

## **HUNGARY COMMENTS – SCP/21**

### ***Exceptions and Limitations to Patent Rights***

The Hungarian IP Office responded to the Questionnaire on Exceptions and Limitation to Patent Rights in 2011. The submitted information is still valid, the responses are available at <http://www.wipo.int/scp/en/exceptions/replies/hungary.html>.

### ***Transfer of Technology***

Although there are legislation requirements towards higher education institutes in Hungary to set up an office responsible for managing IP generated at the university and technology transfer as such, the organization of technology transfer related initiatives mainly takes a bottom-up approach.

The best example of this is the so called *Felsőoktatási Technológia Transzfer Fórum* (Forum for the Technology Transfer in the Higher Education, FTTF) which is a loose alliance of the most active and successful TTOs in Hungary. These TTOs have formed the FTTF over a year ago to share best practices and create a unanimous voice behind the interests and needs of the teams responsible for delivering on the expectations towards the Hungarian higher education technology transfer offices.

Secondly, these TTOs have established a series of recommendations that are aimed for other TTOs in the country currently not participating in the Forum as well as providing an overview of current issues for the legislative forum that can address these issues through governmental intervention of some sort. This recommendation can be regarded as a bottom-up initiative for a certain standardization in the field of technology transfer at the national higher education institutes that may point towards a more unified arena of technology transfer in the future. If followed up by appropriate legislative measures in order to overcome the still existing legal obstacles, it may create a solution that can more closely address the real needs of technology transfer in Hungary than a top-down approach legislation might.

Regarding the governmental initiatives to support the field of knowledge and technology transfer, a recent and hopefully successful initiative was the tender for accredited technology incubators published by the National Innovation Office. The aim of the tender was to select a handful of companies with proper experience, knowledge base and international network that can act as incubators for selected start-ups. They are to provide systematic mentoring to the selected start-ups based on their own resources and network and help them become suitable to enter the international markets and attract venture capital. The ultimate goal of the state accredited incubators is to establish a system with the help of the state that can act as a multiplier of knowledge and as a technology and business network for high-potential start-ups, eventually the gazelles of the national industry. By the end of 2013 four accredited technology incubators had been awarded and started their operation.

### ***Certain aspects of national/regional patent laws***

*Revised Annex II of document SCP/12/3 Rev.2: Report on the International Patent System* contains up to date information on the provisions of Hungarian patent law.

### ***National/regional laws and practices relating to the confidentiality of communications between patent advisors and their clients***

The Hungarian IP Office has submitted information on this matter in its response to letter C.8261 in July 2013. The information which can be found at [http://www.wipo.int/export/sites/www/scp/en/meetings/session\\_20/comments\\_received/hungary.pdf](http://www.wipo.int/export/sites/www/scp/en/meetings/session_20/comments_received/hungary.pdf) reflects the current legal framework regarding the confidentiality issue.