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PATLIB network in Poland - current activities and future directions

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What is the PATLIB network? What are PATLIB centres?

PATLIB stands for **PATent LIBrary.**

The PATLIB centres were created to provide users with

 local access to patent information and related issues.

The centres have qualified and experienced staff

who offer practical assistance on a variety of Intellectual Property Rights (IPR).

Working in the language of the country concerned, they are familiar with the needs and

requirements of local industry, agriculture and trade, and are able to provide valuable information

services, especially to small and medium-sized enterprises, private inventors and academics.


The PATLIB network is made up of patent information centres located throughout Europe.

They were created to improve communication and co-operation between individual centres and

promoting patent information awareness and the provision of services to the public.

38 member states, ~340 PATLIB centres

Albania • Austria • Belgium •
Bulgaria • Croatia • Cyprus •
Czech Republic • Denmark •
Estonia • Finland • France •
Germany • Greece • Hungary •
Iceland • Ireland • Italy • Latvia •
Liechtenstein • Lithuania •
Luxembourg • Former Yugoslav
Republic of Macedonia • Malta •
Monaco • Netherlands • Norway •
Poland • Portugal • Romania •
San Marino • Serbia • Slovakia •
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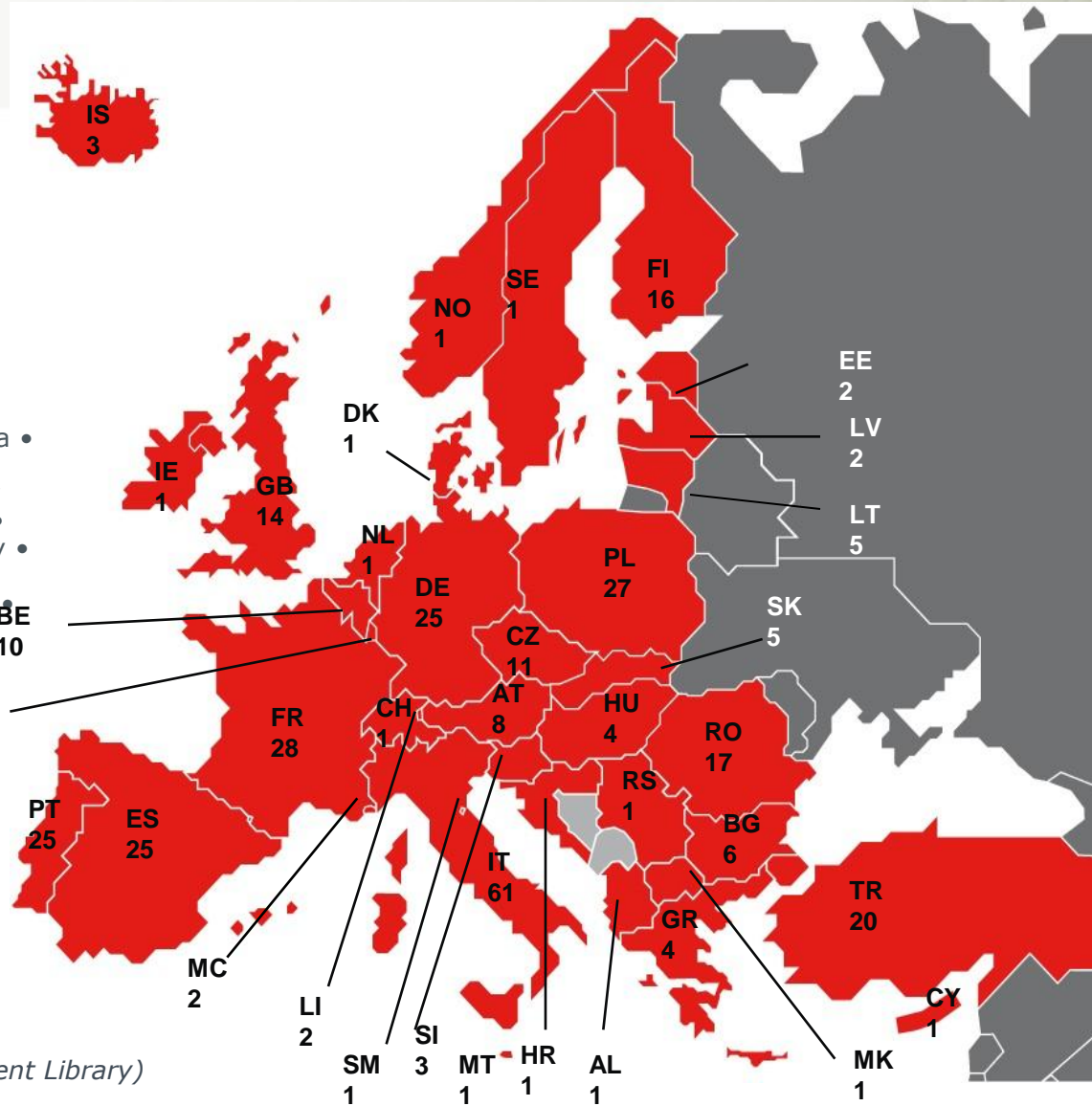
source: H.Krestel, The PATLIB (Patent Library) Network in Europe, 2010

PATLIB diversification

- PATLIB centres in Europe are very diverse in
  - attachment to national or regional supervising authorities
  - size (staff, infrastructure)
  - user structure
  - services provided
  - funding
- Main users:
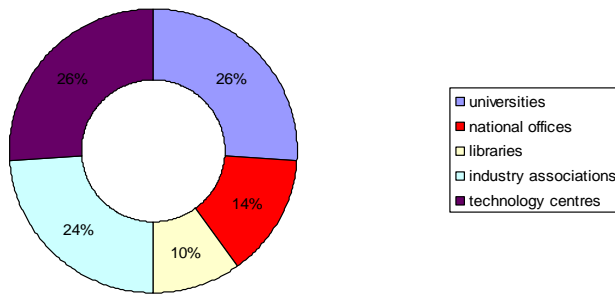 - small and medium sized enterprises
  - academic sector

Fig. 2 Structure of staff

- librarian
- business.lawyer
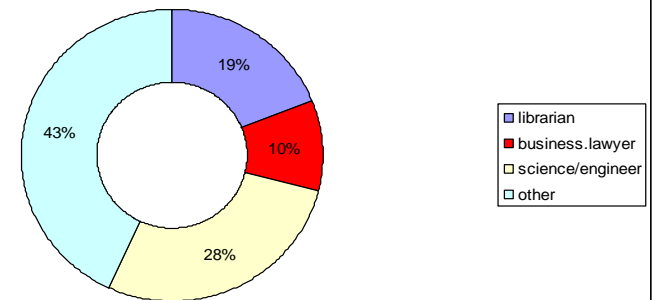- science/engineer
- other

19%
10%
28%
43%

Fig. 1 Types of hosting authorities

- universities
- national offices
- libraries
- industry associations
- technology centres

26%
26%
14%
10%
24%

Fig.3 Assigned budget (freedom of investing, budget flexibility)

- yes
- no

no 36%
yes 64%

source: B. Feret, A. Sabela, What are the ideal conditions for a PATLIB centre to remain useful? PATLIB Conference, Sofia, May 2009
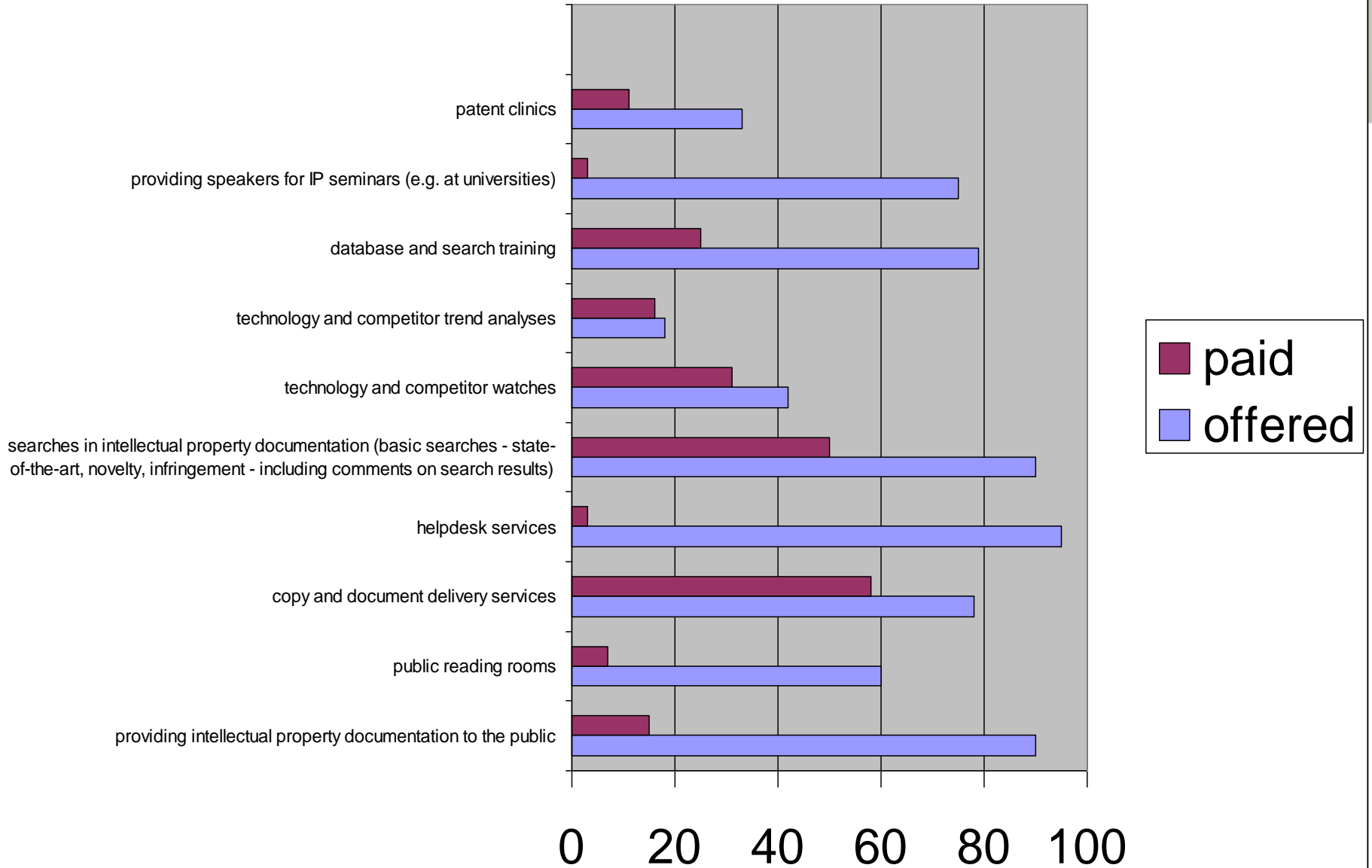*H.Krestel, The PATLIB (Patent Library) Network in Europe, 2010*
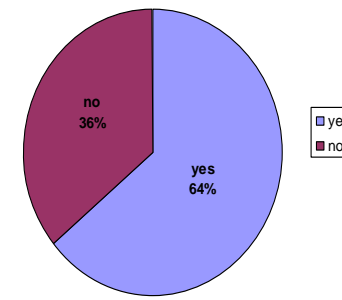
Fig.4 Services offered by PATLIB centres

EPO support for PATLIB centres

- Information on each centre on the EPO website (directory), including links to their websites
- Annual PATLIB conference as platform for communication and exchange of best practice
- Training on EPO patent information tools and other relevant topics (at EPO premises or on site upon request)
- Financial support - according to the rules of the new co-operation policy (100% / 75% / 25%)
- CD-ROM collections, general periodicals and publications - available free of charge from the EPO following a request via the national patent offices
- NEW!!! GPI (Global Patent Index) one access (userID+password) per PATLIB free of charge

PATLIB Directory
http://www.epo.org/searching/patlib/directory.html

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Directory of patent information centres (PATLIB)

This directory gives the addresses of PATLIB centres as provided by their national patent office and, where possible, the names of contact persons. The directory will help members of the public to find their nearest PATLIB centre, and the centres themselves to contact their counterparts in other EPO member states.

Find a PATLIB centre

Find your local one.

Slovak Republic ▾   Go

List your PATLIB centres

National patent offices and PATLIB centres should write to Patlib_Team@epo.org to add a new centre to this directory or to update their contact details.

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Importance of annual PATLIB conference

The annual PATLIB conference - jointly organised and funded by the host-country patent office and the EPO. The event provides a unique platform for PATLIB staff to exchange experiences and information with one another and with the EPO.

Members of PATLIB Centres:

- Exchange best practice ideas
- Compare activities
- Attend training sessions with selected experts
- Visit the commercial exhibition

2011 – new formula of conference:
Even years 2012,214,2016..
Exchange of experiences, networking event at a memeber state
Odd years: 2013,2015 etc.
A training event at an EPO location

PATLIB2011

23 - 25 May 2011
European Patent Office
The Hague, Netherlands

Training on EPO patent information

e-learning - variety of modules relating to a wide range of patent-related topics free of charge

Global Patent Index

- The EPO Global Patent Index product (GPI) combines the EPO worldwide data collection available in esp@cenet with the search capabilities offered by the MIMOSA retrieval software

- bibliographic data from more than 80 patent offices

- additional information such as legal status data

- links to complete documents and the IPC classification

- GPI allows carry out worldwide state-of-the-art searches and patent watches.

PATLIBs in a globalized world

- All sorts of patent databases from various providers are available via the internet, often free of charge
- New tools such a machine translation are available
- Customers come up with new and higher demands

PATLIBs role is changing from an information provider to an information supporter

New challenges for PATLIBs

- „New players"on the market - not longer "monopolists" in providing patent information
- Rapidly changing information technology
- PATLIBs have to actively promote their services
- PATLIBs have to offer more value added and customer related services

- EPO vision: development of PATLIB Centres into
- IP Centres of excellence combining the customer orientation, profound knowledge of patent procedures and tools as well as the economic context of innovation

Co-operation programme to reorient patent information centres (pilot project)

- Objective:
  - Enable PATLIB centres to offer patent related innovation support services mainly in the pre-filing and commercialisation phase of inventions
  - Sustainability of the services

- Implementation procedure:
  - pilot project with a limited number of centres to test the concept
  - after successful completion -> larger scale implementation possibly supported by the European Commission
  - inclusion in the National Action Plans

Co-operation programme to reorient patent information centres (pilot project)

Project components:

- Tools for
    - enhanced user support for searches (e.g. shared browsing)
    - patent analyses and visualisation of search results
    - development of patent strategies and patent portfolio management
    - evaluation of the economic potential of inventions

- Modular training programme and e-learning tools

- Coaching by staff from well developed centres already offering sophisticated innovation support services

The pilot project phases

- Start-up phase: November 2010 - April 2011, with a focus on extended search services

- Implementation phase: May 2011 - April 2012, with a focus on supplementary services (commercialisation support, patent strategy development, assessing economic value of IP, networking contacts)

- Consolidation phase: May 2012 - November 2013 (with possible extension), with a focus on business development and the sustainability of PATLIBs.

  After successful completion of the pilot project, larger scale implementation is planned, with non-pilot PATLIBS also to benefit from the improvements.

  Since the start of the pilot in November 2010, 17 PATLIB centres in 11 countries (CZ, EE, ES, FI, FR, IT, LV, PL, RO, SK, TR), have introduced new search, IP strategy, statistical analysis and monitoring services.

PATIB network in Poland

27 Patent Information Centres (PICs) are situated in all regions of Poland. Centres act within the organisational structures of institutions of higher education and other related facilities.

- most of them are located at university libraries, some of them have become an integral part of either academic units, established with a view to supporting technology transfer, or innovation centres, 1 PIC is situated at a Science and Technology Park, 3 PICs belong to associations supporting technological development

- 2005 - new revised agreements were signed between Polish Patent Office and all 27 Patent Information Centres. Said agreements defined obligations of the Patent Office regarding provision of the Centres with printed informational materials (electronic and printed) and technical equipment. The Centres have been obligated to provide office space and essential services.

PATENT INFORMATION CENTRES IN POLAND

Polish Patent Office activities supporting Patent Information Centres

Polish Patent Office:

- provides patent literature and supports infrastructure development

- ensures that PICs are given access to its databases and official publications.

- provides the PICs free-of-charge with its publications relating to the patent law and the ones promulgating the knowledge in this field

- organises annual seminars for patent attorneys and PICs in Cedzyna and Swider (which have been organised for twenty-nine and sixteen years respectively)

- Invites the staff of PICs to participate in a number of events hosted by the PPO such as conferences, symposia and trainings attended by a wide range of participants

- underlines the essential role of PICs in promoting innovativeness by organising numerous meetings with rectors of higher education institutions, representatives of government and local authorities.

The main services offered by Patent Information Centres in Poland:

- Public reading room including assistance for clients searches,
- Intellectual Property Rights Helpdesk services (procedures, fees, etc.),
- Provision of IP documentation,
- Basic search services, e.g. on bibliographic data and legal status,
- Sophisticated searches (state-of-the art, novelty, infringement searches),
- Training events,
- Assistance in the commercialisation of patents,
- Patent clinics (collaboration with local attorneys).

Some statistics - PATLIBs in Poland

Fig.5 Number of Information questions in PICs
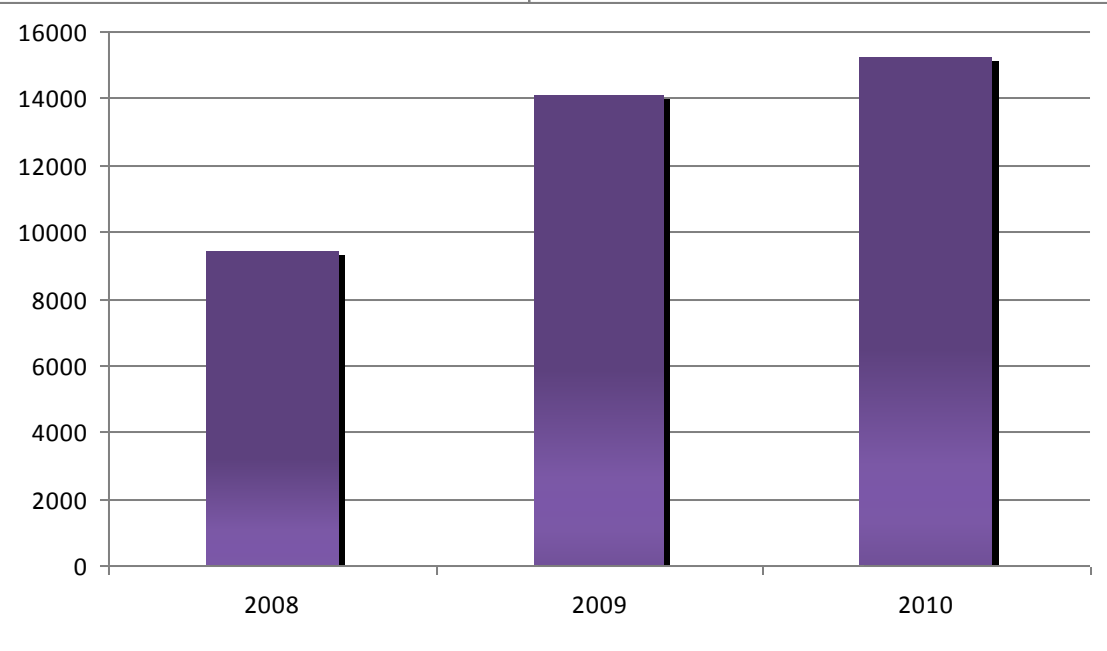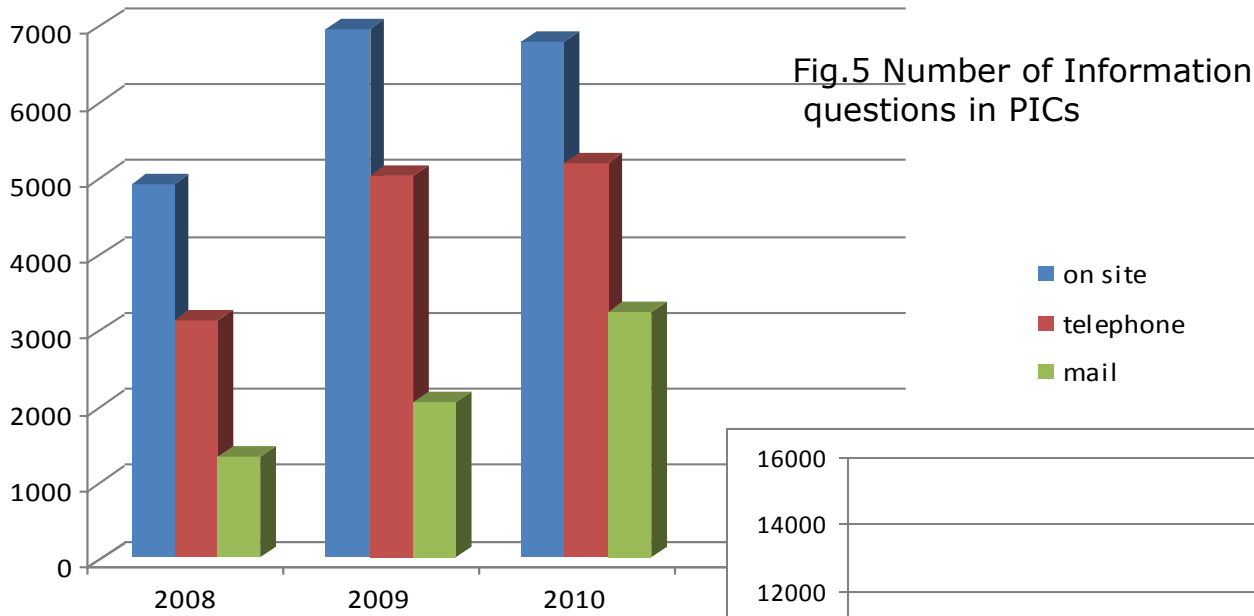
- on site
- telephone
- mail

Fig 6. Total number of users in PICs

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- AGH University of Science and Technology in Krakow where 30 thousands students acquire technical knowledge is numbered to the leading group of the technical universities in Poland.

- Main University Library along with Patlib Centre play role of a science and patent information centre.

- Patlib Centre extensively co-operates with the special University unit that is Technology Transfer Centre AGH University of Science and Technology www.ctt.agh.edu.pl that assures essential, formal and legal support for inventive activities of the University. Elaboration of application documentation and filing are *inter alia* the results of TTC's actions. Second field is implementation of results of R&D works, management of licenses and know-how.

- All users, including those who are beyond of the University community, have free access to the patent and scientific information.

- Users: patent attorneys, SMEs, students, scientists working for other institutions of higher education, employees in various organizations

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Basic services:
- <u>Public reading room</u> The reading room provides the users with access to national, European and international IP documentation so that they can perform their own searches. PATLIB staff advises the public how to search and how to retrieve relevant documents. Visitors may search IP databases free-of-charge using the workstations provided.

- <u>Helpdesk services</u>: The PATLIB centre provides information on IP procedures, different kinds of IP rights, the requirements for filing an IP application, fees, search possibilities, etc. Legal advice is not included in this service.

Sophisticated services:
- <u>Search services</u>: The PATLIB centre carries out IP searches for the public. This service may range from relatively basic bibliographic searches (e.g. for a patent number, an applicant's or inventor's name or the legal status of an application) to highly sophisticated searches concerning technical areas (state-of-the-art, novelty and infringement searches). Explanatory information, comments and interpretations of the search results may be provided with the search reports.

- <u>User training</u>: The PATLIB centre organises training sessions (seminars, workshops) concerning IP rights, databases, search techniques and other IP-related issues.

Patent databases available at AGH - PATLIB

local access:

- QPAT

- GLOBAL PATENT INDEX

- ESPACE-BULLETIN

- ESPACE-PRECES

- ESPACE-EP A

- ESPACE-EP B

- ESPACE-WORLD

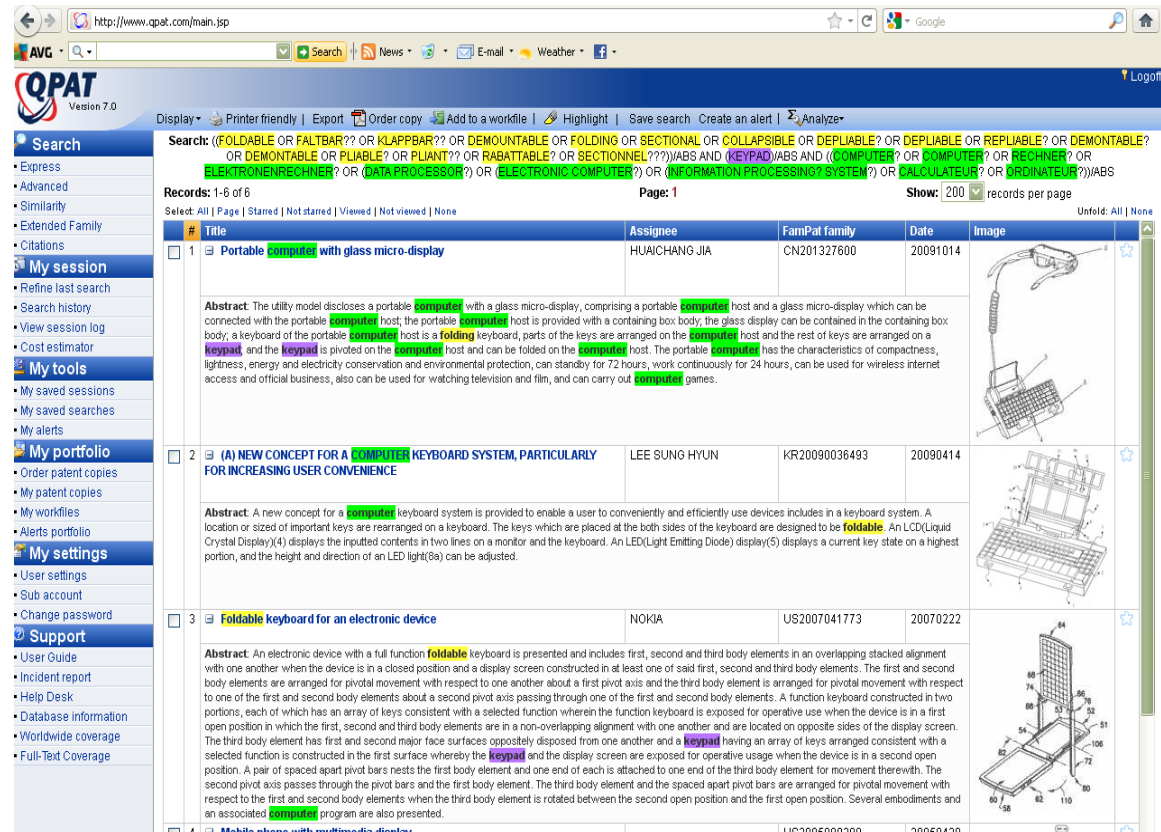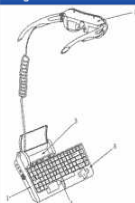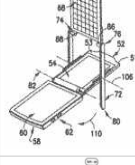free internet resources:

- Polish Patent Office databases
- espacenet
- depatisnet
- PatentScope
- Google Patent Search
- USPTO databases
- and many others relating to trademarks, designs

Patent database QPAT by Questel

- commercial database covering more than 90 offices, grouped in invention-based families (daily updates)

- contains: 60+ million patent documents, 40+ million abstracts summarizing inventions (in native or machine-aided English), 18+ million patent drawings. From the 19th century

- professional tool allows to perform technology watch, state of art surveys etc.

Challenges and development perspectives of the Polish PICs

- Patent attorneys or patent attorney trainees should be employed at all PICs,

- PICs should provide patent monitoring services, patent statistic of analysis, including visualisation and interpretation of results,

- PICs should include conducting patent searches and carrying out trainings on patent searches,

- PICs should be creating and managing IP portfolios and multiple databases for streamlining the technology transfer,

- PICs should also advance in raising IP awareness and creating IP culture by providing trainings workshops and seminars

source: K. Skiba, The role of the Polish Patent Office and Polish Patent Information Centers in the Innovation Support Networks. Direction: knowledge transfer to industry. INTER-REGIONAL SYMPOSIUM „Access to Patent Information and Its Strategic Use for Promotion of Innovation" Moscow, December 01, 2010

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