

IFIA Annual Activity Report 2016



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Foreword by IFIA President



In 2016, IFIA member states including India, Turkey, Czech Republic, South Korea and Canada organized the first annual of international invention exhibitions under the patronage and consultancy of IFIA and the events were highly welcomed.

2016 was a year of intense activity for International Federation of Inventors' Associations. IFIA faced various challenges and took important actions to achieve IFIA's mandate which is to disseminate the culture of invention and innovation around the world. In 2016, we witnessed an outstanding rise in public understanding about the importance of innovation and invention for social welfare, economic growth, unemployment decline, entrepreneurship, health and etc. We are pleased to welcome over 10 new member states

like Macedonia, Morocco, Australia, Angola, South Africa, Zimbabwe, Malaysia, Egypt, and Sri Lanka among IFIA members. The inventors of the mentioned countries found the opportunity to participate in the international invention exhibitions and showcase their innovative ideas and technologies to the world while communicating with the related bodies for the industrializations of their inventions. Meanwhile, the visits paid by the public and students led to encouraging innovation among people of every stage of life.

We determined three main objectives for IFIA at the beginning of 2016 in parallel with IFIA's mission.

1. Contributing to the eradication of environmental problems by promoting green inventions
2. Stimulating invention, innovation, and creativity among the grassroots and children
3. Promoting IFIA services through creating interaction between IFIA representatives in various regions and the inventors

For the first goal, IFIA established cooperation with the World Intellectual Property Organization (WIPO) in the implementation of WIPO GREEN to detect the problems and exploit green inventions to solve the problem and create a contact between the green technology seekers and providers. Meanwhile, organizing IFIA International Green Competition alongside iENA Invention Exhibition in the late October was for the same reason.

Regarding the second objective, IFIA developed Invent, Innovate and change the world Global Program (2ICW) with the cooperation of ABIPIR, IFIA full member from Brazil to solve the social and environmental problems by assisting people to unlock their creativity and eradicate such issues as pollution, lack of natural resources, and diseases. 2ICW is comprised of a book named "Genome of Innovation", online course titled "How to become a Successful Inventor in Six Steps" and related workshops.

And about the final objective, IFIA managed to open representative offices in the Middle East, Latin America, China, and India to help the inventors in filing patents, developing their ideas, R&D, and marketing their inventions.

We also made attempts to strengthen relations with the Governments in order to further support the inventors. For instance, IFIA's correspondence with the Ministry of Science, Industry and Technology of Turkey gave rise to the organization of Istanbul International Invention Fair convening international inventors and outstanding figures. Furthermore, our relation with the Chief Minister of Andhra Pradesh Government of India contributed to the establishment of IFIA International Innovation Center in Bangalore helping the inventors to industrialize their inventions. During the last month of 2016, the first annual of Iraqi Energy Innovation Exhibition was organized building on the cooperation between IFIA and Iraqi Ministry of oil.

The other initiative undertaken by IFIA was developing partnership with international organizations like World Intellectual Property Organization (WIPO) to further support the inventors. IFIA's partnership in pro bono "Inventor's Assistance Program" (IAP) aims to help the under resourced inventors to file well-drafted patent applications by gaining the consultation of patent attorneys without spending any money. Pro bono IAP was launched in such IFIA member states as the Philippine and Morocco.

IFIA also organized international workshops with WIPO's cooperation alongside the international invention exhibitions to raise awareness about the international patent protection and Intellectual property.

I do hope that the inventors all over the world as well as the enthusiasts could exploit IFIA potentials for the development and promotion of their ideas and the application of technologies in the industry that will certainly contribute to social and economic advancement.

Libya

National Inventors Foundation Encourages Innovation

Libya, 25 January 2016 - An institution for autistic kindergarten geniuses debuted in Libya. The opening took place in the presence of the National Foundation for Libyan inventors' President (IFIA full member), Jalal Saied Alnakasah, the representative of the Prime Minister's Office, Ali Alhasey and the Chairman of Municipal Council of Tripoli.

The National Foundation for Libyan inventors mainly focuses on sup-

porting the individual inventors and young innovators. Meanwhile, the assembly of the Charity and its member enjoy the support offered by the National Foundation for Libyan inventors.

Concurrent with this event, an agreement was signed between the National Foundation and the National Commission for Technical Education to support the organization of invention exhibitions and workshops at

the National Commission for Technical Education. The parties plan to lay the foundations for creating communication between inventors, students and technical institute which will encourage the young students toward creativity and innovation.

Opening
an institution for
autistic geniuses



Thailand Inventors' Day 2016

Thailand, 2 February 2016 - One of the main functions of the National Research Council of Thailand (NRCT) is to develop the country's research system through promoting research, invention, innovation and technology transfer system to related users in both the private and public sectors. NRCT has cooperation with related organization to keep Thailand Inventors' Day being activated since 1995 up to the present.

2 February of every year is declared to be the Inventors' Day in Thailand, to commemorate the achievement of His Majesty the King Bhumibol Adulyadej, the Father of Thai Invention, in

inventing the "Low Speed Surface Aerator" or the so-called "Chaipattana Aerator".

During Thailand Inventors' Day 2016, organized between 2 and 6 February under the international sponsorship of International Federation of Inventors' Associations (IFIA), national inventions from secondary schools, vocational and technical colleges, universities, the public and private sectors were exhibited. Meanwhile, conference and workshop on invention development were held concurrent with the event to raise awareness about materializing the inventions.

Moreover, Bangkok International

Intellectual Property, Invention, Innovation and Technology Exposition 2016" (IPITEX 2016) was held coincident with Thailand Inventors' Day to create the collaboration between Thai and international inventors.

During the Award Ceremony, in addition to NRCT Award comprising National Outstanding Researcher Award, Research Work Award, Dissertation Award and Invention Award, IFIA President, Alireza Rastegar, granted IFIA Memorial Medal to Thailand Deputy Prime Minister accompanied by Best Invention Medal and Certificate to both a national and international winner.

Thailand
Inventors' Day 2016



IFIA

Memorial Medal: Thailand Deputy Prime Minister

IFIA President
Awarded Memorial
Medal to Thailand
Deputy Prime Minister



Thailand, 2 February 2016

IFIA President, Alireza Rastegar, awarded IFIA Memorial Medal to ACM Prajin Juntong, the Deputy Prime Minister of Thailand during Thailand Inventors' Day to commemorate the unwavering support he has dedicated to the dissemination of the culture of invention and innovation among the Thai pop-

ulation by organizing this event on 2 February of each year. Afterwards, Alireza Rastegar delivered a speech on the importance of offering governmental support to the idea owners and assisting them from idea formation up to its development in order to keep the innovative spirit alive in all societies. He expressed

his hope that all of the governments may support the International Federation of Inventors' Associations (IFIA) in truing this idea into a reality.

Promoting Innovation in Sri Lanka: IFIA & WTO

Geneva, 23 February 2016 - Pursuant to the proposal made by the Ambassador of Permanent Mission of Sri Lanka and Permanent Representative of Sri Lanka to World Trade Organization (WTO), R.D.S Kumaratne to have a discussion with IFIA President, a meeting was arranged

between the parties. IFIA Executive Committee member, Hosein Vaezi, IFIA Strategic Planning and Coordination Manager, Masoud Shafaghi, and Nalinda Wijerathna, Counselor of Permanent Mission of Sri Lanka were present, as well. The meeting revolved around the

possible ways of strengthening Sri Lanka and IFIA relationship. To this end, they expressed the interest to include Sri Lanka Inventors Commission among IFIA members in order to benefit from the services that IFIA offers to its members.

IFIA | Sri Lanka:
Geneva, 23 February 2016



► The prime objective of Sri Lanka Inventors Commission is providing Technical, Legal, Financial and Market Access support to Sri Lankan inventors and to promote innovativeness among the citizens of Sri Lanka which is in parallel with IFIA goals. IFIA President, Alireza Rastegar assured the support to the dissemination of the culture of invention and innovation in Sri Lanka.

IFIA & WIPO GREEN

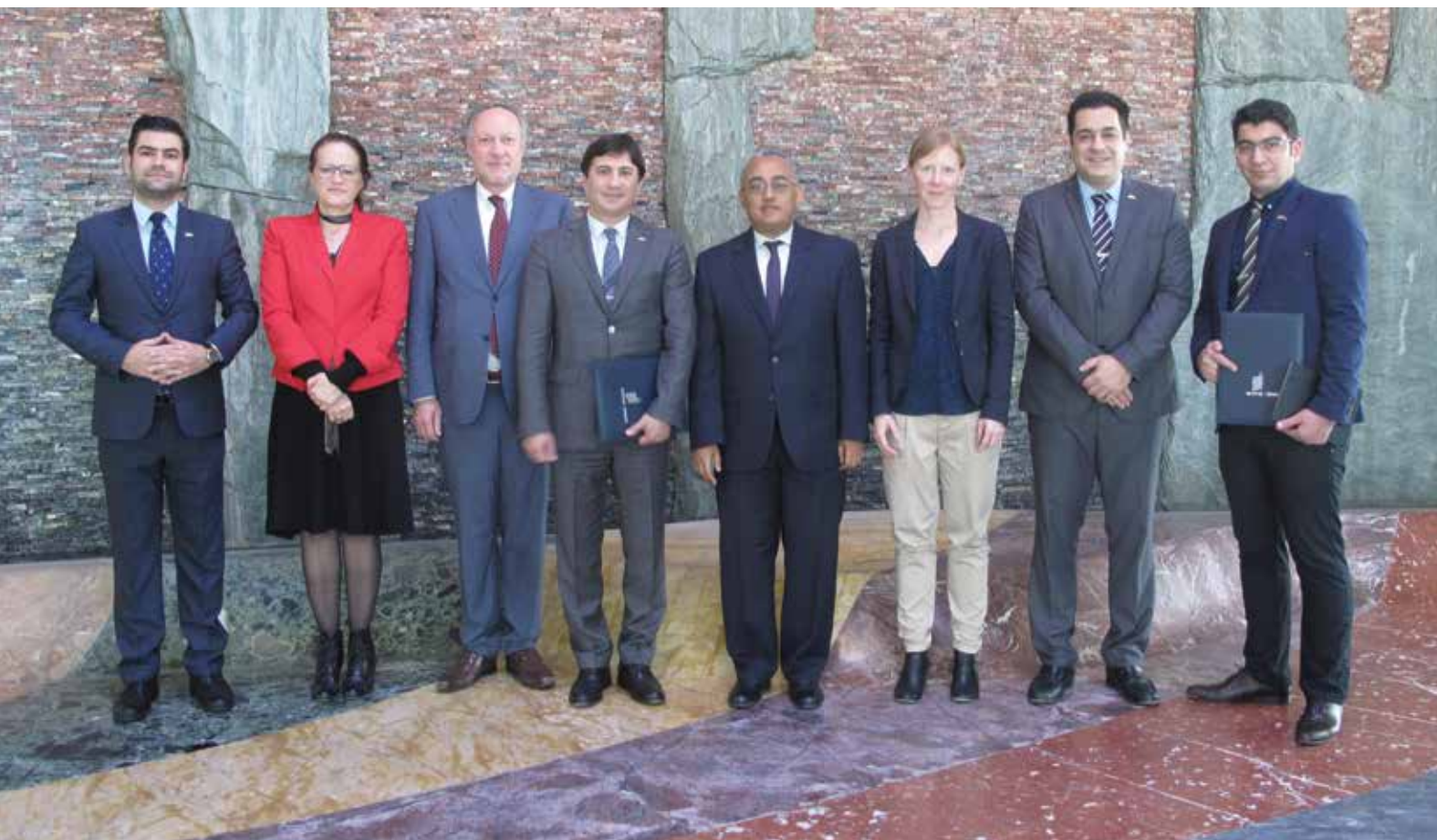
Sign Partnership Agreement

On 24 February 2016, IFIA President, Alireza Rastegar, IFIA Executive Committee member, Hosein Vaezi Ashtiani and IFIA Strategic Planning and Cooperation Manager, Masoud Shafaghi scheduled a meeting with Anatole Krattiger, Director of WIPO Global Challenges Division and Anja Von Der Ropp, the Program Officer of Climate Change and Food Security of

WIPO Global Challenges Division to discuss IFIA's partnership in WIPO GREEN Project.

WIPO GREEN seeks to overcome some of the complex challenges that often hamper rapid and broad diffusion and uptake of much needed green technologies. By injecting greater transparency into the green technology market, it seeks to en-

courage more active exchange creating opportunities for solutions that work in one part of the world to be applied elsewhere. "The platform allows both the providers and the seekers of technology to communicate, to understand and know which technologies are available and how they can be accessed," notes Zitouni Ould-Dada, Head of Technology Unit at UNEP.



Elaborating on the activities and projects implemented by IFIA during his presidency period, Alireza Rastegar added " IFIA has always stressed the importance of addressing climate change and encouraged its members to come up with green technologies to tackle this critical problem and welcomes the opportunity of cooperation with WIPO GREEN".

During the meeting, the parties endorsed an agreement to form bilateral cooperation under the framework of a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) so that IFIA, being a potential provider of Green technologies

and WIPO, having a strong network of technology seekers can deal with the ever-rising challenge of climate change.

On 20 April 2016, IFIA,

representing 135 associations, universities, research centers and companies joined WIPO GREEN as Partner.

IFIA's partnership in WIPO GREEN, an online marketplace aiming to accelerate the development and deployment of green technologies, provides an outstanding opportunity for the members to connect

with key global partners, the potential licensees, potential funders, and technology seekers from all around the world.

The inclusion of IFIA Green innovations in WIPO GREEN database which assembles in one place technologies at all stages of development - from upstream research to marketable products (and everything in between), makes them available for license, collaboration, joint ventures and sale.



IFIA | WIPO GREEN
Wednesday, 24 February 2016

IFIA World Congress: Commercialization of Inventions

Istanbul, 4 March 2016 - IFIA Second World Congress was organized on March 4 alongside Istanbul International Invention Fair (ISIF) 2016 in order to highlight the measures to be taken for the “Commercialization of Inventions”.

► Some outstanding figures such as Akash Bhavsar, Chairman of UN ESCAP Task Force on Innovation and Competitiveness, Lee Joon-seok, President of Korea Invention Promotion Association and former Deputy Commissioner of Korea Intellectual Property Office (KIPO) as well as Ömer Hiziroglu, Partner of Diffusion Capital Partners were invited to deliver a series of lectures on the subject of invention commercialization.

SkyQuest and IPRX Are Two Platforms of Global Commercialization

Akash Bhavsar briefly introduced the key sectors, subsidiaries and network of the SkyQuest Technology Group working as a Global IP focused research accelerator and commercialization organization engaged within the innovation ecosystem with myriad stakeholders helping them leverage external sources of R&D and create value from intellectual property.

Later, he explained how IFIA and its members can contribute to the global ecosystem and leverage on SkyQuest's global resources, as well as tech exchange networks that are constantly in need of solutions and how IFIA inventions can be channelized through SkyQuest, IPRX and UN ESCAP Innovation & Competitiveness Task Force.

PIT2 Is an Effective Platform of Technology Transfer

Marcelo Vivacqua, President of International Brazil Innovative Inventors, Scientists and Entrepreneurs Association (ABIPIR), presented INNOVATIO (www.innovatio.com.br), a Platform of Inventions and Technology Transfer as a tool for Inventors which constitutes a digital ecosystem where all the actors of the innovation process from various countries will be able to connect to each other facilitating the license, manufacture, funding, market and sale of their inventions and innovations. Additionally, this platform enables the scientific and technological exchange between inventors, scientists, researchers, science and technology institutions and governments making the process of innovation more efficient, agile and profitable.

Women Inventors Are More Successful than Men in Commercialization

Ana Hafner, the former President of Association of Slovenian Inventors indicated that the number of patented inventions issued to men far exceeds that of women. However, the main reason for such a small percentage of women inventors derives from the patriarchal society which gives the men privileged position of the “creator”. However, the evidence based on information provided by members of the Association of Slovenian Inventors (ASI) reveals that though there are only few women inventors, they are more successful than men in the sense of invention commercialization.

Meanwhile, Elinora Inga Sigurdardottir, President of Icelandic Inventors Association, Mladen Karic, IFIA Executive Committee member, and Örjan Strandberg, Chair of the Stockholm Innovators Association delivered speeches on the related issues.



Akash Bhavsar
Managing Director of UN ESCAP Competitiveness and Innovation Task Force - India



Lee Joon-seok
President of Korea Invention Promotion Association - South Korea



Ömer Hiziroglu
Partner of Diffusion Capital Partners - Turkey



Alireza Rastegar
IFIA President



Marcelo Vivacqua
IFIA Executive Committee Representative in American Continent – Brazil



Elinora Inga Sigurdardottir
President of Icelandic Inventors Association - Iceland



Koray Sahin
President of ISIF'16 Organization Committee - Turkey



Örjan Strandberg
Swedish Inventors' Association Representative



Mladen Karic
IFIA Executive Committee Member - Bosnia and Herzegovina



Ana Hafner
Former President of Slovenian Inventors Association - Slovenia

Istanbul

International Invention Fair 2016

Istanbul, March 2016 - The first edition of Istanbul International Invention Fair (ISIF) 2016 was organized by the Anatolian Inventions and Inventor Association (ABDER), IFIA full member, during March 3 – 6 in Istanbul Congress Center (ICC). The event was hosted by Turkish Patent Office under the patronage of International Federation of Inventors' Associations and the honorary patronage of the Ministry of Science, Industry and Technology. The official opening of the event was declared by Habip Asan, President of Turkish Patent Institute, Alireza Rastegar, IFIA President and Yunus Emre Karaosmanoğlu, Deputy Undersecretary of Ministry of Science, Industry and Technology.

After appreciating the presence of Governmental and International Representatives and the efforts of ISIF organizers, IFIA President highlighted the potentiality of a growing economy and invention culture due to the location of Turkey between Europe and Asia. He also added: "Tourism is a prominent feature of Turkey but the time has arrived to make awareness regarding the innovative culture which is made possible through organizing such events as ISIF".

The aggregation of over 324 exhibitors from 24 countries, and the presence of investors, stakeholders, manufacturers made ISIF a successful event by providing the commercializing and licensing opportunities to the inventors. According to the earliest statistics, 10 national and international inventions have been either commercialized, licensed or distribution agreements were made



for them.

The organization of various side events including the seminars, symposiums, workshops, meetings (IFIA, EPO, TPI), B2B forums in the area of invention as well as IFIA World Congress shedding light on Invention Commercialization lent more to its success. Moreover, one of the most important agreements was made between Korean Invention Promotion Association (KIPA) and Anatolia Inventions and Inventors Association (ABDER) for further possible cooperation between Turkey and Korea in the field of innovative activities.

The Award Ceremony was held on the evening of March 5 with the honorable presence of his Excellency Fikri İSIK, the Minister of Science, Industry and Technology, to commemorate

the inventors for finding effective solutions toward the existing problems by granting medals and certificates in three categories of Bronze, Silver and Gold.

During the Award Ceremony's opening speech, Fikri Işık pointed out the accuracy of choosing Istanbul as the event venue regarding the fact that almost half of the patent applications of Turkey are filed in İstanbul. Both Fikri Işık and Habip Asan, the President of Turkish Patent Institute highlighted the Governmental support to the ISIF event for the future editions of ISIF.

Meanwhile, IFIA Memorial Medal was awarded to Fikri İSIK as an outstanding figure who has devotedly supported the dissemination of the culture of invention and innovation in Turkey.



IFIA and UNESCAP Boost Innovation in Asia and the Pacific

Toward the end of IFIA World Congress held on March 4, 2016 alongside Istanbul International Invention Fair (ISIF), two Memorandum of Understandings (MOUs) were signed by Alireza Rastegar, the President of International Federation of Inventors' Associations (IFIA), and Akash Bhasvar, the chairman of United Nations Economic and Social Commission for Asia and the Pacific (UN ESCAP) Innovation and Competitiveness Task Force, as well as the Managing Director of SkyQuest Technology Group.

UN ESCAP Innovation and Competitiveness Task Force is committed

to promote the active engagement of the business sector in addressing the issues of environmental, sustainable and social inclusiveness in business, in the Asia and Pacific region.

IFIA and UN ESCAP Innovation and Competitiveness Task Force establish the cooperation within the framework of the MOU to disseminate the innovation culture within global ecosystems, accelerate commercialization of high impact innovations, and bring in new solutions to humanities grand challenges.

Moreover, SkyQuest Technology

Group is a Global IP focused research accelerator and commercialization organization, profoundly engaged within the innovation ecosystem with myriad stakeholders helping them leverage external sources of R&D and create value from intellectual property.

Pursuant to the MOU signed between IFIA and SkyQuest, the parties will cooperate in innovation exchange, global strategy and commercialization to accelerate high impact innovations like WaterQuest to market.

IFIA World Congress
held on March 4, 2016 alongside Istanbul International Invention Fair (ISIF),



Trilateral

Cooperation to Foster Innovation in Latin America

► Istanbul, 4 March 2016 - Aiming to boost invention and innovation culture in Latin America, a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) was signed between International Federation of Inventors' Associations (IFIA), State University of Western Parana UNIOESTE of Brazil and Brazil International Inventors, Scientists, and Entrepreneurs Innova-

tive Association (APIBIR).

The parties pledged to cooperate in the development of joint actions related to teaching, research, extension and innovation. IFIA, APIBIR and UNIOESTE aspire to make coordinated efforts in the execution of projects, courses and events of mutual interests to contribute toward the promotion of innovative learning.

By the exchange of educational, cultural, technological, and innovative information and the joint use of libraries and labs, new horizons will be opened in educational and innovative learning and teaching.

IFIA, APIBIR and UNIOESTE look forward to a productive and wonderful collaboration.



WIPO and IFIA

Joint PCT Workshop

Istanbul, 5 March 2016 - PCT Advanced Workshop was organized by World Intellectual Property Organization (WIPO) in cooperation with International Federation of Inventors' Associations (IFIA) and Anatolian Inventions and Inventors Association (ABDER) alongside Istanbul International Invention Fair (ISIF). The participants of 23 countries were initially provided information on the PCT system including filing PCT application, international search report, international publication, and the terms of entering into the national phase. PCT Timeline was also

illustrated to enlighten the attendees in regard to the expiration date of entering into the national phase.

Moreover, the elements making up international application comprising request, description, claims, abstract, and drawings were briefly described. The concept and operations of designation system, functions of Receiving Office (RO) and International Bureau (IB) acting as RO for the nationals and residents of PCT contracting states were explained to the participants. Supplementary International Search (SIS) as well as

International Preliminary Examination was also highlighted.

PCT applicants and agents were warned about the fraudulent invoices inviting them to pay the fees that are unrelated to the processing of international applications under PCT. Different possible amendments upon entry into the national phase were clarified, too.

In the national phase, the acts to be taken by the IB and the applicant, the time limit, general and specific national requirements were among the other subjects discussed.

Istanbul, 5 March 2016

PCT Advanced Workshop organized by World Intellectual Property Organization (WIPO)





IFIA President
Awards Memorial Medal to
Minister of Turkey

IFIA Memorial Medal: Minister of Turkey

Istanbul, 5 March 2016 - During the Award Ceremony of Istanbul International Invention Fair (ISIF) 2016, IFIA President, Alireza Rastegar conferred IFIA Memorial Medal and Certificate to His Excellency, Fikri Isik, the Minister of Science, Industry and Technology to appreciate and honor the support that he offered to the dissemination of the culture of invention and innovation in Turkey.

Afterwards, Alireza Rastegar, Fikri Isik and Habib Asan, President of Turkish Patent Institute held a meeting to further discuss the organization of international events such as ISIF to boost international cooperation and encourage the innovative environment in Turkey.

Fikri Isik expressed his satisfaction with the success of ISIF and emphasized that the organization of such events provides great opportunities for the inventors to commercialize their inventions and the ministry of Science, Industry and Technology will continue to support the organization of such events to improve the condition of inventors. Finally he added "Marifet iltifata tâbidir, müşterisiz meta zâyidir" which



means "Knowledge and skills are worthy of praise, but invention without a buyer is discarded".

Meanwhile, Alireza Rastegar declared that ISIF has been very successful despite the first annual of its organization. The governmental support, presence of investors, the media coverage, as well as modern equipment helps to the future prosperity of ISIF.

Finally, Habib Asan remarked "We hope to convene 500 inventors from 50 countries for the second edition of ISIF".



IFIA President's Message on International Women's Day

8 March 2016

On behalf of International Federation of Inventor's Associations (IFIA), I would like to join the rest of international community and extend my sincere congratulations on the occasion of International Women's Day.

From the very beginning of the history, women have exerted enormous influences in the fields of invention, innovation, science, technology, and design and women inventors certain-

ly devote a large proportion of the positive changes enriching the societies.

However, women have encountered obstacles for their equal participation in all aspects of society, particularly in the field of invention and technology. To reduce the gender gap, IFIA cooperates with the member states in the organization of women-oriented activities such as Korea International Women's Invention Exposition to realize their creativity and learn how to apply them in industry.

To respect women rights and their empowerment, IFIA defines the theme of "Global Equality" in order to encourage the members for realizing and honoring the extraordinary works that women have done and the major role that they have played in the history of the world.

LAUNCHING Invention Week 2017

Paris, March 18, 2016 - Catherine Pouget-Cauchy, the General Secretary of France Federation of Inventors, organized a committee at the Eiffel Laboratory relying on the assistance of Mr. Blanchard, Eiffel Lab director and Mr. Peter, its conservator gathering 80 participants to exchange information on the launch of Invention Week 2017.

The inventors were provided an outstanding opportunity to express themselves through underlining the supports they could obtain from research institutes, incubators and banks. They also elaborated on the difficulties faced for finding proper funding, working their communication and federating various competences on their project.

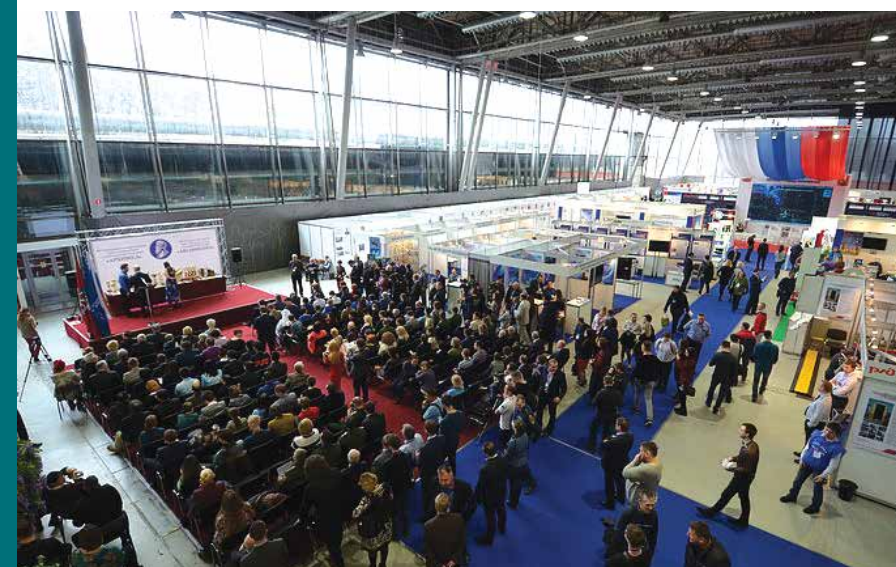
Afterwards such patent lawyers as Frédéric Guénin and Joel Heslaut remarked the subtle conditions of patentability and the difficulties for proving patent infringement. The possibility of alternative funding was presented by Olivier Ferrari and the usefulness of technological platforms discussed by Arnaud Bonnefond for the independent inventors to diffuse, work and develop their ideas. Mr. Fardin explained the importance of the communication on the idea and the counsel Mr. Guénin, in particular underlined the position of France and Europe in the patent filling, largely exceeded by Asia in particular.

The philosopher Yvon Pesqueux treated invention by a Bergsonian approach: the vital dash, source of creation. Creation being closely related to its creator and the time of creation. The economist Jacques Pelletan, evoking the "human capital" and the risks pointed out that the time of passage between the invention and the innovation tended to lengthen. Professor Catherine Chevalier-Kuszla mentioning various projects of research and development of scale, as the sending of Curiosity over Mars illustrated the process of innovation while alerting on the difference in context with the independent inventor.

Then the sponsors testified to their first support for the project of the Invention Week. Frédérique Crépat, in charge of development of the assets illustrated the contribution of the platform theassets.co in the diffusion of the patents and the contacts which they can cause. Grégoire Dauge, President d' Alpinia Finance specified that the innovation was not only technical, and that innovations in other fields were possible: following the example of his own activity in the financial field.

Catherine Lari mentioned her work close to the schoolboys and the high-school pupils in the transmission of the scientific and technical work. Then the members of the committee presented their respective association and their contribution to the project.

The day ended with the speech of Couperie Eiffel on the work and patents of Gustave Eiffel and it was unanimously agreed to organize Invention Week 2017 between March 16 and 19.



Moscow, March 2016

With the large participation of over 300 organizations from 18 states

Moscow, March 2016 - The 19th Moscow International Salon of Inventions and Innovative Technologies "Archimedes - 2016" took place in Moscow Exhibition and Convention Centre "Sokolniki" from 29th of March till 1st of April 2016 under the patronage of International Federation of Inventors' Associations (IFIA).

More than 300 organizations, participants from 18 states and 38 regions of the Russian Federation, presented their innovative projects and inventions mostly in the categories of aerospace industry, medicine, transportation, agriculture, renewable energy sources, and navigation.

Specialize contests were prepared and organized by Salon "Archimedes - 2016" in cooperation with the Ministry of Defense of the Russian Federation, Ministry of Internal Affairs of the Russian Federation, Ministry of the Russian Federation for Civil Defense, Emergency Management and Natural Disasters Response, Federal Service for Intellectual Property (ROSPATENT), Moscow Department of Science, Industrial Policy and Entrepreneurship, GC "Avtodor", Department of Housing, Utilities and Amenities of Moscow, Department of City-Building Policy of Moscow.

Several important events such as conferences, roundtable discussions, and training sessions took place throughout Salon's program by numerous organizations of importance.

Toward the end of the event, Salon "Archimedes" expert Committee and International Jury appreciated winners in such categories as "The Best invention of the Salon «Archimedes», «The Best invention in interests of the Ministry of Defense of Russia», «The Best invention in interests of the space branch», «The Best invention of the scientific and technical creativity of youth», and so forth.



Archimedes 2016



A New Chapter of IFIA and KIPA Cooperation

Geneva, April 14 – Pursuant to the participation of KIPA President in IFIA World Congress and his expression of interest in bilateral cooperation, a Memorandum of Understanding was signed by the President of International Federation of Inventors' Associations (IFIA), Alireza Rastegar and Korea Invention Promotion Association (KIPA), Lee Joon Seok, to boost the collaboration by exchanging information in all technical areas of mutual interest.

The parties intend to closely cooperate on intellectual property transfer matters by supporting inventors to promote utilization of intellectual property in both regional and international level. KIPA and IFIA have endorsed an agreement to conduct joint activities including exhibitions, conferences, seminars, symposia or lectures in order to promote intellectual property. The parties also plan to train and develop the skills of human resources through exchanging programs and

other pertinent activities. Moreover, KIPA's role as IFIA Technology Transfer Center in the Republic of Korea is entered into force following the signature of this MOU.

Geneva, April 14
IFIA and KIPA plan to exchange expertise to develop advanced technologies



IFIA Cash Prize to the Best Invention

► Geneva, April 15 –The President of International Federation of Inventors' Associations (IFIA), Alireza Rastegar, awarded IFIA Cash Prize to Gilbert Sonnay for his invention titled " Apparatus for Treating Drinking Water" showcased during the 44th International Exhibition of Inventions of Geneva. This award was in line with IFIA main objectives which are to support the individual inventors, contribute to the realization of their products, encourage the participation of inventors and generally nurture the culture of invention and innovation. The apparatus which is invented to treat the drinking water produces salt and chemical free ingredients and causes no loss of water. It was evaluated by the Jury Board according to the pre-established criteria and elected as the best invention.

IFIA President
awards cash prize to the best
inventor of Geneva Exhibition





Mobarat ElOloum Science Fair
Convening Lebanese Young Inventors



The Regenerative Innovation of Lebanese Youth

500 Lebanese young inventors participated in the 13th Mobarat ElOloum Science Fair taking place in conjunction with Beirut Invention Show 2016 on April 21st and 22nd. The fair was organized by the National Association of Science and Research (NASR), IFIA focal point in the Middle East region.

175 inventions were showcased in the course of the exhibition belonging to six different categories namely: Robotics, Environmental Resources, ICT, Physics and Chemistry, Biology and Health and Astronomy. “KoRo” invented by Maalouf (17 years) is a Robot programmed to imitate the gestures of people and designed to help the people with special needs. It won “The Prize Hassan Kamel Sabbah for Young Innovators” with a total amount of \$4,000. Meanwhile, the project “Smart Home” by Samir Rizk represented a fully automated

house controlled using a mobile application.

The first Beirut Invention Show 2016 was addressed for all Lebanese inventors who have been granted a patent for their inventions. The most notable inventions included an application for divers, an environmental board and an application for drivers.

13th Mobarat ElOloum and Beirut Invention Show 2016 were held under the patrimony of the Minister of Work, Sejaan Kazzi, the Minister of Culture, Raymond Eraiji and the Minister of Industry, Hussein Hajj Hassan. The support provided by three ministers emphasizes the great work of NASR which is helping Lebanese youth to be more innovative and creative.



WIPO GREEN Advisory Board Meeting



Pursuant to IFIA's Partnership in WIPO GREEN on 23 April 2016, Bijan Nasiri Azam represented IFIA in the conference call held on 14 July 2016. Initially IFIA was presented as the New Partner joining the conference and a brief introduction regarding its objectives, members and activities for the promotion of WIPO GREEN was provided.

Two other new partners namely CleanTek Market as well as King Abdulla City for Atomic and Renewable Energy, the first one acting as a global online clean technology marketplace and the latter aiming to build a sustainable future for Saudi Arabia and the world were mentioned.

Then the constituent committees of WIPO GREEN updated the Advisory Board on the actions taken so far. The deployment of the licensing checklist as both a training and service tool, increasing the number of service providers in various technologies (IP, law, regulatory, business, finance), integrating finance into

WIPO GREEN services, and improving matchmaking services were among the main issues raised by the related committees.

The board members were informed that one of the match making events called “Nairobi matchmaking event” took place during April 5-7, 2016. The objective of project was to identify technology needs in agriculture and water in Kenya, Ethiopia, and Tanzania and to match them with technologies. 150 participants and 39 seekers participated at the event and ten of the technology providers showcased their technology. Meanwhile, nine letters of intent were signed between providers and seekers and further relationships formed.

Concurrent with the event, a workshop was organized by the WIPO GREEN in collaboration with CIPIT and the Kenya Industrial Property Institute centering on a practical case study whereby three groups representing academia, a multinational company and a startup had to work

out and negotiate a deal.

IFIA proposed the joint organization of green inventions exhibitions as another matchmaking event in 2017 in order to provide an opportunity for the technology providers to display their inventions and to be licensed, funded or commercialized by the technology seekers.

The board members were also informed about a future matchmaking project likely to take place in the framework of COP23 in the Asia Pacific region in 2017 and to be funded by the Government of Australia.

Moreover, it was mentioned that WIPO would organize a special exhibition at the 22nd session of the Conference of the Parties to the UN Framework Convention on Climate Change (UNFCCC) in cooperation with the Moroccan Office of Industrial and Commercial Property (OMPIC) and the French Institut National de la Propriété Industrielle (INPI) during November 10-12, 2016. The principal objective is to exhibit innovative solutions to address the challenge of climate change, elucidate the role of IP and support inventors. Further details regarding this event is available in the following link: https://www3.wipo.int/wipogreen/en/news/2016/news_0003.html

Finally all of the members were thanked and informed that the discussion of partners' contributions is postponed to the next call taking place on Sep 13, 2.30 pm (Geneva time).

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Virtual Training Workshop in UTM



Malaysia, 4 May 2016
IFIA Holds Virtual Training Workshop

Malaysia, 4 May 2016 - A virtual training workshop was organized by International Federation of Inventors' Associations (IFIA) for the Universiti Teknologi Malaysia (UTM) students majored in Civil Engineering with the coordination of Institute for Smart Infrastructure and Innovative Construction (ISIIC) to boost the bilateral cooperation between the two institutes.

At the beginning of the workshop, Muhd Zaimi Abd Majid, Senior Director of ISIIC, welcomed the participants and expressed the hope to

continue the mutual cooperation between IFIA and UTM.

Thereafter, Bijan Nasiri Azam from IFIA started the workshop with a general introduction of Intellectual Property and its aspects. Having outlined the various parts of IP, he elaborated on the laws of patents and Patent Cooperation Treaty (PCT) as a way of international protection of inventions. The advantages of PCT, PCT timeline and claim drafting were principally explained.

Finally, the participants were made

aware of IFIA's partnership in WIPO GREEN and pro bono Inventor Assistance Program (IAP) as two projects that the inventors can hugely benefit from. The way of their participation in these two projects was clarified, as well.

The students raised some questions on how to draft the patent application, the rules as well as the do's and don'ts of idea protection.

This event took place with the coordination of Ali Keyvanfar from UTM.

IFIA

President Meets Singapore Inventors Development Association



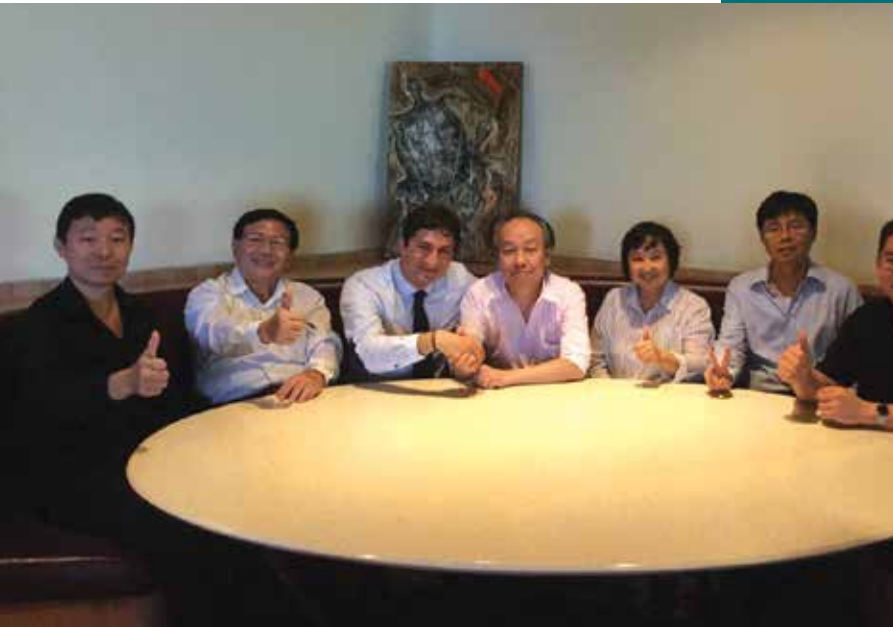
Singapore, 9 May 2016 – Alireza Rastegar, the President of International Federation of Inventors' Associations (IFIA), gave an official visit to Singapore during which he met with the IFIA full member, Singapore Inventors' Development Association (SIDA) in order to discuss the ways of strengthening the cooperation.

SIDA President, Tan Yin Leong, provided a comprehensive report of their activities in the field of invention and innovation as the principal goal of the association which is in parallel with IFIA's broad mission of disseminating the culture of invention and innovation. IFIA President appreciated their dedicated attempts to promote and encourage the innovative culture among the people of Singapore which has played a major role in the economic and technological independence of Singapore. He also encouraged them to establish strong cooperation with the industry owners in order to further exploit the modern technologies.

Alireza Rastegar also stressed the importance of communicating and exchanging innovative knowledge with other IFIA members so that those in the developing countries can benefit from such opportunities.

IFIA President added "The inventors of Singapore can highly benefit from WIPO Inventors Assistance Program of which IFIA is a sponsor and this association should raise awareness about this program to facilitate the process of patent drafting".

Singapore, 9 May 2016
IFIA President visits SIDA



IFIA & ITEX

Boost Bilateral Cooperation



Malaysia, 13 May 2016

Alireza Rastegar, the President of International Federation of Inventors' Associations (IFIA) signed a Letter of Collaboration during his official visit to Malaysia with the President of C. I. S Network Sdn Bhd, Vincent Lim to strengthen the existing cooperation between IFIA and ITEX. The parties would like to facilitate the exchange of innovative knowl-

edge between ITEX and IFIA members by providing the opportunities for the active participation of ITEX members in IFIA international events including the workshops, seminars and congresses. Moreover, IFIA President has pledged to encourage the participation of members in International Invention and Innovation Exhibition

(ITEX) as one of the most successful events organized for 27 years so far in order to enjoy its remarkable benefits.

IFIA Memorial Medal

Conferred to the Minister of Malaysia

Malaysia, 12 May 2016 – Alireza Rastegar, the President of International Federation of Inventors' Associations, attended International Invention and Innovation Exhibition (ITEX) organized by Malaysian Invention and Design Society (MINDS) in Kuala Lumpur.

During the opening ceremony, Alireza Rastegar admired both the intellectual and financial support of government for the successful organization of ITEX during the past sixteen editions and awarded IFIA Memorial Medal to Yang Ber-

hormat Datuk Madius Tangau, the Minister of Science, Technology and Innovation to show his appreciation. Alireza Rastegar added "The time has arrived to focus the attention on the commercialization of the innovative technologies developed by either the scientific and academic sections of Malaysia or the independent inventors in order to ensure the prosperity of the nation".

Yang Berhormat Datuk Madius Tangau expressed his appreciation to IFIA as the organization

contributing to the achievement of the goals defined for vision 2020.

The vision aims to achieve a self-sufficient industrialized nation in all aspects of life from economic growth, social well-being, educational world class, political stability, as well as psychological balance by the year 2020.

IFIA with the cooperation of its member in Malaysia, Malaysian Invention and Design Society has played a major role in the promotion of the culture of invention and innovation, and encouraging the young people to engage in innovative activities which has helped toward the economic and scientific growth.

The Minister also expressed his enthusiasm to cooperate with IFIA in such areas as Green Inventions, commercialization and technology transfer.



IFIA President, Alireza Rastegar, Awards IFIA Memorial Medal to Minister of Science, Technology and Innovation of Malaysia

IFIA and UTM Sign Cooperation Agreement



13 May 2016
IFIA and UTM
Establish Cooperation

Malaysia, 13 May 2016 – Pursuant to the partnership of International Federation of Inventors' Associations (IFIA) in WIPO GREEN project expressing the dedication to use the utmost potentials for the successful implementation of the project and addressing the climate change as one of IFIA primary goals, a Letter of Cooperation was signed between Universiti Teknologi Malaysia (UTM) and IFIA by Alireza Rastegar, IFIA President and Majid Muhd Zaimi Abd, Senior Director of ISIIC in order to better discharge their objectives.

The institutions will encourage cooperation in any discipline which is studied in both institutions with a specific focus on sustainable environment technologies including water research and membrane technologies.

The institutions will discuss collaboration opportunities in the following areas:

- Exchanges of information, knowledge and material;
- Joint workshop;
- Joint research training;
- Joint service activity; and
- Development of educational services, community profiles and international activities.

Both institutions will also consider the development of joint proposals for the conduct of research, knowledge transfer, service or entrepreneurial activities.

Establishing Cooperation to Advance Technologies in Morocco

► Morocco, 16 May 2016 – Following IFIA's sponsorship in WIPO Pro bono Inventors' Assistance Program (IAP) dedicating to take the best advantage of its potentialities for the successful implementation of this project in its members countries, IFIA commissioned the full member form Morocco, the Union of Inventors in Morocco (UIM) represented by Majid El Bouazzaoui to establish cooperation with the institution active in this area.

To this regard, UIM signed a partnership agreement with the Moroccan Office of Industrial and Commercial Property (OMPIC), the Moroccan Association for Research and Invention (AMRI), and the Moroccan Association for Research and Development R&D Morocco by identifying concrete areas on which they could cooperate. Benoit Battistelli, President of EPO and Patricia Garcia-Escudero, General Director of EOPM (Spain) attended the event, as well.

The partners, signing the present agreement plan to combine their efforts for the promotion of industrial property system in order to exploit patented inventions in technological innovation due to the growing importance of the patent in the strategy of companies. Morocco is following

a strategy of building a competitive economy based on knowledge and advanced technologies.

Morocco 16 May 2016
The partners plan to combine their efforts for the promotion of Industrial Property system



EUROINVENT 2016



European Exhibition of Creativity and Innovation

Romania, 19 May 2016 – European Exhibition of Creativity and Innovation (EUROINVENT) took place with the participation of over 20 foreign official delegations representing 42 countries.

516 inventions and research projects from 42 countries participated in the competition. Each project was evaluated by 2 Jury members. All registrations were analyzed according to the Evaluation Chart on the following criteria of novelty, usefulness, design, low cost and wow factor. The specialist could also use other criteria as originality of the innovation, scientific return, project feasibility, potential applications, risk management, market opportunities, social and economic impact. The inventions and research projects were awarded with medals, awards or special prizes from the official delegates. Universities, research institutes, and

companies of over 20 individual inventors were present from Romania and the number of visitors exceeded 15.000 ones at the exhibition.

ICIR EUROINVENT 2016 International Conference on Innovative Research was held alongside the exhibition on 20th and 21st of May at Palas Mall. The conference provided a high level international forum for researchers, engineers and scientists to present their new advances and research results in the field of materials science and engineering. The conference was opened with the welcome speeches from the organizers, and followed by keynote speaker sessions of some outstanding scientists in the field of Material Science.



Romania, 19 May 2016
European Exhibition of Creativity and Innovation (EUROINVENT)

Expanding IFIA Activities in American Continent



An Important Meeting for Expanding IFIA Activities in American Continent

Washington, June 2
IFIA President gave an official visit to UIA

Washington, June 2 – Alireza Rastegar, IFIA President, had an official meeting with the Executive Director of United Inventors Association (UIA), John Calvert, in Washington to discuss strengthening bilateral cooperation and creating an opportunity for exchanging innovative Knowledge between the United States and the other parts of the world.

John Calvert has been a long time champion of the independent inventor community. A 24 year veteran of the United States Patent and Trademark Office (USPTO), John was instrumental in developing and expanding resources for inventors through the USPTO Inventor Assistance Program, which provides educational materials and outreach resources to the independent inventor community. Upon retiring from

the USPTO in 2014, John became Executive Director of the UIA where he continues to lead initiatives and efforts on behalf of the independent inventor.

UIA has over 73 member associations in the United States where people of high expertise in the field of invention are in charge of leading those associations. As a consequence of UIA's return to IFIA as a member, the most notable achievement of the meeting will be the extension of the role that IFIA plays in this continent.

UIA Executive Director provided a detailed report of their activities and shared the exiting potentials of UIA for further cooperation including the training courses, invention commercialization and USPTO patent drafting. Moreover, their presence in the joint programs of IFIA and UIA was

discussed. Exploiting the potentials of America's large market for the inventions devised in other countries, making arrangements for organizing an international exhibition by IFIA and UIA in near future, benefiting from the experience of UIA professionals, organizing patent drafting and commercializing courses for the inventors, and having the invention of other countries displayed in American TV shows were among the other issues debated during the meeting.

IFIA President made a pledge to offer further support to UIA as a member and expressed the hope to establish closer cooperation to benefit the inventors.

INPEX

2016 Report

The 31st annual of InventHelp's Invention & New Product Exposition (INPEX) was held during June 7-9, 2016 at the Monroeville Convention Center. INPEX, America's Largest Invention Show, featured inventors from the United States as well as more than 20 countries. InventHelp's INPEX is a unique trade show experience that brings inventors together with companies looking for new products in one easily accessible location. This year, the show also featured private product

searches, where inventors could present their ideas to large fortune 100 and 500 companies who were looking to expand their product lines. In 2015, INPEX debuted VIBE, or Virtual Invention Browsing Experience. This exciting technology gives business attendees the ability to utilize large, state-of-the-art virtual viewing stations to review inventions from InventHelp clients. IFIA President, Alireza Rastegar, attended the event and awarded IFIA Best Invention Medal to two inven-

tors whose inventions were elected as the best ones by the Jury. One of them was conferred to the inventors of Northeastern University of China for their invention titled "A Novel Intelligently Adaptive Throttle Control System as well as its Adoption in Rescue Equipment". The other one was granted to Korea Electric Power Corporation (KEPCO) for the invention titled "Airline Warning Sphere Installation Robot and Control Method of the Same".

IFIA President, Alireza Rastegar
attended the event and awarded IFIA Best Invention Medal



Korea

International Women's Invention Exposition 2016



► The 9th anniversary of Korea International Women's Invention Exposition 2016, organized by Korea Women Inventors Association took place from June 16 to 19 convening around 300 women inventors from 24 countries. The large participation of women and extensive display of inventions is a good testimony of the passion of women for invention. Since its foundation in 1993, Korea Women Inventors Association has played a leading role in women's development by continuously providing various IP training and support programs to help women discover their creativity and improve their economic situations.

KIWIE offers an opportunity to raise the global status of women and strengthen the solidarity and cooperation among world women inventors. To honor the accomplishment of

women and their contribution to the advancement of technology, IFIA President, Alireza Rastegar awarded IFIA Best Invention Medal and Certificate to two of the best inventions evaluated and elected by the Jury Board.

Korea International Women's Invention Forum 2016

The forum with the underlying theme of "Inspiring ideas change the world" was organized on June 16 by Korea Intellectual Property Office, Korea Inventors Association and World Intellectual Property Organization. Around 300 women inventors and entrepreneurs participated in the forum.

Initially the representatives of organizing committee ran the opening speech. Afterwards, such topics as "Developing the Manpower into the Entrepreneurs" as well as "Case

Studies of Successful Entrepreneurs and Global COMPETITIVENESS" were highly debated by distinctive speakers.

IP Wave for Creative Women Leaders 2016

The event organized by Korea Intellectual Property Office, Korea Inventors Association and World Intellectual Property Organization debuted on June 20 and lasted up to June 22. Around 150 women inventors and entrepreneurs, women in the science and technology industry and executives of SMEs from 19 countries took part in the event.

The issues discussed include:
-Access to Resources by Innovative SMEs – The Role of IPRs
-Strategic Intellectual Property Management for SMEs and Start-ups
-How to Choose the IP Strategy to Fit the Business Strategy



Korean Minister of Gender Equality & Family Appreciates IFIA

Republic of Korea, 16 June 2016 – Korea International Women's Invention Exposition (KIWIE) was officially opened on June 16 by the presence of the Minister of Gender Equality and Family, Kang Eun-hee, President of Korea Invention Promotion Association (KIPA), Lee Joon-seok, Korea Intellectual Property Office (KIPO) Commissioner, Choi Donggyou, President of International Federation of Inventors' Associations, Alireza Rastegar, Counselor of World Intellectual Property Organization SME Division, Patricia Simao Satrorius, WIPO Gender and Diversity Specialist, Kaori Saito and Government officials of Seoul Metropolitan. The President of Korea Women Inventors Association, Cho Eun-Kyung delivered the welcome speech and greeted the participants.

Kang Eunhee who is dedicated to advance women's economic participation with key policy support for work-life balance, and achieve a level of gender-equality commensurate with the economic prowess and international status of the country, highly appreciated the organizer and host of for empowering women in the economy and assisting them engage in creative activities. Meanwhile, she extended her appreciation to International Federation of Inventors' Associations for all of the support devoted to the successful organization of the event.

Then IFIA President, Alireza Rastegar made a speech centering on the fact that innovation originates from home and scatters around the world. Therefore, women as a group of society who play a major role in rising the next generation are required to realize their innovative talents, unlock them, apply them in everyday life and feed them into the minds of their children. By doing so, a creative and innovative generation would be guaranteed and the societies will be equipped with young and women inventors contributing to the advancement of modern technologies.



INVENT ARENA 2016 Report

► The first annual of International Exhibition of Technical Innovations, Patents and Inventions took place between 16 and 17 June 2016 in Třinec under the patronage of International Federation of Inventors' Associations (IFIA) and the governmental agencies of Czech functioning in the field of invention.

Chairman of the Board of Directors and CEO, Jan Czudek, Director of International Federation of Inventors' Associations, Michal Szota, President of Czech Association of Inventors and Innovators, Lukáš Zmeškal, President of the Czech Industrial Property Office, Josef Kratochvíl, The Deputy Prime Minister for Science, Research and Innovation, Pavel Belobrádek, The President of the Czech Academy of Sciences, Jirí Drahoš, and Mayor of Town of Třinec, Vera Palkovská attended the opening ceremony.

Most of the speakers considered the widespread participation of over

twenty countries in the first edition of the event as a great success and expressed hope for maximizing the number of participating countries during the upcoming years.

INVENT ARENA promoted creativity among young people. The participants exhibited their last findings and shared their experience with science development in many fields of human activities. 210 inventions from 21 countries were displayed during the event. INVENT ARENA managed to play an important role in the innovative process by promoting the latest domestic and world-wide techniques to all participants and emphasizing the importance of the industrial legal protection for new solutions in use.

In the Award Ceremony, IFIA Best Invention Medal was awarded to Jaromir Volf for his invention titled "The Measure System PLANTO-GRAF" selected by the Jury Board.



IFIA

President's

Official Visit to KIPA for the Implementation of Joint MOU

► 21 June 2016, Seoul – Alireza Rastegar, the President of International Federation of Inventors' Associations (IFIA) accompanied by Hossein Vazei, IFIA Executive Committee member gave an official visit to Korea Invention Promotion Association (KIPA). KIPA President, Lee Joon-seok, and the directors of IP Education Team, Technology Transfer and International Development Cooperation Division were present during the meeting.

The meeting commenced welcoming IFIA delegations. Afterwards, two

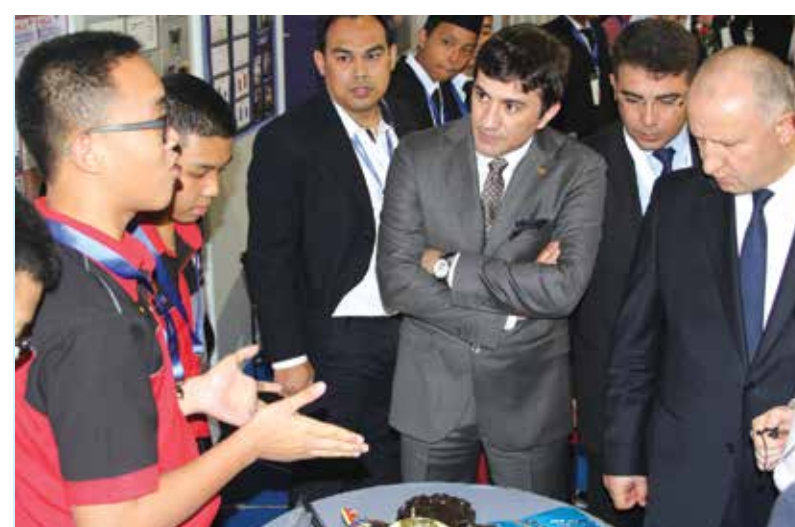
presentations were delivered on the education and technology transfer as well as KIPA activities in the mentioned fields. Meanwhile, the parties discussed the joint implementation of the programs already formulated within the framework of Memorandum of Understanding.

KIPA, relying on its large experience, is expected to apply its potentials for the commercialization of inventions in IFIA TTC which is to be launched in Korea and help IFIA members and inventors file, develop, license and utilize their intellectual

properties at the regional and international level.

Further, KIPA will provide human resource training and educational programs in order to be promoted by IFIA so that the idea owners could widely benefit from this excellent opportunity.

21 June 2016, Seoul
IFIA and KIPA Joint Meeting



Active Participation of Young Inventors in ISIF'16

► One of the major highlights of Istanbul International Invention Fair 2016 was the strong attendance of young inventors and innovators in this event. Their participation certainly led to the further prominence of ISIF and created an energetic and enabling environment, as well. The most interesting point about their invention was their creativity in converting waste materials into the innovative eco-friendly or green solutions for eradicating the existing problems.

For instance, to avoid the high consumption of water in agriculture, water pollution and flood, the students

of Sm Sains Tuanku Syed Putra school of Malaysia invented "Hydro Fertilizer" which is derived from disposable diapers and daily organic foods.

In another case, the students of Sekolah Berasrama Penuh Integrasi Rawang School presented an invention titled Inorganic Neutralizer and Heavy Metal Absorbent for "Turning the Waste into Wealth". They promoted Cockle shell waste as a novel neutralizer and heavy metal adsorbent for wastewater treatment to be applied in sewage treatment, factory treatment and industrial wastewater treatment.

The use of coconut fiber and soursop leaves for making laminate flooring, the reduction of the amount of carbon monoxide by the use of spider plant, utilizing M.L.X for absorbing oil and removing pungent smell were among the solutions for waste management.



IFIA Inventions at A Glance



The First Institute of Inventors & Researchers of Iran

The First Institute of Inventors and Researchers of Iran (FIRI) was founded in 2006 by Alireza Rastegar and his team with the intention to create a network of Iranian inventors, to support them on all levels of innovation development and to contribute to the growth and updating technology and technical science. The activities of this institute are oriented toward the promotion of innovative work, the innovation system, intellectual property and entrepreneurship in the Islamic Republic of Iran. It convenes more than 10000 members. Hossein Vaezi Ashtiani is the currently Director of FIRI functioning as the Representative and Executive Committee member of Interna-

tional Federation of Inventors' Associations (IFIA) in Iran. The highlighted activities of IFIA Representative Office in Iran during the first 7 months of 2016 include:

Organizing Free Training Courses

1. Training workshop on "PCT and International Research Examination", Amir Kabir University of Technology, 500 participants, February 2016
2. Training workshop on "General Concepts of Intellectual Property", Yazd University, 100 participants, June 2016
3. Several training workshops on "From Idea to Phenomenon", over

5000 school and college students in Tehran, Mazandaran, Kermanshah, Isfahan, and other cities

4. Training Course on "Creativity and Idea Development", July 2016
5. Professional Course on "Invention Commercialization", July 2016

Organizing International Conferences in Amir Kabir University of Technology .

1. 2nd International Conference on New Research Achievements in Chemistry & Chemical Engineering, 5 May
2. 1st International Conference on New Research Achievements in Electrical & Computer Engineering, 12 May
3. 2nd International Conference on New Research Achievements in Civil Engineering, Architecture & Urban Management, 19 May
4. 1st International Conference on New Research Achievements in Mechanic, Mechatronic & Biomechanics, 26 May

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1. Establishing information base and providing free consultation for the national and international patent protection
2. Online training courses on patent filing
3. Filing over 30 national patents
4. Filing 50 international patents through:
 - I. The Patent Cooperation Treaty (PCT)
 - II. European Patent Office (EPO)
 - III. United States Patent and Trademark Office (USPTO)
1. Arranging the participation of Ira-



Participation in International Exhibitions

- nian inventors presenting 12 inventions in Bangkok International Intellectual Property, Invention, Innovation and Technology Exposition (IPITEX), February 2016
2. Arranging the participation of Iranian inventors presenting 12 inventions in the first edition of Istanbul International Inventions Fair (ISIF), March 2016
 3. Arranging the participation of 50 Iranian inventors presenting 42 inventions in 44th Geneva International Exhibition of Inventions, April 2016
 4. Arranging the participation of Iranian inventors presenting 16 inventions in International Invention & New Product Exposition – INPEX, Monroeville, Pennsylvania, USA, June 2016
 5. Arranging the participation of 30 Iranian women inventors presenting 16 inventions in Korea International Women's Invention Exposition, June 2016
 6. Arranging the participation of Iranian inventors presenting 13 inventions in International exhibition of technical innovations, patents and inventions Invent Arena 2016, Trinec, Czech Republic, June 2016
- Finally, it is worth mentioning that FIRI keeps the members aware of the most updated news and events in the field of invention and innovation via the electronic weekly newsletter.

Geneva International Exhibition



IFIA Educational Opportunities



IFIA Official Ceremonies



Akash Bhasvar,
Strategic Advisor of IFIA
Commercialization & Sustainability Unit

Connecting Innovations

to New Market: IFIA Commercialization Advisor



Akash Bhasvar, Managing Director of SkyQuest Technology Group and Chairman of United Nations Economic and Social Commission for Asia and the Pacific (UN ESCAP) Innovation and Competitiveness Task Force is appointed as Strategic Advisor of IFIA Commercialization and Sustainability Unit by IFIA President, Alireza Rastegar.

He states:
"Setting up of the Commercialization & Sustainability Unit (CSU) is one of the most critical and well timed initiative by IFIA (the President). The CSU is designed to engage with external stakeholders and networks to identify, recognize and support promising innovations, both market ready as well as early breakthroughs.

Initially, the CSU will aim to commercialize 5 promising innovations from high impact areas viz Technologies, Agri-tech, Cleantech, Healthcare, Water, Consumer Products, Information & Communication. We are excited to roll out the 1st initiative where in the coming weeks we will be scanning through the IFIA member networks to identify 5 innovations for shortlisting. At the same time the CSU will also build a sector specific evaluation panel/jury and support systems for IFIA members".

Taking into account the bilateral MOU already signed and his commercialization initiatives during the past 10 years in addressing the issues of environmental, sustainable and social inclusiveness in business, IFIA is hopeful to achieve its objectives for applying the high impact technologies in the related industries.

Libya

National Inventors Foundation Encourages Innovation

Libya, 25 January 2016 - An institution for autistic kindergarten geniuses debuted in Libya. The opening took place in the presence of the National Foundation for Libyan inventors' President (IFIA full member), Jalal Saied Alnakasah, the representative of the Prime Minister's Office, Ali Alhasey and the Chairman of Municipal Council of Tripoli.

Concurrent with this event, an agreement was signed between the National Foundation and the National Commission for Technical Education to support the organization of invention exhibitions and workshops at

porting the individual inventors and young innovators. Meanwhile, the assembly of the Charity and its member enjoy the support offered by the National Foundation for Libyan inventors.

the National Commission for Technical Education. The parties plan to lay the foundations for creating communication between inventors, students and technical institute which will encourage the young students toward creativity and innovation.



Opening
an institution for
autistic geniuses



From the Victims TO INNOVATORS

Over its five years of existence, ABIPIR has been performing ample activities supported by IFIA, particularly in the last two years under the Presidency of Alireza Rastegar, not only to support innovative inventors, scientists and entrepreneurs but also to encourage young people to tread the ways of inventiveness and innovation independent of the profession that they may choose in the future.

All actions are free of charge including workshops, lectures, seminars, exhibition of inventions and innovations "Innovacities" as well as EducaInnova course to form and train inventors.

An illustration of this support by ABIPIR which turned reference in Brazil is the case of a public school where a teacher has created a robotics group directed to students between 13 and 16 years old with poor performance and behavioral disorders. All were victims of such family problems as abuse, drugs, divorce and so forth. To sum up, they were considered by the school as "hopeless cases".

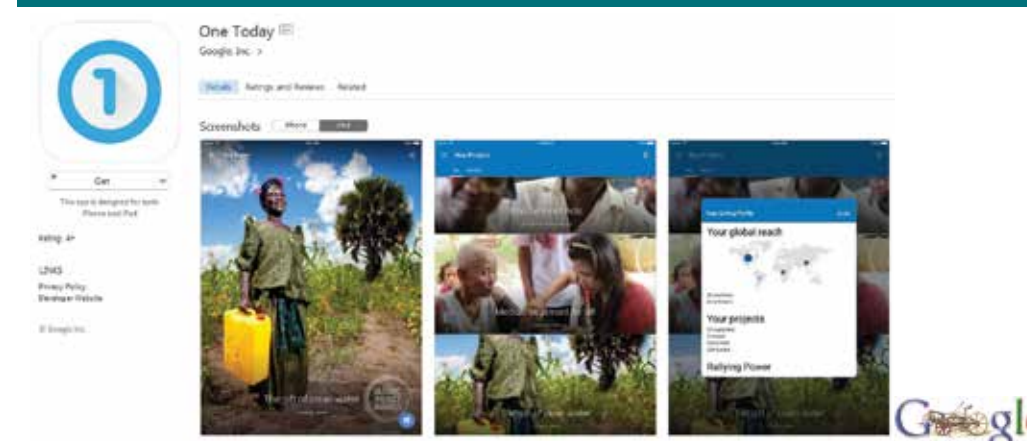
ABIPIR both provided the logistical and financial conditions for these students and teachers to participate in the Innovacities presenting an invention that recycles paper and helped with the patent process. These Students were awarded and received homage from the Governor of Espirito Santo state. Today they have undergone a great change and are among those with the best average scores and exemplary behavior at school.

This is one among dozens of other examples where the stimulus to do the applied science solves pressing problems. Generating inventions and innovations can change the destiny of young people giving them a promising future.

ABIPIR feels gratified for having the unconditional support of IFIA to continue developing such actions and contributing to make the world a better place to live by spreading the culture of inventiveness through the Program "Invent, Innovate and Change the World" - zICW.



Google Becomes IFIA's Donor



The Google Grants program supports
IFIA as a registered nonprofit organization
sharing Google's philosophy of community service

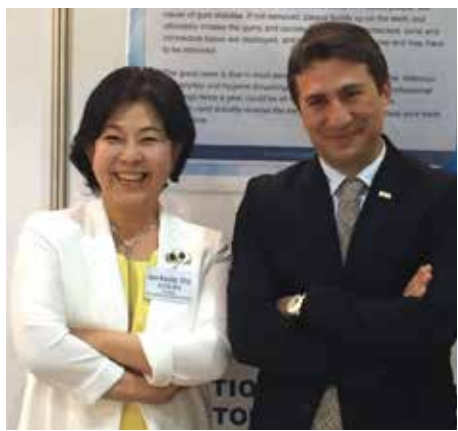
International Federation of Inventors' Associations is a recipient of a Google Grants award.

The Google Grants program supports registered nonprofit organizations that share Google's philosophy of community service to help the world in areas such as science and technology, education, global public health, the environment, youth advocacy and the arts. Google Grants is an in-kind advertising program that awards free online advertising to nonprofits via Google AdWords.

Considering the services provided to IFIA by Google Grants program, IFIA member's projects can be uploaded in "One Today" which lets people learn about different nonprofits every day, donate to projects that inspire them, invite their friends to give and amplify the impact by matching their friends' donations. One Today can be accessed via the web or by downloading a free mobile app available to Android and IOS users in the U.S.

In case a video is available about your intended projects, it can be uploaded in Youtube Nonprofit Program with the increased uploading capacity and call-to-action overlay on the videos. With donation cards the viewers can make a donation to your projects right from the video on YouTube. Kindly provide your videos or projects to info@ifia.com

IFIA Strengthens Women



IFIA Official Meetings



IFIA & KID

Innovators



IFIA Activities for Young Inventors



Union of Inventors

Promotes Innovation in Morocco

Promoting IAP Pro Bono in Morocco

IFIA full member from Morocco, Union of Inventors, represented by Majid El Bouazzaoui has taken several actions to promote pro bono Inventor Assistance Program (IAP) developed by WIPO and sponsored by IFIA.

Majid El Bouazzaoui has both presented the program in all the events where he had the opportunity to participate and contacted about 100 inventors and institutions (associations, universities, engineering schools, companies) by emails and phone calls encouraging them to do the online course and raise awareness about the program among their members.

Casablanca IP Week

To celebrate 100 years of Intellectual Property in Morocco, the Moroccan Office of Industrial and Commercial Property (OMPIC) organized the Casablanca IP Week from 13th to 18th May, 2016.



Casablanca IP Week aimed to highlight the role of intellectual property in promoting creativity and technology-intensive investment, in favor of sustainable economic growth.

The event offered a periodic appointment providing the Industrial Property actors a platform for the exchanges and discussions on best practices for the protection of industrial property and business utilizing intangible assets.

Majid El Bouazzaoui attended the event in 16th May to sign the Cooperation Agreement with OMPIC and to participate to the 1st edition of the Patent Market Place. Then, during the day he gave a speech and awarded an inventor with a Union of Inventors Special Innovation Award during that event.

National Innovation Contest (EMInov)

The 8th edition of National Innovation Contest took place on May 21st in Mohammedia Engineering School (EMI), Rabat, Morocco. IFIA Representative in Morocco, Majid El Bouazzaoui, was invited to take part in the event as the Jury Board member. He participated in the event and delivered 8 Union of Inventors Special Innovation Awards to finalist's projects. Meanwhile, he delivered a speech during the Conference "Innovation in the basic needs".

National Innovation Contest (Let's Challenge!)

The first edition of the National Innovation Contest (Let's Challenge) was organized on 10 March 2016 in National Engineering School of Applied Sciences (ENSA) in Kenitra, Morocco.

Majid El Bouazzaoui was invited to the event as the jury board member and delivered 8 Union of Inventors' Special Awards to finalists. Meanwhile, the woman behind the organization of that event received Union of Inventors Award "Women of the Year".

He proposed to sign a cooperation agreement and enhance the contest into international event with the collaboration of IFIA. Next edition of "Let's Challenge" is planned to take place in Agadir, Morocco, a very beautiful and welcoming big city, and IFIA is invited to decide about the dates. Since most participants didn't apply for patents for their projects, Majid El Bouazzaoui mentioned

the requirement of organizing training sessions for students in the agreement signed with ENSA Engineering School of Applied Sciences to train them about the procedure of patent drafting.

Promoting IAP Pro Bono in Morocco *IFIA Full member from Morocco, Union of Inventors,*



IFIA Youth Network Activities

HAG Inventor's Team

Winfried Sturm, a graduate Physicist, Scientist and passionate High-School-Teacher in Physics, Informatics and Mathematics, functioning as the Head and Manager of a Student-High-Tech-Invention-Education-As-

ISIF Award for German schoolclass

He quotes: "My long experience as Leader of Student-High-Tech-Invention-Education-Association (HAG) assured me that grown up and young inventors are able to widely benefit from each other's strong points. Kids, scholar, collegian have their own specific way of thinking driven by fantasy, curiosity and imagination



sociation (HAG) for 30 years and German Ambassador of MINT-Education has been appointed as IFIA Youth Network Manager.



which leads to unusual ideas, active imagination, independency and social competency. In turn, adult inventors could offer assistance, hand out advice, instructions and code of practice to guide the youth on their way to becoming a successful creator of innovative ideas.

HAG Team Work



Every national invention association should realize the importance of inborn creativity and center on its continuous enhancement while having "The effect of creativity on youth" in mind. The aim is to stimulate innovation among children and adolescents, sharpen their communication skills and raise awareness for the development of innovative ideas. It is of high importance to equip the world with highly trained scientists and engineers, detect the required innovative ideas and impulses, amplify and feed them into the creative minds of young thinkers and inventors.

HAG Team Work



Creativity is an inborn talent rooted in the cradle expecting to be recognized relying on human closeness, security, love, affection, understanding and appreciation. In the adolescent development, self-consciousness should be promoted, mistake making permitted, and thinking outside the box encouraged. Inexperience is a creative source that needs to be used as a child-limitless potential.

German Chancellor Awards HAG



On this background all national invention associations have to identify the importance of giant potential of youth. Without these huge sources of creativity, the motivation for innovative ideas of young generation will be destroyed. We, the grown up inventors, are responsible to campaign for the young kids, to attract them with special assistance and to support them as our prospective inventors.

Motivating Young Kids



As the number of national invention associations focusing on the integration of youth rises, IFIA increasingly turns into a home for young inventors. Therefore, we have to care for an appropriate support in all areas of IFIA and international invention fairs.

Winfried Sturm
(IFIA-Youth-Network-Manager)
(IFIA-Exco-Member)

Sri Lanka

Inventors Commission

Joins IFIA



► Sri Lanka Inventors Commission (SLIC), a Statutory Body set up by an Act of Parliament functioning under the purview of the Ministry of Science, Technology and Research of Sri Lanka recently joined IFIA as a full member.

SLIC aims to be the leading catalyst in unleashing the innovative capability of the nation and be the forerunner of the facilitation process in converting ideas into practical applications.

Sri Lanka, a developing country, benefits from the discounts of International Filing Fee as well as Search Fee since it joined Patent

Cooperation Treaty on 26 February 1982 as a contracting state.

International Federation of Inventors' Associations, as the sponsor of WIPO pro bono Inventor Assistance Program (IAP) intends to present this program to the inventors of Sri Lanka relying on the cooperation of Sri Lanka Inventors Commission. A great opportunity will be provided for the inventors of Sri Lanka to enjoy the benefits of International patent protection by the lowest cost.

Launching

IFIA Office

in the United States

IFA President, Alireza Rastegar, recommended launching IFIA Office in the United States which was accepted by the majority of Executive Committee votes. As cited in IFIA Statute, it is possible to open branches of IFIA in other countries so as to facilitate the promotion of innovative and inventive culture internationally.



IFIA President has a mandate to pave the way for the inauguration of the office and enhancement of increased cooperation with the American organizations and associations pursuing paralleled objectives. The establishment of IFIA office in a country which is known for extensive and valued potential for innovation and applying cutting edge technology in industry can have far reaching effects on the commercialization of inventions.

The other objective of opening IFIA Office in the U.S is to foster collaboration with the outstanding universities and inject innovation in the academic section. In doing so, the students will be able to conduct the research in the innovative areas and develop or market them using the available tools.

IFIA aims to benefit from the considerable experience of international organizations functioning in the field of innovation and exchange the innovative knowledge.

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1. First Session
Registration date: Jan. 1 ~ Mar. 8
Course date: Jan. 1 ~ June 30.
2. Second Session
Registration date: July. 1 ~ Aug. 31
Course date: July. 1 ~ Dec. 31

International Warsaw Invention Show

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.

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 in-



stitutions 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 African Network Hosts NASA Administrator's Visit to Niger



15 July 2016, Africa - NASA Administrator, Adrien Franck Bloden, the first astronaut walking on the moon, undertook a visit to IFIA African Network in Niger which was an unforgettable memory to the African inventors.

The objective of this visit was mainly to participate in the opening ceremony of a new research

program for Africa named "SERVIR" and to support applied research in Africa through the project. "SERVIR" is a climatology monitoring program providing researchers a reliable database on climate change.

On the occasion of the debut of this program, three research institutions were invited to animate the event. Niger Association for the Promotion of Invention and Innovation (ANPII) as the representative of IFIA African Network, AGRYMET (The Saleh Center of Climate), and EAMAC (The International Institute of CIVIL PLANE) had the honor to host the visit of this eminent researcher.

Three months prior to the event, the American Cultural Center in Niger as the main organizer of the visit, requested ANPII to prepare an invention exhibition and display the inventions of young inventors.

After presenting the members of his delegation including the American Ambassador In Niger, The Director of the United States Agency for International Development (USAID) and the Director of American Cultural Center in Niger, Adrien Franck Bloden visited the invention exhibition.

He enjoyed a large exposition of marvelous inventions and the prize and awards already granted. He had a discussion with the inventors regarding the functioning and the origin of their inventions.

After a long moment of exchange, he delivered a speech during the conference for the inventors presenting to the researchers and inventors the benefits of the research program "SERVIR" which NASA started in Africa.

When the conference culminated, he answered to the inquiries the participants raised. At the end of the conference, he awarded each inventor with a symbolic photo of himself in his spacesuit. The young inventors were conferred scientific books, as well.

The Director of the USAID, announced that USA Government is willing to tighten the partnership with Africa to enhance promotion of invention for the youth either in Niger or Africa and to strengthen the African Inventor Network.





The event took place under the patronage of Higher Education and Scientific Research and the Minister of Science and Technology

Iraqi Forum of Inventors organized a symposium on the "Impact of Creativity and Innovation on the Economic Development" at the headquarters of the Ministry of Science and Technology on 27 April 2016. A large number of inventors and innovators of the same esteemed ministry participated in the event.

A Symposium by Iraqi Forum of Inventors:

the Impact of Creativity and Innovation on the Economic Development

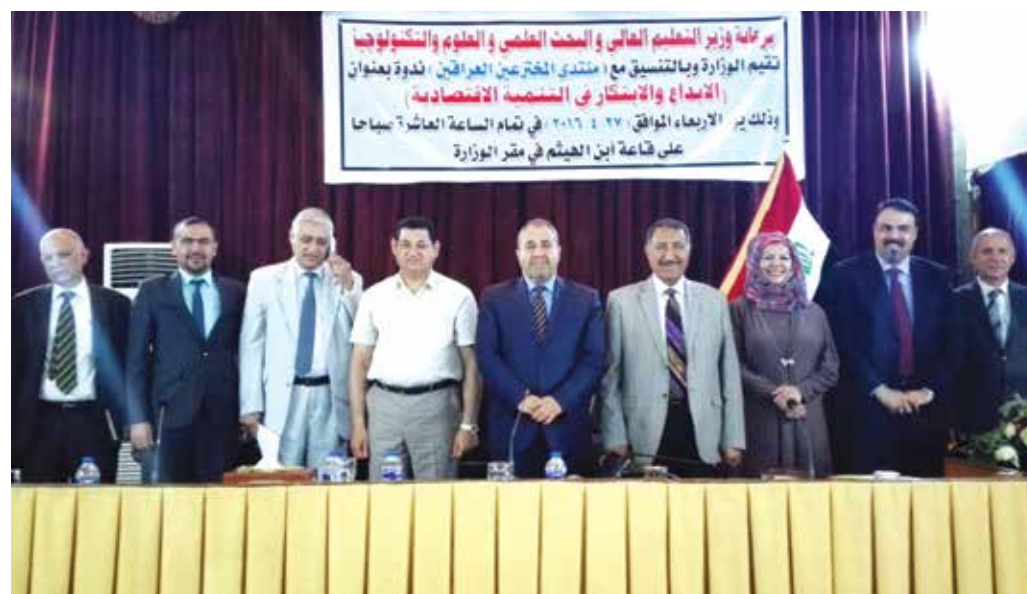
The event took place under the patronage of the Minister of Higher Education and Scientific Research as well as the Minister of Science and Technology convening the Undersecretary and a number of General Directors of the Ministry of Science and Technology.

the Scientific Information and Technology Transfer Center in the Ministry of Science and Technology delivered the second speech elaborating on the importance of technology transfer and real investment of patents which

sustains and enhances the economic development in these communities.

Two major lectures were given during the Symposium, the first one by Hazim Jabbar Al-Daraji, the President of Iraqi Forum of Inventors focusing on the importance of innovation and creation in development of different sectors of society which results in the economic development and prosperity of the communities in different countries.

Samir Ibrahim, General Director of



IFIA & ABIPIR

Develop an Online Course

International Federation of Inventors' Association (IFIA) in partnership with Brazil International Innovative Inventors, Scientists and Entrepreneurs' Association (ABIPIR) are going to launch the online course during INNOVACITIES 2016 – 6th International Fair of Applied Science, Inventions and Innovations to be held in Brazil on 19-21th October, 2016.

The course "Successful Inventor in 6 Steps" is based on the EducaInnova Inventive Method developed by the inventor and Professor Marcelo Vivacqua, founder and President of ABIPIR. The inspiration for developing the course originated from the conversations, interactions and consultations with hundreds of inventors over the last 20 years while travelling to over 60 countries.

The principal objective of the course is to train inventors to use entrepreneurial and creative thinking along with emotional intelligence tools to develop entrepreneurship skills, turn into more professional inventors and make the process of invention commercialization easier. The whole method centers on the proved Neuro-

science scientific concepts. Using the neuroscience techniques described at the course the inventors are enabled to improve the brain and body performance resulting in better general health which directly reflects in the quality of inventions.

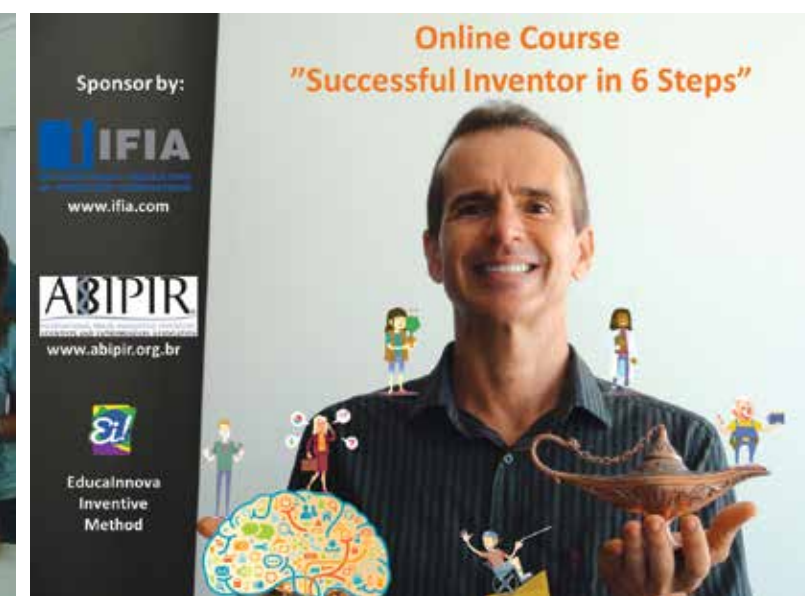
The 6 steps of the course cover all subjects which encourage inventors to start successfully by "Create an inventive team" in step 1, followed by step 2 "Connect to the target public", step 3 "Develop Neuroplasticity", step 4 "Spark Creativity, step 5 "Prototype and gain patent for the invention" and, finally, in step 6 "Sell the invention".

The target audience of the course is not only professional inventors but all people who desire to be an inventor and even students who plan to develop the skills which can be applied in various situations despite the field of their work. The course can be taken by either an individual or a team creating the "healthy competition".

The course uses the characters named "EducaInnova Mentors" representing several personalities or PERSONAS that all of us possess and need to

develop better to become a successful inventor. EducaInnova recipe for prosperity as an inventor is made up of the following ingredients: be investigative as the inventor Albert, creative as the inventor Thomas, emotional intelligent as Veterinary, environmental caretaker as Sun, entrepreneur as the startup owner Steve, persuasive to convince investors and customers as the businesswoman Giselle and finally, concerned about the importance of design of inventions as Jack.

This course will be available at the Udemy platform and cost a symbolic price covering the costs of production because the main goal of IFIA and ABIPIR is not to make profits but to disseminate the culture of inventiveness, creativity and innovation applied to solve technological and social problems. By doing so, they can grant people the better quality of life and give the inventors the financial sustainability to provide them the tranquility required to continue creating the amazing and disruptive inventions which change the world.



Invent, Innovate and Change the World Global Program

Invent, Innovate and Change the World (2ICW) Global Program is the worldwide program for innovative and creative activities aiming to solve social and technological global problems. The reason behind developing this program is that the global situation is alarming due to the environmental destruction, disasters and pollution, lack of natural resources and food and diseases spreading around the world.

In time of scarce natural and financial resources the only alternative is to mobilize inventors, scientists, innovators and citizens to use their knowledge and creative talent to develop innovative, sustainable and effective solutions even with reduced resources. 2ICW's activities will stimulate it and mitigate the global issues.

IFIA and ABIPIR have been promoting efforts to help inventors and innovators around the world to have the better conditions to do their job: make the world a better place by creating creative, sustainable, innovative and effective inventions to help solving the Global problems. That's why we create 2ICW.

How to become a Successful Inventor in 6 Steps

online course makes part of the Invent, Innovate and Change the World (2ICW) Global Program cre-

ated by IFIA and ABIPIR to spread the culture of inventions around the world. It has the main goal to empower inventors with the knowledge of entrepreneurship tools to allow them to succeed in their activity by becoming more professional and, in this way, facilitating the processes of patenting, selling, licensing and get fundraising for their inventions. The course aims to show that everyone can become a successful inventor by simply following these 6 steps and starting to have the opportunity to make money by commercializing their inventions or sharing it with the society contributing to make the world a better place to live.

Despite admitting the existence of some people who were born with great talent to invent things, the idea that only a few "chosen" individuals can succeed is not true. The reason is that creativity and inventiveness are not gifts or innate talents but otherwise are both skills that can be learned. In other words, if it can be learned, then it can be taught. It makes sense, doesn't it? That's why Marcelo Vivacqua, a Brazilian inventors and professor, president of the Brazilian's Inventors Association, member of the Executive Committee at the International Federation of Inventor's Associations and author of the Genome of Innovation method created this method for helping hundreds of inventors to succeed and ordinary people to acquire the taste for inventing things, changing theirs and other people's lives for the better.



Korea

International Youth Olympiad

Gyeongju, August 2016 – The first annual of Korea International Youth Olympiad (KIYO) was successfully held by World Women Inventors & Entrepreneurs Association under IFIA's Sponsorship in Gyeongju, Republic of Korea.

During the opening ceremony, the President of WWIEA, Mi young Han gave an opening speech to begin KIYO 4I. Afterwards, the President of Eurasian Patent Organization (EAPO), Saule Tlevlessova and Mayor of Gyeongju city, Choi Yangsik and the President of Korean Teachers'Credit Union (KTCU),

Moon Yonglin delivered the congratulatory messages.

During the first annual 50 participants from 10 different countries including Iran, Iraq, Thailand, Sri Lanka and others participated in KIYO 4I and showcased breakthrough technologies and creative ideas. Moreover, more than 400 participants from Republic of Korea joined "the best of the best invention" and "Team competition for creativity".

Special prizes from World Women Inventors & Entrepreneurs Associa-

tion (WWIEA), World Intellectual Property Organization (WIPO), International Federation of Inventors' Associations (IFIA), Eurasian Patent Organization (EAPO), Korea Intellectual Property Office (KIPO), Gyeongju Mayor and many universities were awarded to the elected winners.

Gyeongju,
August 2016



IFIA & HKTDC

Sign a Memorandum of Understanding



12 August 2016 - International Federation of Inventors' Associations (IFIA) and Hong Kong Trade Development Council (HKTDC) signed a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) to collaborate in the the 12th edition of the HK-TDC InnoDesignTech Expo (IDT Expo) to be organized during December 1-3.

The principal purpose of cooperation was to dedicate a larger space to the display of top and ready to be commercialized inventions in the Global Invention Zone. The most distinguishing feature of the Zone was the high potentiality of commercialization due to the presence of businessmen, investors, entrepreneurs and potential partners seeking to seal partnership or license and purchase the cutting-edge technologies.

IFIA Supported the participation of a number of countries and regions with a strong design and innovation culture, including Austria, Dubai, Slovenia, Croatia and Spain bringing their innovative designs, products and commercial solutions to the expo.

IFIA

Worldwide Partnership



1. Global Innovation Forum

The 6th edition of the forum will bring together innovators, entrepreneurs and inventors to discuss the latest trends in innovation, design, creativity, R&D and new product development during 2-3 November 2016 in London, UK. You can expect a tremendous agenda, experienced speakers, key messages, global players and intense networking.



2. IP Summit

The 11th edition of IP Summit will take place at the World Customs Organization during 1-2 December 2016. The delegates from more than 35 countries worldwide will be provided with key representative companies to discuss timely relevant issues in the trademark, copy right, patent and design fields, with a special focus on counterfeiting and litigation practice.



3. D-nest

The D-nest (Development Nest) project founded in early 2013 is the the largest showcase in Europe for inventors from all over the world to be held during 13-16 October 2016 in Venice, Italy. It aims to promote innovation by allowing people to share and search for innovation in a safe environment.



4. Global Summit of Women

The theme of the 2016 Summit is "Women: Building an Inclusive Economy in the Digital Age" to spotlight women's influence in creating stronger economies in this era of new technologies affecting the way governments and corporations do business. The event was held during 9-11 June 2016 in Warsaw, Poland.

5. STEM Education

The "STEM Education for Innovation - Women in the forefront" conference will be held in Warsaw at the prestigious Copernicus Science Center, 31 May – 1 June 2016. It will be the biggest meeting of STEM experts, STEM educators, innovators, representatives of high tech industry, community leaders and policy makers in this part of Europe.

6. SIGEF

The third edition of SIGEF, in conjunction with COP22, will present an exceptional lineup of international social innovators, entrepreneurs, philanthropists, and other engaged members of civil society during 7-18 November 2016 in Morocco. The event will cover a wide breadth of themes including impact investment and philanthropy, climate and environment and arts and culture.

International Young Inventor Award 2016

Indonesia, September 2016 – The 3rd annual of International Young Inventor Award 2016 (IYIA) was held by Indonesian Invention and Innovation Promotion Association (INNOPA) at Surabaya Convention Hall, Surabaya City, Indonesia from September 6 to 8. The event was supported by World Innovation Organization and International Federation of Inventors' Associations (IFIA).



The IYIA 2016 was participated by more than 10 countries and 600 young inventors ranging from elementary school to university. The participating countries of IYIA included Indonesia, Malaysia, South Korea, Taiwan, Thailand, Sri Lanka, Egypt, Jordania, Russia, Syria, and Croatia. More than 170 inventions from various fields such as technology, agriculture, chemicals, medicine, education and many others were displayed during the event. Participants showcased their invention in the form of ready-made product or prototype to all visitors and Jury Board.

Participants were awarded with Gold, Silver, and Bronze medals. Moreover, there were also special awards from other associations and also the Grand Prize. On this occasion, IFIA gave 2 special awards which are the IFIA Best Invention Medal and Andi Award, a special award given to young inventors in order to commemorate the first president of INNOPA who had passed away.

IFIA Best Invention Medal was given to one of innovators named Peter Soudah from Jubilee School Jordania with his invention titled Smart Lifeguard and Andi Award was given to Indonesian young inventors from Mercu Buana University for their invention titled Safetybelt Safe Control System (SSCS). The result was based on the Jury's decision and can be considered as the best invention in The IYIA 2016.

International Invention and Innovation Competition 2016 in Canada



Canada, August 2016 - "The Finals" of International Invention and Innovation Competition in Canada (iCAN 2016) took place on August 27 at North York Memorial Community Hall in the Greater Toronto Area. Aside from Canada, international finalists from 14 countries (the United States, Korea, China, Australia, Hong Kong, Philippines, Malaysia, Indonesia, Dubai, UAE, Iran, Egypt, Poland, Morocco, and England) participated in the Finals.

iCAN 2016 Finals put its main focus on the Final Round Exhibition and the Jury's evaluation; physical evaluation of the inventions of the in person finalists. The inventions were showcased in their real forms (actual invention, product, prototype, samples, and portables) for physical demonstrations along with invention posters. Some inventors also presented their inventions in digital forms (PPT, video presentations, printed materials: research reports, certifications, proofs). In addition, some long distance Finalists who couldn't

make it to Canada enriched to send their posters prior to the event and the posters were displayed at the exhibition as well. A total of 76 inventions were exhibited in the two major showrooms: the Burgundy Room and the Gold Room at North York Memorial Community Hall.

In the course of the Preliminaries, the organizing committee sought out for jury candidates from around the world and selected judges from both local and international sectors; high-profile professionals from the field of innovative research, IP and branding, academic institutes, trade shows & inventor organizations of North America, Europe, and Asia united and formed a strong Jury Board to maximize all knowledge base upon evaluating the Finalists' inventions.

iCAN 2016 Finals ,
August 2016



India International Innovation Fair 2016



► Bangalore, September 2016 - The first edition of India International Innovation Fair (IIIFair) took place from September 9 to 11 at BIEC, Bangalore. The event was organized by Indian Innovators Association (IIA), hosted by the Government of Karnataka and supported by International Federation of Inventors' Associations (IFIA). Google also was the Innovation partner. There were around 65 participating companies. 21 of them included IFIA member countries, student innovators, MSMEs with NSIC assistant and the rest were startups.

On September 10, the Honorable Minister Shri R.V. Deshpande inaugurated the exhibition at the Jacaranda hall with the ribbon cutting ceremony and visited the stalls and interacted with the exhibitors.

During the opening ceremony, Alireza Rastegar stated: "I believe that organizing this event was highly required because India is the hotbed of startups. On one hand, the Indian inventors have the opportunity to show their inventions at an international level and on the other hand the startups, investors, and businessmen have a great chance to see the innovative technologies, realize the national and international potentials, invest and apply them in industry".

Honourable Minister Deshpande spoke about how Government of Karnataka has always been encouraging business and Industries by introducing right policies ahead of other states. He expressed his appreciation how the first edition has shaped up and was glad that Government of Karnataka was part of it and will continue to be a part for the coming editions.

During the Award ceremony, IFIA Best Invention Medal was awarded to Albin and Marija Smrke from Slovenia for their invention titled E/2 MSX Technology, fully automatic regulation of cooking processes.

The First Annual
Of India International Innovation Fair



IFIA & A.P IFIA & A.P Innovation Society Sign MOU

► Bangalore, 10 September 2016 – The International Training Center (ICT) for innovators is going to be established by the Government of Andhra Pradesh relying on the cooperation of International Federation of Inventors' Associations (IFIA) and Indian Innovators Association (IIA) which is stated within the format of a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU). The MOU was signed between IFIA President, Alireza Rastegar and CEO of A.P Innovation Society, Nikhil Agarwal alongside IFIA Executive Committee meeting held in Bangalore, India. ICT is financed by AP state and a land of 10 acres is dedicated to establish the center.

To compete in today's economy, governments, universities, and businesses must manage innovation effective-

ly whether the goal is to transform policy, implement new initiatives, increase ROI from research, or launch a new product.

The principal objective of this center is to train national and international innovators and enable them to reap benefits of their creative work, to train incubation managers, ED Cell managers on mentoring and fund raising, and to train technology transfer personnel of higher educational institutes and universities on protecting and leveraging intellectual property.

ICT contributes to taking an idea from basic concept to commercially available product which is a very long, complex and difficult journey termed travel through Valley of Death. Initially the valley tends to

appear at the point where a conceptual idea needs to be turned into a working prototype in order to demonstrate that it works, assess production costs, and to outline the equipment needed for manufacturing. Next, the challenge in identifying relevant market segment emerges.

Before full launch of the innovative products, it is prudent to test prototype within a limited scope to determine whether customers like the innovation, accept it and are willing to pay. Last mile is commercialization. The final step involves taking tested innovations and developing them into full-scale operations. This requires access to production facilities, routes to market, and logistics which are all provided in the ICT.



IFIA Executive Committee Meeting 2016 in Bangalore

Bangalore, 11 September 2016 - IFIA Executive Committee meeting was organized on Sunday 11 September in Bangalore International Exhibition Center, India with the participation of 17 members to put the critical issues into discussion and voting.

Initially, IFIA President, Alireza Rastegar, summoned the members and thanked them for their assembly in Bangalore. He expressed his appreciation to Aynampudi Subbarao for hosting the EC meeting, as well.

Then, a brief summary of IFIA-ABIPIR Innovacies Technological Platform as a new concept of invention commercialization process developed by IFIA Full member from Brazil was presented to the members.

Afterwards, the members were informed of the Memorandum of Understanding signed between IFIA and Hong Kong Trade Development Council to collaborate in the organization of InnoDesign Tech Expo (IDTE) and they were requested to provide promising and ready to be commercialized inventions in order to be displayed in Global Invention Zone free of charge.

Next, the financial report 2015 was presented to the EC members and they approved the report by the majority of votes.

Finally, the documents provided by the EC candidates were examined by the EC members and the candidates who fulfilled the necessary requirements were elected to be voted during the General Assembly.



International Exhibition of Inventions ARCA 2016



Exhibition of Inventions ARCA 2016 at which 180 innovations from Croatia, Bosnia and Herzegovina, Serbia, Slovenia, China, Iran, Poland and Romania were presented.

cessible to inventors, insufficient funding available to innovators and the climate that does not facilitate inventive thinking which is mirrored in the lack of communication and networking between organizations currently involved in supporting innovators and inventive entrepreneurs.

► Zagreb, October 2016 - The 14th International Exhibition of Inventions ARCA 2016 was organized from October 20 to 22 by the Union of Croatian Innovators under the patronage of Croatian President Kolinda Grabar-Kitarović, Ministry of Entrepreneurship and Crafts and Ministry of Science, in collaboration with the International Federation of Inventors' Associations (IFIA), The University of Zagreb, Croatian Association of Technical Culture and the National and University Library in Zagreb. This year's partner was China Association of Innovators (CAI) as one of the world's largest gathering of innovators.

ARCA 2016 also included a program that started with a forum titled "Innovations – Driving Force of Development" focused on the development of innovative entrepreneurship. In Croatia 44% of individual inventors are retirees, while only 20% are business owners and students and 43% of them have found commercial use for their inventions, while others claim they had no skill or knowledge to do so and could not find any systematic support for their idea to reach commercial use. The data comes from a study of the climate for inventions in entrepreneurship in Croatia presented at the "Innovations – Driving Force of Development" forum by Assistant Professor Violeta Šugar, Ph.D, from the University of Juraj Dobrila in Pula. Though the study was carried out on a small sample of 143 individual inventors, it showed some of the key issues of innovative entrepreneurship in Croatia – the lack of information and education ac-

Under the mentorship of Professor Tatjana Antić and in collaboration with the State Intellectual Property Office and the Croatian Agency for Vocational Education and Training and Adult Education a workshop was held titled "From Play to Innovation" for professors and mentors.

The final day included Award Ceremony where participants received awards, recognitions and the most coveted Grand Prix. The best inventions selected by the expert panel lead by Damir Semenski, Ph.D from the Zagreb Faculty of Mechanical Engineering and Shipbuilding, received gold, silver and bronze medals. IFIA Best Invention Medal was awarded to Radionica Zeljeznickih vozila Cakovec D.O.O for his invention titled Samohodni Vagon Za Rasuti Teret.





International Warsaw INVENTION SHOW 2016

Warsaw, October 2016 – The 10th edition of International Warsaw Invention Show “IWIS 2016” was held from October 10 to 12 in the Main Hall of the Warsaw University of Technology. As in previous years, the event was organized by the Association of Polish Inventors and Innovators in cooperation with the Polish Patent Office and the Warsaw University of Technology under the patronage of International Federation of Inventors' Associations (IFIA).



IWIS is Poland's largest international exhibition dedicated to the promotion of invention and innovation. During the 10th edition solutions from 26 countries including Malaysia, Bulgaria, Canada, Croatia, Czech Republic, Indonesia, Iran, Taiwan, Thailand, United Arab Emirates, and Yemen were presented. Polish inventors presented more than 130 solutions in various fields of science which globally with foreign inventors gave more than 415 solutions, and some of them have found their place in the industry and partly awaiting implementation.



Members of the International Jury IWIS 2016 had a difficult task, identifying the best among more than 400 represented solutions, because each of them was characterized by a very high level of content and technology. Finally, Grand Prix went into the hands of very young inventors from Chingshin Elementary & Middle School in Taiwan for developing the invention “An Intelligent Plant”. This invention is used, among others, for the prevention of plant diseases. Besides it can be used to analyze the impact of watering and fertilizing. This invention also allows for the use, by measuring the change in potential, garden plants as an alarm system.



As every year, the X edition of International Warsaw Invention Show 2016 was accompanied by talks and lectures on management of industrial property carried out by the Polish Patent Office. These workshops were organized free of charge. Events were addressed in particular to small and medium-sized enterprises, the scientific community and representatives of the business environment. The seminars were devoted to building a conservation strategy taking into account the selected objects of industrial property: inventions, utility models, trademarks and industrial designs.



IFIA Becomes a Partner of Global Innovation Exchange



The Global Innovation Exchange is a global online marketplace for innovations, funding, insights, resources and conversations, allowing the world to better work together to address humanity's greatest challenges.

IFIA has recently become the partner of Global Innovation Exchange in order to provide its resources to a wider range of inventors. IFIA activities in the field of women, youth, green inventions and invention-related training offer an outstanding opportunity for other organizations to benefit from and utilize them for solving the existing challenges.

Since IFIA members in various states have their own specific resources and potentials to provide for the inventors around the world while enjoying the other experience in the relevant areas, we highly recommend the members to create an account and organization file in the website and register their events in order to receive a higher visibility. Moreover, the awareness is raised about the event which attracts further participation.



IFIA
Becomes the Partner of
Global Innovation Exchange

International Launch of WIPO Global Program: IFIA Invited as the Global Sponsor

Geneva, 17 October 2016 – Pursuant to the pilot implementation of Inventor Assistance Program in Colombia, the Philippines and Morocco, WIPO officially launched the WIPO Inventor Assistance Program on 17 October 2016 with the participation of global sponsors.

IAP aims to help inventors and small enterprises with limited finances to pursue the patent protection which plays a major role in the successful commercialization of a product or new solution. Qualified attorneys provide free legal advice to inventors who would otherwise be unable to afford the legal costs of obtaining a patent.

“I could certainly say that pro-bono Inventor Assistance Program is one of the most effective projects for the promotion of invention and innovation in the developing and underdeveloped countries” said IFIA President, Alireza Rastegar. “We will soon witness a remarkable rise in inventions while the quality of patents improves dramatically. These two improvements encourage the businessmen, investors and the commercializing bodies to license, invest or buy the inventions”.



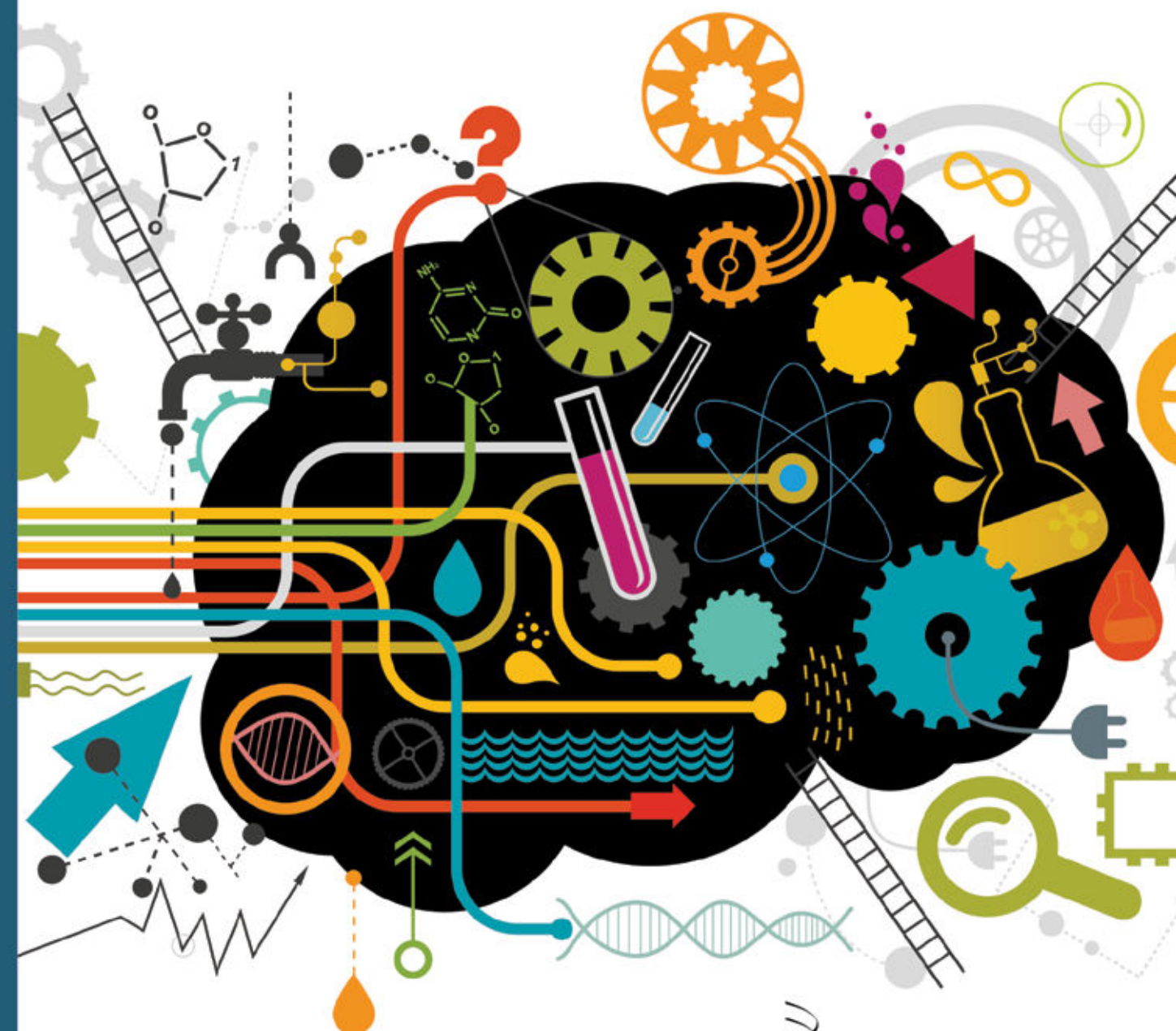
He also ensured IFIA's contribution to the prevalence of this program in the member states to overcome the procedural issues that inventors face during the patent application process which leads to the expansion of innovation in near future.

“The Inventor Assistance Program is a pioneering effort to aid inventors who may lack the resources or knowledge to access the intellectual property system that plays such an important part in boosting innovation across the globe,” said WIPO Director General Francis Gurry. “WIPO is dedicated to ensuring that everyone can benefit from intellectual property, in developed and developing countries alike. This new program is helping and I hope it expands rapidly.”

So far, IFIA Representative in Morocco, Union of Inventors, has attempted to raise awareness in this regard by organizing related workshops alongside the national events and selecting the projects that meet the required criteria to file a patent application for them. IFIA is dedicated to stimulating an innovative environment where all of the inventors are able to turn their ideas into products and achieve economic benefits from their intellectual properties. IFIA President, Alireza Rastegar, proposed developing IAP Blog offered by IFIA Office Experts, to make it accessible to a wider range of inventors worldwide.

Inventor Assistance Program

Bringing together inventors and patent attorneys
in developing countries



WIPO & IFIA PCT Workshop

► Nuremberg, 28 October 2016 - On Friday, IFIA and WIPO joint PCT Workshop took place coincident with iENA Invention Exhibition to further familiarize the inventors with the international protection of their inventions. 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 Germany, Iran, Iraq, Angola and China 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
- Patentscope
- Arbitration and Mediation Center (AMC)
- Fraudulent Invoices
- 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.



Alireza Rastegar Global Impact Invention Prize Awarded in InnovaCities 2016



By Marcelo Vivacqua - ABIPIR President
During the Award Ceremony of the InnovaCities 2016 - 6th International Inventions and Innovations' Exhibitions - Alireza Rastegar Global Impact Invention Prize was given to the invention titled "Process of transformation of the coat smoke factory into meat seasoning". The team of inventors is formed by the students Aléxia Gomes Carvalho, Danieli de Souza Borsonelli, Estela Litig Boecker e Gabrielly Caçandre Noia who study at the "Gisela Salloker Fayet" middle school, located in Paraju, Domingos Martins, Espírito Santo, Brazil.

Alireza Rastegar Prize is given to the inventor who creates an invention which can fulfill the following criteria: social, environmental and financial sustainability, technical feasibility, innovation and scalability. In other words, this invention can be reproduced under any conditions and everywhere in the world generating social and economic gains to the communities where it will be implemented. Alireza Rastegar is a brilliant internationally awarded inventor and has been developing a revolutionary work as the President of the International Federation of Inventors' Associations (IFIA).

Alireza Rastegar's Prize was offered by the Company Sol Pedras represented by its CEO Celso Luckmann. The ceremony was made in partnership with the 20th Brazilian Inventor Salon which is organized by the partner of ABIPIR, the successful entrepreneur Wagner Fafa. Another activity which occurred during the InnovaCities 2016 was the 1st Workshop of Integration in Innovation and Business Brasil - Angola" which makes part of the

activities of the ProCities - Program of Integration in Innovation and Business. During the workshop inventors and companies presented the inventions and innovations which can meet the demands of African continent.

These activities corroborate with the philosophy of ABIPIR and IFIA to create efforts to make the process of inventions commercialization easier. During the business meeting each inventor and company was able to present privately their inventions and innovations to the President of ABIPIR and Celso Salles, the entrepreneur and representative of ABIPIR at African continent.

The President of ABIPIR presented the workshop "Successful Inventor in 6 Steps" to the Angolan delegation. This workshop will be launched in an online version and will be applied in Angola and Istanbul in 2017 as an example which is being happening in Brazil, the main goal is to give skills to inventors to facilitate the process of invention commercialization by giving the inventors more entrepreneurial spirit.

The Angolan delegation had important meetings organized by ABIPIR with the members of the Government of the Espirito Santo State to study the possibility to create some partnerships between Brazil and Angola.





Nuremberg, October 2016
IFIA President and DEV Team in
IFIA Booth

iENA

International
Trade Fair 2016

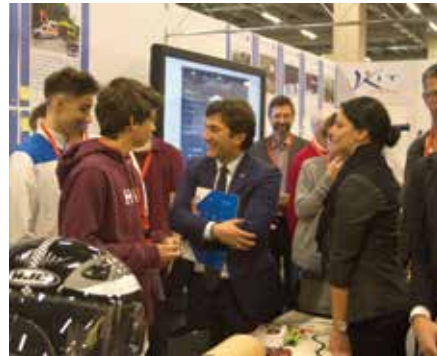
Nuremberg, October 2016 – iENA 2016, organized from 27 to 30 October 2016, ended with positive results. Inventors and developers from 28 countries took advantage of the fair to present and market their products. Numerous trade visitors attended the iENA in search of investment possibilities and business ideas.

As a result of different cooperation and partnerships, more entrepreneurs and investors than during the previous years visited this year's iENA. For the first time the international fair cooperated with the IHK Anwenderclub (User Organization of the Chamber of Industry and Commerce) "Product and Innovation Management", which is part of the Chamber of Industry Commerce for Central Franconia. The User Organization supported the iENA innovation seminar and helped to attract even more trade visitors who found inspirations and business ideas at the iENA.

Trade visitors from 40 nations came to the iENA 2016. A survey conducted among the exhibitors

revealed that they were all satisfied with the results of their participation. According to the information received, the number of business transactions concluded equates 33 percent. As stated by 98 percent of the exhibitors, the opportunities to establish business contacts at the iENA range from very good to satisfactory and there are also high expectations as far as the follow-up business is concerned. 88 percent of the exhibitors rate these opportunities as very good, good or satisfactory. On the weekend the iENA was also open to the visitors of the Consumenta which took place at the same time. Altogether approximately 9,500 visitors attended the iENA 2016.

Austria was this year's partner



of the iENA. Maria Rahming, representative of the Austrian Inventors Association (OPEV), has been organizing the Austrian participation for more than ten years already: "We were very much pleased to receive the invitation to be the partner of this year's iENA and were even successful in winning the support of the Austrian Patent Office as well as of the Ministry of Economics for the iENA 2016. As a result of being the partner of iENA our inventors received a great deal of attention."





















IFIA World Competition of Green Inventions was organized alongside the event and the best Green Invention Cash Prize was awarded to Ms. Nasim Nakhaei.



IFIA

Executive Committee Members Elected in 2016

IFIA Executive Committee members were elected for a mandate of two years during IFIA General Assembly held on 29 October 2016 in Nuremberg, Germany through the votes cast in the ballot box by the GA members.

 Dr. Mladen Karic BiH	 Dr. Marcelo Vivacqua Brazil	 Dr. Zengpei Xuan China	 Mr. Zoran Barisic Croatia	 Mr. Lukas Zmeskal Czech Republic
 Ms. Vivi Aakjaer Denmark	 Dr. Mahmoud Hafez Egypt	 Mr. Winfried STURM Germany	 Dr. Subbarao Aynampudi India	
 Mr. Hossein Vaezi I.R. Iran	 Mr. Shin Kyoung-ho Korea Rep.	 Dr. Radwan Chouaib Lebanon	 Mr. Majid EL Bouazzaoui - Morocco	 Dr. Hassane Idrissa Souley - Niger
 Ms. Agnieszka Mikołajska Poland	 Dr. Adnan Fahad Al Naimi - Qatar	 Mr. Vladimir Petriasov Russia	 Mr. Cenneth Lindkvist Sweden	
 Mr. Jean-Luc Vincent Switzerland	 Mr. Koray Sahin Turkey	 Mr. John Calvert USA		

IFIA President

Invited to ISIF Advisory Board Meeting



Turkey, 23 October 2016 – ISIF Advisory Board Meeting was held at the Turkish Patent Institute to plan the organization of “Istanbul International Invention Fair 2017” to be held in Istanbul during 02-04 March 2017.

ISIF Advisory Board meeting convened IFIA President, Alireza Rastegar and President of Turkish Patent Institute, Habib Asan. Speaking at the opening of the meeting, Alireza Rastegar and Habib Asan stressed the importance of contributing to public awareness by bringing together the invention, inventors, researchers, industrialists and investors while providing them the opportunity to commercialize inventions and innovations.

Later in the meeting, the opinions and suggestions of the participants were assessed by discussing the preparatory work for the planned

ISIF’17 to be held in March.

Last year exhibition was held by the joint cooperation of Ministry of Science, Industry and Technology, International Inventors of Inventors’ Associations (IFIA) and the Turkish Patent Institute (TPI). It was first-of-its-kind international fair showcasing cutting edge inventions from different parts of the world.

ISIF’16 ensured the participation of a total of 324 inventors from 24 countries and five international performances took place during the fair. ISIF’17 is planned to be held in the framework of the B2B meetings, workshops and panels and is expected to continue to be a strong supporter of the innovation and invention ecosystem.



CAI

Officials Visit IFIA Office in Iran



Iran, 15 December 2016 – The representatives of China Association of Inventions (CAI) visited IFIA Office in Iran on December 15 to discuss establishing CAI Representative Office and exchanging expertise for the further promotion of invention and innovation.

Hossein Vaezi, the head of International Relations of Iran Institute of Inventors and Researchers expressed the willingness to allocate a space for opening CAI representative office and accelerate the bilateral collaborations.

Zengpei Xuan also explained the achievements gained in International Exhibition of Inventions in Kunshan by aggregating a large number of inventors and signing Memorandum of Understanding with the Ministry of Science, Research and Technology of Iran to facilitate the promotion of inventions and trade innovative knowledge.

The Ministry of Science, Research and Technology invited CAI representatives to attend Research and Technology Week organized in the third week of December. According to their agreement, the knowledge-based companies of Science Parks of Iran cooperate with those of China especially in the field of water, renewable energies, advanced technologies and processing of medicinal plants.

CAI representative stressed on the importance of mutual cooperation by joining forces to become stronger and contribute to the accomplishment of objectives.

IFIA Team explained the opportunities provided by IFIA for the inventors and urged them to raise awareness and broaden understanding among Chinese people about the programs like Successful Inventors in Six Steps which trains them about the A to Z of innovation. They assured to offer the necessary assistance for the implementation of this project.



IFIA

General Assembly: Thirty-Fourth Session



Nuremberg, 29 October 2016 - IFIA General Assembly, hosted by iENA, was organized on Saturday, 29 October 2016 in Messe Nürnberg, Hall 12 from 10 am to 12 with the participation of 36 members.

The meeting was opened by expressing condolences on Dr. Hazim Jabbar Al-Daraji and Dr. Andi Dwi Putra's passing.

IFIA anthem was played at the opening and IFIA President, Alireza Rastegar, welcomed the participating members and thanked the iENA organizers for hosting the event.

The participants were then requested to announce their attendance and provide a short explanation on the activities of their association.

Next, the financial report of 2015 and 2016 was provided by IFIA Treasurer and approved by the General Assembly members.

Afterwards, the membership of two associations, namely Angola Association of Inventors and Innovators and National Association of Inventors of Macedonia was voted and managed to receive the majority of the votes. Both of the associations were given recognition as IFIA Candidate members.

Moreover, IFIA corresponding member from Iraq, Iraqi Inventors and Innovators Society (IIS) as well as the candidate member from Palestine, Higher Council for Innovation and Excellence were determined to be full members taking into account the activities they have performed to disseminate the culture of invention and innovation in their countries.

Then the nominees for IFIA Executive Committee were introduced and General Assembly members were requested to cast their votes in the ballot box to act according to IFIA Statutes.

IFIA Directors counted the votes and it was announced that out of the 24 candidates, three of them did not receive the required votes.

Finally, IFIA Plan of Action covering the period of 2017-2018 was presented during the meeting.





OPENING IFIA Offices in Shanghai and Beijing

Kunshan, 19 November 2016 - During the 9th International Exhibition of Inventions in Kunshan organized from 17 to 20 November, Alireza Rastegar, IFIA President, signed a Memorandum of Understanding with China Association of Inventions to open IFIA Office in two cities of China namely Shanghai and Beijing.

Considering the outstanding growth in the rate of export in China especially electronics and construction materials as well as the high demand for invention commercialization and marketing among the companies and factories of China, opening IFIA office in this country can fulfill such objectives as encouraging creativity and innovation among the Chinese people, creating a network between the inventors and manufacturers, licensors, investors and facilitating the exchange of innovative knowledge between the national and international inventors.

Meanwhile, the offices launched in China are expected to realize these expectations:

- Present IFIA pro bono services and programs to the inventors including the online training course of “Successful Inventors in Six Steps”, Technology Transfer Center and IFIA Commercialization and Sustainability Unit.
- Broaden the public understanding about the IFIA partner projects such as WIPO GREEN, an online market matching the green technology seekers with green technology providers and pro bono Inventor Assistance Program aiming to help the under resourced inventors in filing patent applications.
- Organize training workshops in the schools and universities to raise awareness about the protection of their intellectual capitals.
- Establish a relation between IFIA and the institutions performing activities in the field of invention and innovation in China.



IFIA

Supports an Academic Step toward Innovation in Afghanistan

►Afghanistan, 31 October 2016 - An academic seminar on “How to become an inventor”, supported by IFIA, took place on 31 October 2016 at the main hall of Gharjistan University Kabul, Afghanistan. It is the first time that such seminar takes place in an academic environment in Afghanistan by Mustafa Rezaie who is the President of Creativity & Innovation Center of the RANA University (RANA CIC) and member of the International Federation of Inventors' Associations (IFIA).

The chancellor, vice chancellor, deans of economics, lectures, administrative staff members and students of the university were the participants. Mustafa Rezaie started his speech by welcoming the participants and presented his achievements. Further, he continued his speech with the ideas, opportunities and tactics of how to become an inventor.

In the seminar ideas, opportunities, techniques of creativity, invention and entrepreneurship were taught to those interested. The management of Gharjistan University encouraged this new initiative in Afghanistan and considered this as an effective commencement towards creativity and innovation in country. Toward the end of the academic seminar the president of RANA CIC answered the questions raised by the partici-

pants.

The seminar was successfully completed and appreciated by all the participants, academicians and the Gharjistan University's Staff members. Moreover, it was recognized as an important academic step toward the dissemination of the culture of

innovation and creativity in Afghanistan.

The conference was sponsored by IFIA to find out the inventive and innovative individuals and encourage them to further involve in innovative activities.



Bitagram International Exposition 2016



Gwangju, November 2016
BIXPO 2016
Korea Electric Power Corporation

Gwangju, November 2016

Gwangju, November 2016 - BIXPO 2016 was organized by Korea Electric Power Corporation under IFIA’s patronage from 2 to 4 November 2016 in Kimdaejung Convention Center (KCC), Gwangju, Korea. 52000 visitors from 43 countries joined the celebration of advancement of electric power and energy technologies and industry.



IFIA President, Alireza Rastegar, was invited to have a video interview. In response to the question asked by the interviewer to express his impression on the BIXPO 2016, he remarked: “Bitagram International Exposition of Electric Power Technology is one of most effective factors in the development of power industry around the world. The participation of Electric Power CTOs, experts

from the Industrial and Academic Sector, international invention associations and the display of innovative ideas in the field of power technology helps to the improvement of this industry. IFIA considers BIXPO as one of its official events and the most important one. Although BIXPO is organized for only 2 years, it is comparable with the events in America and Germany which have

a long history. The organization of conferences with the attendance of experts can offer this industry a new outlook. Also the participation of businessmen and investors in BIXPO can contribute to the commercialization of innovative ideas”.

IFIA President
Alireza Rastegar
Video Interview



IFIA

Representative in the Fourth

WIPO GREEN

Annual Meeting



it has gone through. He quoted: “WIPO GREEN is a platform for collaboration and it will become more important in light of these developments”.

Then, the agenda of previous meeting was adopted and the minutes approved. Ms. Anja von der Ropp presented the report of 2016 highlighting the improvements WIPO GREEN has achieved including the connections made between providers and seekers through the database,

the rise in the number of partners, increase in the number and type of technologies available for license, sale or collaboration, the importance of WIPO GREEN’s matchmaking project on water and agriculture in East Africa for facilitating green technology transfer and the partner activities to provide opportunities for the WIPO GREEN Network.

After the meeting, Mr. Adil Maliki, the OMPIC director offered his willingness to collaborate

with Morocco Union of Inventors within the terms of MOU in order to offer financial support to dedicated a booth exclusively for Morocco in Germany, South Korea and the United States every year starting from 2017 and to ensure airplane tickets and accommodations for Moroccan inventors participating in these events.

Morocco
12 November 2016
WIPO GREEN Annual Meeting



Morocco
12 November 2016
WIPO GREEN Annual Meeting

Marrakesh, 12 November 2016

The fourth WIPO GREEN annual meeting was organized on November 12, 2016 in Marrakesh, Morocco and the partners were invited to attend the event. Majid El Bouazzaoui, the President of Union of Inventors represented IFIA and proposed the organization of WIPO-IFIA Green Invention Exhibition alongside IFIA events which was

welcomed by the participants.

The meeting was chaired by Mr. El Maliki and Ms. von der Ropp. The opening was addressed by Jukka Uosukainen, the Director of Climate Technology Center and Network in Copenhagen. She explained the great value ensuing from WIPO GREEN – CTCN partnership and the practical

uses of IP in the development and diffusion of sustainable technologies where WIPO provides information and practical insights.

Afterwards Takeshi Ueno, the Ex-President of Japan Intellectual Property Association (JIPA) spoke about the past, the present and the future of WIPO GREEN and the developments



International Exhibition of Inventions in Kunshan 2016



Kunshan, November 2016 – The 9th International Exhibition of Inventions in Kunshan, co-sponsored by International Federation of Inventors' Associations (IFIA) and China Association of Inventions was a complete success.

The grand gathering was supported by China's Ministry of Science and Technology, China Association of Science and Technology, the State Intellectual

Property Office, National Defense Intellectual Property Bureau, Jiangsu Provincial Intellectual Property Bureau and the Suzhou Municipal Science and Technology Bureau, Kunshan municipal government and other units and all sectors of society.

IFIA President, Alirezar Restagar was among the top VIPs engaging actively throughout the opening, the International Forum on Inventions and Entrepreneurship, and the awarding ceremonies. He had frequent exchanges and communications with participating inventors from all over the world.

IEIK also convened senior overseas government officials like the Vice Minister from Iranian Ministry of Science, Research and Technology, dozens of IFIA member association presidents, university

chancellors and industrial leaders. "I highly appreciate that IFIA is our co-sponsor, and President Alirezar Rastegar co-organizes this special event" commented Mr Huarong Yu, CAI Executive President and Secretary General.

Nearly 3000 inventions were on display at about 1000 booths. Domestic participation was from provinces, municipalities and autonomous regions as well as armed forces and other units, the industrial associations. Nearly 150 overseas participants came from about 40 countries, regions and international organizations.

After the hard work of the international and domestic juries, the domestic inventions and the international pavilions received gold, silver, and bronze medals. In addition, the special and cash awards and prizes of WIPO, IFIA, Geneva Expo, the Macao Foundation, Collin Co., Ltd., Ali-Homa and Baosteel Group, etc. were won by outstanding inventions and inventors.

The theme of the event was "Mass Entrepreneurship and Innovation". The exhibition showcased inventions of a number of big data, artificial intelligence, cloud computing and other new technologies, internet plus format of the new project, and magnificent high-level innovative products.

Thirteen foreign speakers shared their experience and ideas on promoting invention and entrepreneurship. International participants visited the famous Chinese enterprise Bao-Wu Steel group, witnessing the admirable spirit of craftsmen.



International Innovation and Invention Competition 2016



IIC 2016,
Organized by CIIS

Taiwan, December 2016 – The International Innovation and Invention Competition was established in 2010 organized by Chinese Invention and Innovation Society (CIIS) in Taiwan. This year, the 7th annual of IIC was organized with the support of Salon «ARCHIMEDES» and International Federation of Inventors' Associations (IFIA).

456 inventions from 14 countries including Taiwan, Indonesia, Hong Kong, Mainland China, Thailand, United Arab Emirates, Japan, Russia, Croatia, Serbia, the Republic of Kazakhstan, India, Morocco, and Korea were exhibited. 70% of the showcased inventions were the research and development outcomes of technological universities and the remaining 30% were the youth inventors from elementary, middle and high school.

One of the main goals of CIIS is to encourage youth inventors. In IIC 2016, a total of 111 gold, 82 silver and 22 bronze medals were awarded, and a grand award ceremony was held at the Taipei Ambassador Hotel on December 15.

Hong Kong

International Invention and Design Competition



IIDC invention competition was organized by CIIS in collaboration with Hong Kong Trade Development Council (HKTDC) during 1-3 December in Hong Kong Convention and Exhibition Center, global invention zone. This event gathered more than 200 inventors and 100 inventions from Canada, Chad, Chinese mainland, Croatia, Hong Kong, Iraq, Japan, Korea, Pakistan, Slovenia, Spain, Taiwan, Thailand, and United Arab Emirates. The Competition was under the categories of “innovative technology”, “medical and healthcare”, “smart home and building” and “eco and better living”.

With the support of HKTDC, the IIDC competition and exhibition got a fruitful outcome and came to a successful conclusion. Like many other international invention exhibitions, the Hong Kong Exhibition was exhibition-competition based; however, its greatest distinction is that with HKTDC as intermediary, the events were generally based on the trade of intellectual property rights and partnership with buyers. In the 3-day exhibition, buyers were able to immediately enquire about commercially viable inventions and place direct orders, and this active

on-site trade channel that allowed inventors to successfully receive orders was a key feature in the exhibition.

IIDC was also supported by International Federation of Inventors Associations (IFIA), relying on the assistance of IFIA and its President (Alireza Rastegar) who drew talented inventors from all over the world and provided two IFIA Best Invention awards. One of the awards was presented to Invention “Certified Organic Neem Shampoo: Hair Therapy for Scalp and Hair Problem” from Thailand. This invention already USDA certified and sold in the US and Germany, attracted much attention at the exhibition and received orders from Hong Kong and Taiwan. The other award was presented to Invention “A Portable I-Orchid for Noninvasive, Biochemical Consumable-Free, and Fast Examination of Orchid Diseases” from Taiwan; this invention is a viral test for orchids.



In Taiwan, orchids industry is a high economic value crop and a significant export product. However viral infection in orchids is a major concern for floriculturists, yet traditional methods of viral testing involve damage to the flowers. The new viral test does not damage the flowers and does not require any consumable material. It is a precise and economical technique that is already in use for detecting virus in orchids.

The inventions in IIDC exhibition included patents from all over the world. Half of these inventions came from technology industries, university incubation centers and academic research. Youth inventor continued to be a highlight of this event. Twenty inventions were from elementary, middle and senior high schools, at the age range of 5 to 18, displaying many brilliant ideas, creativity and English fluency of these young inventors when describing their inventions to international buyers are particularly noteworthy. At the exhibition, many of them even received orders from Hong Kong, Singapore, and Malaysia marking them as young but brilliant successes.



Thailand Inventor's Day



Thailand Inventors' Day 2017 was held by National Research Council of Thailand during 2 – 6 February 2017 at Bangkok International Trade & Exhibition Centre (BITEC) in Thailand. NRCT has cooperated with allied agencies since 1995 to hold the "Inventors' Day" in Thailand. This event is held annually to be an open forum for all Thai and international inventors and to create networking opportunity among them.

The ceremony was officially opened with the participation of ACM Prajin Juntong, Deputy Prime Minister of Thailand, Prof Sirirug Songsivilai, Secretary General of National Research Council of Thailand and

Prof Dr. Michel Stozza, IFIA Director.

Every year in Thailand Inventors' Day, an international pavilion is set up for exhibiting the potential and interesting invention and innovation of international inventors or innovators. In 2017, this exhibition was known as "2017 Bangkok International Intellectual Property, Invention, Innovation and Technology Exposition" (IPITEx 2017) aiming to create the collaboration between Thai and international inventors.

The Inventions were presented at the exhibition in two categories of 'Inventions for Society and Quality

of Life' and 'Innovations for Industry'. Over 200 inventions from 28 organizations and 19 countries including Iran, Poland, China, Japan, South Korea, Malaysia, Indonesian, Sri Lanka, Lebanon, United Arab Emirates, Egypt and Switzerland exhibited the technologies in the international pavilion. Moreover, there were more than 1000 inventions in domestic zone.



IFIA and KIPA Meeting: Discussing Mutual Cooperation

Seoul, 5 December 2016 – A meeting was held between IFIA President, Alireza Rastegar and KIPA President, Lee Joon-seok in KIPA Headquarters, Seoul, South Korea.

Early in the meeting, Lee Joon-seok extended his appreciation for IFIA President's attendance in SIIF 2016, the supports offered and the cooperation made to successfully organize the event. Afterwards, Alireza Rastegar provided a detailed report of IFIA Budget 2014 and 2015 as well as the collaboration policies with other organizations and countries.

Moreover, the parties had a discussion in regard with IFIA and KIPA's joint cooperation to expand KIPA activities at an international level. Taking into account KIPA's large experience in providing training courses

like IP Panorama, idea formation, patent protection at different age ranges, IFIA President offered the proposal for exchanging such training courses with IFIA members which was accepted by KIPA President.

The parties also reached an agreement on introducing and transferring the Korean technologies with other countries for the betterment and advancement of technologies in other countries.

Finally, IFIA President assured IFIA's support for the further development and larger participation of states in the next annual of Seoul International Invention Fair (SIIF) by utilizing IFIA worldwide networks and potentials for the success of the event.



5 December 2016
IFIA and KIPA Meeting

Seoul International Invention Fair 2016

Seoul, December 2016 - The Seoul International Invention Fair as one of the world's largest international invention fairs was held by the Korea Invention Promotion Association (KIPA) during 1 - 4 December, 2016 under the patronage of World Intellectual Property Organization (WIPO) and International Federation of Inventors' Associations (IFIA).

SIIF 2016 showcased a total of 643 pieces of inventions from 31 participating countries like the USA,



Germany and China including 176 inventions from 120 local (South Korean) companies. Together with the main exhibition, there was the International Invention & Business Pavilion which displayed 20 types of inventions from foreign inventors living in South Korea who wish to open up their own business.



SIIF 2016 provided the participants with various opportunities from entering into the open market, technology transfer, access to crowd funding or business meetings for purchase or investment.

As an event that showcased global state-of-the-art technologies, SIIF has been putting efforts into building up the international status of the exhibition, working on close cooperation with related international organizations and invention groups from each country to help the participants find their way into the world market.

IFIA
Representatives in
SIIF 2016



Opening IFIA & ABIPIR

Latin American Office

IFIA and ABIPIR Latin American Office is opened following the efforts and engagement of Marcelo Vivacqua, Mariangela Lückmann and Celso Lückmann, ABIPIR President, Director of Education and Events and Director of Administration respectively. The space is offered by Uniamérica University as one of the most modern and innovative spaces for superior education in Latin America.

The main objective of this office is 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.



IFIA & ABIPIR
Latin American Office



IFIA Memorial

Medal Awarded to Iraqi Minister of Oil



Iraq, 19 December 2016 - IFIA Memorial Medal and Certificate was awarded to the Iraqi Minister of Oil, Mr. Jabbar Ali Hussein Al during the Award Ceremony of Iraqi Energy Innovation Exhibition which took place on 19 December 2016 under the patronage of International Federation of Inventors' Associations

(IFIA) and Ministry of oil.

IFIA Memorial Medal was conferred to appreciate the contributions Mr. Jabbar Ali Hussein Al has made to the community of Iraqi inventors. This outstanding opportunity for showcasing the top technologies of Iraqi inventors was provided due

to the unconditional support of the Minister of Oil offered to the innovators of Iraq.

IFIA holds the conviction that any contribution to the promotion of invention and innovation must be recognized and honored.



Iraq,
December 2016
Iraqi Energy Innovation Exhibition

Iraqi Energy Innovation Exhibition 2016

Iraq, December 2016 - Iraqi Energy Innovation Exhibition was organized during 18-19 December 2016 under the patronage of International Federation of Inventors' Association (IFIA) and Ministry of oil which removed the obstacles between the inventors and the manufacturers.

IFIA representative addressed a speech during the opening ceremony expressing the hope to turn the event into an international exhibition for the next years' edition. Moreover, IFIA projects including the online course and pro bono programs were presented to be utilized by the Iraqi inventors.

The event provided a suitable platform for gathering the inventors and investors, sharing their scientific thoughts and creating cooperation opportunities between them. 72 exhibitors showcased cutting-edge technologies, over 700 visitors including university professors, researchers and inventors of public sectors visited the exhibition, and 24 companies participated from private sector in order to invest on these patents and convert them to applicable technology which can be used in energy fields.

The Award ceremony convened Mr. Jabbar Ali Hussein Al-Luebi, the Minister of Oil, Dr. Karim A. Alwan, Manager of Petroleum Research & Development Center and Dr. Zaydon K. Kreamid, President of Iraqi forum of Inventors. IFIA Representative awarded IFIA Memorial Medal and Certificate to the Minister of Oil to appreciate the supports he has offered to the community of Iraqi inventors.



IFIA AS NONPROFIT ASSOCIATION IN CALIFORNIA



Pursuant to the decision made during IFIA Executive Committee meeting dated 13 July 2016, International Federation of Inventors' Associations (IFIA) is registered as an Unincorporated Nonprofit Association with the registration No. 15558 in the state of California.

IFIA plans to fulfill the following objectives as an acting nonprofit association in California:

1. Encourage the National Inventor's Associations of United States to join IFIA
2. Create a Union of Inventors encompassing all of the national associations
3. Offer IFIA services to the American inventors
4. Encourage the organization of annual conferences, symposiums and seminars
5. Facilitate the exchange of knowl-

edge between USA and IFIA member states

IFIA is confident that the registration of IFIA in the State of California will lead to the further achievement of IFIA's mission which is to disseminate the culture of invention and innovation around the world and helps to the exchange of technologies between America and the other member states of IFIA.