



## ASIP News

### The Arab Society for Intellectual Property (ASIP)

The Arab Society for Intellectual Property (ASIP) headed by Dr. Talal Abu-Ghazaleh is a non-profit organization that was established on February 23, 1987 in Munich Germany, by some of the top practitioners in the many fields of intellectual property (IP) in the Arab region. Its mission is to bring together the IP professionals and practitioners in the Arab region and to help build awareness and understanding of intellectual property issues and their dynamics.

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## The Arab Society for Intellectual Property holds a training course in Dubai

**DUBAI - October 16, 2016** The Arab Society for Intellectual Property held a training course on the concepts of Intellectual Property (IP) for the employees of Dubai Custom to promote their knowledge and understanding of these topics.

Moreover, ASIP held a meeting with the Customs' IP Protection Department Manager Ms. Mahbooba Baqer and discussed ongoing cooperation between the two parties.



## Registration Data Directory Services Consistent Labeling and Display Policy Available for Public Comment – ICANN

**LOS ANGELES** - The Internet Corporation for Assigned Names and Numbers (ICANN) issued a call for public comment on a revised version of the Registry Registration Data Directory Services Consistent Labeling and Display Policy. According to ICANN, comments will be accepted until 23:59 UTC on December 12, 2016.

The policy, which was published for implementation on July 26, 2016, has been rescinded. It will no longer take effect on February 1, 2017, as originally scheduled. ICANN intends to consider all comments on the revised version and then issue a new policy and effective date in the first quarter of 2017.



In the revised version of the Registry Registration Data Directory Services Consistent Labeling and Display Policy, ICANN has removed language that requires registries to implement the Registration Data Access Protocol (RDAP). The protocol will be mandated through contractual agreement rather than through consensus policy.

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### ASIP holds the Arab Certified Intellectual Property Practitioner (ACIPP) Certificate exam in Egypt

**CAIRO – October 19, 2016** The Arab Society for Intellectual Property (ASIP) held the Arab Certified Intellectual Property Practitioner (ACIPP) Certificate exams in Egypt for a group of Abu-Ghazaleh Intellectual Property (AGIP) employees.

The program comprises three modules :

1. Trademarks and Unfair Competition
2. Patents of Inventions and Trade Secrets
3. Copyrights and Related Rights



### USPTO seeks further public input on patent subject matter eligibility

**WASHINGTON - October 14, 2016** The US Department of Commerce's United States Patent and Trademark Office (USPTO) announced that as part of its effort to solicit input from the public regarding the legal contours of patent subject matter eligibility, it will be holding two roundtables, one in November and one in December.

"In recent years, the jurisprudence on the very basic issue of what is patent eligible subject matter has been evolving requiring adjustments by innovators, businesses, lower courts and administrative agencies such as the USPTO," said Under Secretary of Commerce for Intellectual Property and Director of the United States Patent and Trademark Office Michelle K. Lee. "Our goal is to minimize any uncertainty in the patent system by ensuring we not only continue to apply the statute and case law in this area as faithfully as possible, but also understand the impact of the jurisprudence on innovation by assessing what, if any, changes might be helpful to further support innovation."



In a notice published in the Federal Register, the USPTO announced that it will begin a nationwide conversation on patent eligible subject matter through two roundtable discussions. The first roundtable will be held on November 14, 2016, at the USPTO headquarters in Alexandria, Virginia. This roundtable will focus on the USPTO's continuing efforts to seek input from across the country and across industries on how the USPTO can improve the agency's subject matter eligibility guidance and training examples. To facilitate a broader legal discussion on the contours of patentable subject matter, the USPTO will host a second roundtable on December 5, 2016, at Stanford University in Stanford, California.

Source: <https://www.uspto.gov/about-us/news-updates/uspto-seeks-further-public-input-patent-subject-matter-eligibility>