



## 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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## ASIP to hold a specialized workshop in Oman next November

**MUSCAT - September 25, 2016** The Arab Society for Intellectual Property (ASIP) will hold a workshop on November 3, 2016 at Waljat College of Applied Sciences in Oman.

This workshop will tackle the role of Intellectual Property Rights (IPRs) in cultural and economic development through a series of sessions in which experts will introduce the participants to topics related to IPRs regulations and legislation.



National and international speakers with vast experience in Intellectual Property Rights will enrich the knowledge of the participants with up-to-date information and related practices.

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## ASIP and the National Library to establish a specialized entity for protecting the rights of innovators

**AMMAN – September 4, 2016** Arab Society for Intellectual Property (ASIP) presented a working paper entitled “Cooperation between ASIP and the National Library to establish a specialized entity in protecting the rights of innovators, and in guaranteeing their rights” at the workshop organized by the National Library.



The workshop was attended by a host of judges from various Arab countries, World Intellectual Property Organization (WIPO) representative, in addition to officials from the Library and ASIP representatives.

Local and international lecturers submitted a number of specialized working papers on the basic concepts of copyright, Jordanian Copyright Law, Copyright and Neighboring Rights in the Digital Environment.

They also discussed the responsibility of Internet service providers concerning content-related services, including permissions and prohibitions, balance between protection and public interest, the role of the National Library and prospects of establishing a collective management organization for copyrights in Jordan.



## USPTO designates Las Cruces, new Mexico library a PTRC

WASHINGTON – September 16, 2016 The US Department of Commerce’s United States Patent and Trademark Office (USPTO) is opening a new Patent and Trademark Resource Center (PTRC) at the New Mexico State University (NMSU) Library located in Las Cruces, New Mexico. The New Mexico State University Library is the only PTRC in the state of New Mexico and will assist citizens throughout the state seeking patent and trademark protection for their Intellectual Property. The NMSU Library will have a staff of USPTO trained librarians to provide customer assistance on the use of the agency’s patent and trademark databases.



PTRCs are a nationwide network of public, state and academic libraries. They support inventors, Intellectual Property attorneys and agents, business people, researchers, entrepreneurs, students, historians and the general public unable to visit the USPTO headquarters in Alexandria, Virginia. Services at the resource centers are free, and include assistance in accessing and using patent and trademark documents, training on USPTO databases, obtaining access to the USPTO Website, and hosting public seminars on Intellectual Property topics for novice and experienced innovators.

The modern PTRC network began in 1871 when federal law first provided for the distribution of printed patents to libraries for use by the public. The addition of the New Mexico State University Library to the PTRC network makes a total of 85 resource centers located in 47 states, the District of Columbia, and Puerto Rico.

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