Adnan SAMARA	

The main focus of the General Assembly was IFIA Statutes amendment. The modifications included proposals from some EXCO members, Geneva Welcome center (CAGI) and IFIA's secretariat. The GA members examined all of the articles, presented their views and came to an agreement on them. Furthermore, they recommended revising the linguistic aspect of the Statutes. Among the changes applied on the statutes, we can refer to the possibility to exclude non-active or non-cooperative members as well as the settlement of IFIA headquarters in Geneva, Switzerland.

The next issue hotly debated in the meeting was the establishment of membership fees according to the status of countries namely least-developed, developing and developed ones.



Afterward, Executive committee meeting was commenced with the presence of the following delegates:

1- BiH - Dr. Mladen Karic	8- India - Dr. Aynampudi Subbarao	15- Poland - Dr. Michal Szota
2- Brazil - Dr. Marcelo Vivacqua	9- Iran - Mr. Hossein Vaezi	16- Portugal - Mr. Fernando Lopes
3- China - Dr. Zengpei Xuan	10- Iraq - Prof. Hazim Jabbar Al-Daraji	17- Russia - Mr. Vladimir Petriasov
4- Croatia - Mr. Zoran Barisic	11- Korea Rep. - Mr. Shin Kyoung-ho	18- Slovenia - Dr. Ana Hafner
5- Denmark - Mrs. Vivi Aakjaer	12- Nigeria - Dr. Hassane I. SOULEY	19- Sweden - Mr. Cenneth Lindkvist
6- Germany - Mr. Winfried Sturm	13- Niger - Mr. Joel Shaka Momodu	
7-Iceland - Mrs. Elinora I. Sigurdardottir	14- Philippines - Dr. VIRGILIO L. Malang	

During the course of the meeting, it was unanimously decided by EXCO members that IFIA's Secretariat shall send an appeal to IFIA former president, Mr. Vedres, to clear the past financial situation of IFIA and to transfer all the money that is left in IFIA's former account, owned by Mr. Vedres, to IFIA's new official account. Mr. Vedres shall also submit all the other official documents left either from his own presidency period or from Dr. Farag Moussa's to IFIA office.

Moreover, Mr. Vedres's intention as the leader of Association of Hungarian Inventor's (MAFE) to resign from IFIA membership was announced during the meetings. He formally expressed his resignation in IFIA GA held in China, Kunshan on November 20 and IFIA members did not disagree on this issue. Afterwards, he sent three formal letters dated November 29, February 9 and December 15 to IFIA Secretariat declaring his resignation from IFIA.

Furthermore, Michal Szota from Poland was assigned by Mr. President as the new Director and Ms. Agnieszka Mikolajska from Poland replaced him as the new Executive Committee member. Later in the meeting, Mr. Cenneth presented a brief report about Technology Transfer Center located in Stockholm. TTC management procedure is supposed to be prepared by IFIA Secretariat and presented in the next EXCO meeting.

Finally, Mr. Hossein Vaezi, IFIA Treasurer, presented IFIA's financial report. It was agreed by the General Assembly that the members should pay the membership fees according to the new statutes and in due time.

IFIA financial report of 2015 will be published on IFIA's website in January, 2016.

It was agreed to settle the venue and date of the next EXCO meeting in IFIA virtual EXCO meeting.



THE FIRST NATIONAL FORUM FOR INNOVATORS IN PALESTINE

The Higher Council for Innovation and Excellence in its First National Forum for Innovators in 2015 aimed at shedding the light on Palestinian innovators. The Forum was planned to gather an elite of Palestinian innovations that demonstrated excellence in the past two years and to convene them in one place and in one event, covering a wide range of scientific and technological fields, including all categories of innovators, whether they are students of secondary schools or students of higher education institutions, teachers, academics or workers in the public or private sectors. This event is believed to contribute to the dissemination and entrenchment of a culture of innovation among the Palestinian people.

The Forum primarily aimed to celebrate and honor the creative Palestinians and illuminated their creativity in the field of science and technology. Considering that many of the competitions, conferences and ceremonies on innovation are organized every year, this Forum was the coronation of all national efforts in this field.

The Forum also aimed to create a state of cooperation and identification between the Higher Council and the national institutions working in the field of innovation. It has entrusted them the responsibility to assess and nominate the participants. From this strategic partnership, the Forum gave these institutions the opportunity to introduce themselves to the public and expose their activities, achievements and the programs they are conducting in innovation. Regarding the private sector and business owners, which are considered a fundamental pillar of the Council's work through their effective representation in the membership of the Council, the Forum seeks to create a beneficial networking for the innovators.

Finally, the Higher Council considers this event as an opportunity to assess the state of innovation in Palestine and study the innovation environment in collaboration with its partners and the development and implementation of recommendations to overcome the potential difficulties or impediments and to stimulate innovators to become a mainstay of the economy and the knowledge society that we aspire to.



RECOMMENCEMENT OF IFIA EPO RELATIONSHIP

During the meeting held between the authorities of IFIA and European Patent Organisation on Tuesday, October 27, 2015 in EPO headquarters, both parties laid great stress on the rejuvenation of past collaboration so as to provide the inventors more efficient opportunities.

The European Patent Organisation is an intergovernmental organisation that was set up on 7 October 1977 on the basis of the European Patent Convention (EPC) signed in Munich in 1973. It has two bodies, the European Patent Office and the Administrative Council, which supervises the Office's activities.

During the course of the meeting, Mr. Rastegar, IFIA President elaborated on his proposal for the representation of EPO advantages to the inventors and Ms. Margot Fröhlinger, EPO Principal Director expressed EPO's willingness to participate in IFIA events and organize training workshops. Furthermore, both parties hotly discussed the implementation of other bilateral projects.

According to the agreement negotiated between the parties, IFIA will cooperate with this organization for the publication of Inventor's handbook. Meanwhile, the best commercialized invention by IFIA members will be nominated for EPO big prize.



IWIS 9TH EDITION

This year, for the 9th time Association of Polish Inventors and Rationalizers has organized International Warsaw Invention Show IWIS 2015. The exhibition was organized in cooperation with Polish Patent Office and Warsaw University of Technology. International Warsaw Invention Show 2015 took place in October 12-14 in Main Hall of Warsaw University of Technology. The partners of the exhibition were Ministry of Science and Higher Education, Ministry of Economy, International Federation of Inventors' Associations, Association of European Inventors, Polish Business Confederation Lewiatan, Polish Agency for Enterprise Development, The National Centre for Research and Development, Polish Academy of Sciences, Polish Council of the Research Institutes and Polish Federation of Engineering Associations. It's a pleasure to inform that International Warsaw Invention Show 2015 has also received the Honorary Patronage of The President of the Republic of Poland.

IWIS is the largest in Poland and one of the biggest in Europe international event related to innovation and inventiveness. This year's IWIS was attended by the representatives from 24 countries of Asian, African, American and European countries such as: Croatia, Taiwan, Egypt, Saudi Arabia, Iran, Canada, United States, Malaysia, Czech Republic, Korea and United Kingdom, Thailand, Indonesia and many others. This year polish and international inventors presented more than 300 inventions. These solutions provide an overview of technical developments, some of them are used in practice. Each year, the International Warsaw Invention Show is accompanied by lectures and seminars on intellectual property rights and granting of patents.





The elementary aims of the International Warsaw Invention Show 2015:

- demonstrate the scientific achievements of Polish scientists and inventors on the background of global solutions,
- enable inventors to establish contacts with potential investors,
- familiarize the public opinion with the achievements of Polish inventors,
- create positive image of Polish science,
- promote innovative thinking among the youth,

This year the Association of Polish Inventors and Rationalizers and International Federation of Inventors' Associations (IFIA) has also organized the Fourth World Contest of Chemical Inventions. World Competition of Chemical Inventions was settled by IFIA to further strengthen its objective of emphasizing the significance of chemistry for the advancement of society.

In the IWIS exhibition, inventors will present solutions from research institutions, technology universities as well as innovative enterprises and individual inventors. To the exhibition are invited representatives of financial institutions interested in investing in innovative products and technologies. Inventors who decide to participate in the exhibition present their achievements in 20 categories ranging from ecology and environmental protection by engineering, construction, electronics and textile and chemical industry to innovative medical solutions.

IFIA'S ACTIVE PRESENCE IN IENA 2015

The 67th edition of iENA, as the leading International Trade Fair “Ideas – Inventions – New Products”, was held under the patronage of IFIA from October 29 to November 1, 2015 in Nuremberg, Germany. IFIA President, Mr. Alireza Rastegar, delivered a speech in the opening ceremony. The main focus of iENA was to successfully market inventions and offer the opportunity of intensively exchanging experience between one another. iENA also offered young inventors a well-respected platform to present their latest ideas to an international trade public.

iENA 2015 hosted inventors, associations and organizations from 36 countries, such as Italy, Libya, Moldova, Turkey, Philippines and the US. 16 joint national contributions were represented at this year's iENA which represented inventors from Egypt, Angola, Bosnia-Herzegovina, China, Germany, Iran, the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia, Korea, Croatia, Malaysia, Austria, Poland, Russia, Spain, Thailand and the United Arab Emirates. This year, special new and exciting ideas also came from Poland – partner of iENA 2015.



IFIA actively participated in this event and ensured the representation of its members' innovations by renting a booth for them. IFIA made a serious attempt to create a strong communication network between the members attending iENA. Moreover, IFIA President and General Assembly members visited invention booths to be aware of the presented ideas and to show respect for their participation in iENA 2015. As the award ceremony started, IFIA best invention medal was awarded to the best invention evaluated and selected by the Jury.

iENA also hosted IFIA World Competition of Green Inventions as a contribution to the development of green inventions to address the environmental problems. The best invention in this field was awarded IFIA Medal by Mr. President.

Having WIPO's cooperation on its side, IFIA organized a Patent Cooperation Treaty (PCT) workshop to raise awareness about the International Patent Protection.



UNIDO AND IFIA COOPERATION

Following IFIA's serious attempts to establish cooperation with the international organizations, especially the United Nations agencies, IFIA President together with his team were invited to have a meeting with United Nations Industrial Development Organization (UNIDO) to discuss joint collaborations with Dr. Lamine Dhaoui, Director of PTC/BIT.

UNIDO is the specialized agency of the United Nations that promotes industrial development for poverty reduction, inclusive globalization and environmental sustainability.

Regarding IFIA and UNIDO common fields of activity, both parties are going to exploit their potential to further encourage innovation and entrepreneurship among the women and youth and to engage them in productive activities, generating income, and thereby reducing poverty.

Moreover, IFIA and UNIDO came to an agreement to reinforce the function of Technology Transfer Center in the member countries.



IFIA SUPPORTS THE AFRICAN INVENTORS

Mr. Otmane Akhmassi, a young inventor from Morocco and a member of Moroccan Union of Inventors (IFIA Member) had the opportunity to participate in the African Ministerial Conference relying on IFIA's support and the coordination of Mr. Majid EL Bouazzaoui. He was nominated as the best inventor of Morocco.

African Ministerial Conference 2015 was organized by the World Intellectual Property Organization (WIPO) and Japan Patent Office (JPO) in cooperation with the Government of the Republic of Senegal and the African Union (AU) between November 3 and 5, 2015 in the Republic of Senegal, Dakar.

The primary objective of this event was to reveal the importance of Intellectual Property (IP) for the promotion of the culture of invention and innovation in Africa. It was noted that the economy of Africa can undergo a considerable growth when the innovative technologies are duly protected. However, such a protection requires awareness of IP rights among the African inventors. Besides, employment, financial independence, economic growth, and world competitiveness all rely on creating a safe environment for investment and paving the way for the African inventors to commercialize their innovations.



LAUNCHING IAP IN MOROCCO

ON November 9, a national seminar shedding light on Innovations and patent was organized in four sessions by Moroccan Office of Trade and Industrial Property (OMPIC) and Research and Development association in Morocco (R&D Maroc) with the cooperation of the WIPO in Morocco.

Alongside the event, a press conference regarding the launch of Inventor's Assistance Program (IAP) was also held and the participants included:

Mr. Adil El Maliki - OMPIC Director
Mr. Marco Aleman - WIPO Acting Director, Patent Law Division
Mr. Tarfa Marouane - President of the Commission of Research, Development and Relations
Mrs. Silvia Magnoni - Senior Community Manager, WEF
Mr. Corey Salsberg - Head of International IP Policy, Novartis International
Mr. Majid EL Bouazzaoui, the president of Morocco Union of Inventors and IFIA member, was

invited to elaborate on the activities and missions of the association.

Later on, Mr. MARCO ALEMAN highlighted the function of IAP pro bono program and clarified the role of IFIA as the supporter of IAP program.

The principal goal of IAP is to bring as many under-resourced inventors as possible into their local IP systems by giving them the knowledge, tools and means that they need to file complete applications, undergo substantive examination, and ultimately enjoy the benefits of a duly issued patent. Fundamental to this mission is the shared belief that creativity and great ideas come from people of all walks of life, and that a truly successful IP system is therefore one that is accessible to all, without regard to their socioeconomic status, geography or financial means.



INNOVATION IS HONORED IN AFGHANISTAN

Dr. Abdullah Abdullah, chief Executive of the Islamic Republic of Afghanistan, had a meeting with Mr. Mostafa Rezaei, a well-known inventor of Afghanistan and dedicated member of International Federation of Inventors' Associations (IFIA). After appreciating Mr. Rezaei's ingenuity and innovative talents, Dr. Abdullah declared "we strongly support every young person and citizen who wins honor for our country".

Later in the meeting, Mr. Rezaei enumerated several awards he has managed to obtain like being the first silver medalist in the history of Afghanistan during the twelfth International Invention Competitions of ARCA and similar international events. Then he urged the young and educated people to unearth their innate talents by building self-confidence, determination, knowledge and perseverance. Furthermore, he appealed to the Afghan government to support young people in all fields.

Mr. Rezaei requested the Chief Executive to organize Domestic and international invention competitions in Kabul in order to identify the hidden capabilities of Afghan youth, to provide a good opportunity for IFIA to disseminate the culture of invention and innovation among the students; to support the Afghan inventors for taking part in the International Invention Competitions, to provide the required facilities for filing patent applications within the country and to include the Afghanistan's Inventor Association in the governmental structure of the Islamic Republic of Afghanistan.

Having Mr. Rezaei's statements in mind, the Chief Executive insisted that the government, especially the executive president of the Islamic Republic of Afghanistan is committed to strongly support Mr. Rezaei as well as other talented and brave adolescents who are a big honor for Afghanistan. Dr. Abdullah also stated that the most considerable reason behind the prosperity and eternity of each country relies on the persistence and never-ending quest of young people like Mr. Rezaei who never give up innovation in difficult circumstances or against challenges and obstacles. This fact leads the government to substantially support them and provide good opportunities to accelerate their success and growth.



IFIA ENGAGES YOUTH IN INNOVATIVE ACTIVITIES



It has always been proclaimed by IFIA that having a modern and technologically advanced society is deeply rooted in equipping young generation with innovative knowledge, skills and tools.

Young men and women have got the potentiality, creativity and bravery to make change happen in the society, to exert influence in the world and to come up with innovative solutions toward the existing problems faced by humanity.

We witness a dramatic growth in technology, economy and employment in the countries in which the youth has been engaged in innovative activities. As the innovation is highlighted, unemployment and poverty will be eradicated, as well.

The primary focus of IFIA's activities is to empower young women and men and to create an enabling environment for the youth to drive innovation change relying on the youth network. Through this network, the ingenious youth are provided an outstanding opportunity to get together and take innovative actions. To further illustrate this issue, we can refer to the strong participation of Thai Young inventors in Seoul International Invention Fair (SIIF), held between November 26 and 29, 2015 in Seoul, Korea with the following inventions.

1. Comfy Travel Pack: Neck pillow + Ear Muff + Eye Shade
2. Two in One Shoes: Adjustable Heel
3. Self Holding Stick for Child
4. Healthy Chalkboard Brush without Dust
5. Wet-Dry Separated Bin for Plastic Waste
6. Semi-Automatic Spin Foot Spa

A NEW CHAPTER OF ACTIVITY: IFIA AMENDED STATUTES

On September 2013, the amendment of IFIA Statutes was proposed by IFIA previous President, Mr. Vedres. On October 4, 2014 the Executive Committee endorsed an agreement to apply some modifications on the Statutes. However, the proposed amendments of Mr. Vedres failed to gain the approval of General Assembly on November 2014 in Kunshan, China.

It was finally agreed to prepare another edition of the Statutes with unanimous vote of the members. Therefore, after the General Assembly meeting in China, the Statutes amendment was followed in the new presidency period. Ms. Hafner, Mr. Lindkvist, Mr. Barisic, Mr. Malang provided their recommended modifications and IFIA Secretariat consulted an organization called Geneva Welcome Center (CAGI) to make sure the new Statutes conforms with the Swiss Civil code. The first draft of modified Statutes was published on IFIA Virtual Executive Committee meeting for several months to gain the comments prior to the next meeting.

New Statutes amendments were presented in IFIA Extraordinary General Assembly meeting held on October 30, 2015 in Nuremberg, Germany. The general modifications of the Statutes were admitted by the participating members; however IFIA secretariat was expected to proceed with the linguistic correction of the Statutes.

Having applied the primary corrections, IFIA Statutes was published on IFIA website on November 15, 2015 in order to be reviewed by the members and to receive their views. In addition, the draft of the modified statutes was sent to all of the delegates either participating in IFIA Extraordinary General Assembly or submitting their proxy letter.

Mr. Husein Hujic from Bosnia and Herzegovina recommended some structural and grammatical corrections while preserving the approved context of the Statutes. Ms. Catherine Pouget-Cauchy from France recommended a minor correction, as well. Both of them were employed on the text. Since there has been no objection from the present members of the meeting within the time specified in the previous IFIA Statutes, IFIA members are expected to fulfill their obligations according to the new Statutes of IFIA from this day on.

Following the amendments applied on IFIA Statutes, we do hope that IFIA can provide further support to the members and the members can strongly participate in IFIA activities.



A FORUM OF INTELLECTUAL PROPERTY, CREATIVITY & INNOVATION – INFOINVENT 2015

International Specialized Exhibition “INFOINVENT” is a forum of the specialists in intellectual property, organized every two years by the State Agency on Intellectual Property of the Republic of Moldova (AGEPI) and the International Exhibition Center “Moldexpo”, in cooperation with the Agency for Innovation and Technology Transfer (AITT).

The fourteenth edition of the International Exhibition “Infoinvent” took place from 25 to 28 November 2015, within the premises of the International Exhibition Center “Moldexpo” under the patronage of International Federation of Inventor’s Association.

The aim of the ISE “INFOINVENT” was to support and promote innovative activity, attract investment in innovation and technology transfer activity, promote projects for implementation of inventions, new technologies and materials in the national economy, develop the regional and international scientific and technical cooperation, and encourage business-science partnerships.

ISE “INFOINVENT” also provided an ideal environment for business meetings between inventors, researchers and representatives of the real sector, constituting a major event for the whole scientific and innovation community of the country.

During the award ceremony, IFIA diplomas were awarded to Mr. Octavian Apostol, the Director General of the State Agency on Intellectual Property of the Republic of Moldova and Professor Constantin Spinu, the representative of National Center of Public Health.



A GATEWAY TO THE WORLD MARKET

SIIF 2015

11th Seoul International Invention Fair (SIIF), one of the largest annual invention fairs in the world, was organized in the late days of November, 26-28, by Korea Invention Promotion Association (KIPA) under the patronage of the Korean Intellectual Property Office (KIPO). SIIF also enjoyed the international support of the World Intellectual Property Organization (WIPO) and the International Federation of Inventors' Associations (IFIA).

The participants were offered an excellent opportunity to market their inventions, promote information sharing, and showcase their innovative ideas and products to manufacturers, investors, distributors, licensing firms, and the general public. The number of exhibited inventions crossed 723 from 34 countries and around 40,000 spectators came to visit.

The other advantage that SIIF granted to the participants was the opportunity to learn about the importance of Intellectual Property and promote ideas and inventions in the Asian market, an already huge and still growing market.

In an attempt to help the inventors in the commercialization of inventions, SIIF invited marketing experts, IP information suppliers, patent attorneys, and technology transfer firms while featuring a symposium on marketing and commercialization.



BUSINESS OF IP ASIA FORUM GATHERS WORLD-CLASS IP AUTHORITIES

This year's Business of Intellectual Property Asia (BIP Asia) Forum highlighted growing demand for IP services in Asia as well as Hong Kong's strengths as a regional hub for IP-related business.

Jointly organized by the HKSAR Government, Hong Kong Trade Development Council and Hong Kong Design Centre, Business of IP Asia Forum convened IP professionals and business leaders from all over the world to discuss the latest developments in the IP world, and to explore business collaboration opportunities.

The fifth edition of the Forum was held on 3-4 December 2015 with great success, featuring over 80 prominent speakers from 15 countries sharing their insights and attracted more than 2,400 IP professionals and industry players from 37 countries.

HKTDC Executive Director Margaret Fong maintained that the BIP Asia Forum serves not only as a valuable networking platform, but also addresses the needs of owners, users and service suppliers of IP by inviting experts from across the globe to share their insights and promote global IP trading.

The exhibition zone of BIP Asia facilitated networking activities and information-sharing among industry players, a series of networking events including business matching services offered ample opportunities for participants to establish new business contacts. At the end of BIP, IFIA and HKTDC conceded to cooperate in the organization of next year event.



INNODESIGNTECH EXPO

The 11th HKTDC InnoDesignTech Expo (IDT Expo) opened at the Hong Kong Convention and Exhibition Centre (HKCEC). The three-day (3-5 December) fair, organized by the Hong Kong Trade Development Council (HKTDC), welcomed a record of more than 430 exhibitors from 19 countries and regions. Showcasing global creativity, the latest inventions, practical solutions and an assortment of commercial design services under one roof, the IDT Expo encouraged businesses to enhance competitiveness and explore new opportunities through innovation and applied technology.

Two thematic halls were set up at IDT Expo; Trade Hall and Inspiration Hall. At the Trade Hall, multiple exhibition zones showcased design- and tech-related solutions to help businesses upgrade and transform their operations. The solutions on show encompassed product design, brand promotion strategy, new media promotion and technology applications. The Creative and Tech Start-up Zone, launched last year, provided a platform for start-ups to network with investors, entrepreneurs and potential partners. Building on last year's success, 100 start-ups from around the world joined the zone this year.

A series of talks and seminars took place during the IDT Expo, where experts in the fields of innovation and design exchanged ideas and insights with Hong Kong's business leaders. IFIA President, Mr. Alireza Rastegar, delivered a speech during the seminar titled "A journey to Success: New Designs and Innovations". He elaborated on the role that IFIA plays in causing the inventions to be successfully commercialized.

IFIA and HKTDC endorsed an agreement to organize exposition 2016 in a wider scope with the primary objective of commercializing the inventions.



INNOVACITIES LATIN AMERICA: GLOBAL INVENTIONS AND INNOVATIONS EXHIBITION

The Brazil International Innovative Inventions, Scientists and Entrepreneurs Association (ABIPIR) have been organizing INNOVACITIES - Global Inventions and Innovations Exhibitions under the patronage of the International Federation of Inventor's Association (IFIA) for five consecutive years in Espírito Santo State. The 1st edition of INNOVACITIES Latin America in the city of Foz do Iguaçu in Paraná State took place between December 10 and 12, 2015 under the sponsorship of Itaipu Binacional, the largest generator of clean energy in the world and Sol Pedras, one of the most innovative and sustainable Brazilian Industries.

INNOVACITIES is the most diverse ecosystem of technological and social innovation in the world in which actors from all areas of innovation as inventors, researchers, startups, creative economists, businesses, educational institutions, public and private research bodies, funding agencies, investors, and intellectual property institutes are present. All this diversity provides a fertile environment for ideas, products, processes and innovative management models to be transformed into market success.

INNOVACITIES had the honorable presence of the IFIA Executive Committee members as well as IFIA Director, Mr. Michal Szota, acting as the representative of IFIA President, Mr. Alireza Rastegar. The launch of IFIA – ABIPIR 's Latin America Office, with the main objective of giving support to South American inventors and facilitating the establishment of scientific, technological and commercial relations (selling and licensing patents rights) through interconnecting them to other countries constituted the agenda of IFIA delegates .

Another highlight of the event was the organization of ABIPIR International Intellectual Property Forum bringing together experts from various countries discussing the importance of the theme for the development of Latin America' Countries. The number of visitors exceeded 15 thousand people, the majority of whom were the students aiming to be the future inventors and scientists. We would like to thank Itaipu Bi national by his representative the General Superintendent Juan Sotuyo; Faculty Uniamerica by his President Ryon Braga and the most of 100 volunteers without them the organization of this event would have been impossible.



WORLD WOMEN INVENTORS AND ENTREPRENEUR'S ASSOCIATION (WWIEA)

Launched in Korea in 2008 and based in Seoul, WWIEA was founded in partnership with 18 member economies. WWIEA's objective is to create a global network of women and to build a support system for women inventors and entrepreneurs. WWIEA provides opportunities for entrepreneurs to share their ideas, running several annual events such as the Korea International Women's Invention Exposition, the Korea International Women's Invention Forum, and the International Workshop for Women Inventors and Entrepreneurs. WWIEA advocates for support for women investors at global forums, including the World Women's IP Leaders' Summit 2014, held in Seoul.

The ultimate object of WWIEA is to make a women's global network, reaching beyond the ideology and national boundaries, to identify high potential women and support them to be successful entrepreneurs through their inventions with Intellectual Property rights and to utilize their capability in the world market.

WWIEA provides differentiated educational programs to developing countries in order to eliminate disparities and open up fair access to the usage of the Intellectual Property system by women inventors and women-owned small and medium-sized enterprises.

WWIEA has never ceased the struggle to enlighten the individuals and government about the importance of invention and women inventor in order to achieve proper status for Women Inventors and Entrepreneurs to cope with increasingly changing times and circumstances.

International Federation of Inventors' Associations (IFIA) and World Women Inventors and Entrepreneur's Association have entered into a developed agreement, on the basis of a MOU to empower women in the economy and help them engage in creative activities.



8TH INTERNATIONAL INVENTION FAIR IN THE MIDDLE EAST

After the success of the last seven annual fairs, Kuwait Science Club co-hosted the 8th International Invention Fair, one of the most significant and largest specialized exhibitions of inventions in the Middle East, and deemed as the second largest international exhibition all over the world under the patronage of the H.H. the Emir Sheikh Sabah Al-Ahmad Al-Sabah during 10 - 16 November, 2015.

This year, there was once again continuous success in attracting inventors, investors, and companies; and most importantly a true sense of cooperation between all participants. IIFME provided a great opportunity in placing Kuwait and the Arabian countries onto the scientific and the technological development map.

IIFME gathered international, Arab, Gulf, and Kuwaiti inventors and investors highlighting Kuwait's role in empowering the inventors and humanitarian efforts, establishing an invention culture, and promoting the private sector in product and idea developments.

Simply put, the 8th international fair focused on the inventors' ideas and inventions; ensuring them the opportunity to communicate with the participating investors and businessmen in this exhibition. It further enhanced communication and cooperation between sponsors, the reputable institutions in sponsoring the inventors, and the companies who supported the Scientific Club of Kuwait.

