Trade marks in Switzerland still at a high

Trade marks in Switzerland continue to be popular. More than 17,000 applications for trade marks were received by the Swiss Federal Institute of Intellectual Property (IPI) in 2019, which is slightly more than the previous year. There are now more than 500,000 trade marks in force nationally. Applications for design rights, on the other hand, have remained stable, while the number of patent...

The motion “Towards a modern Swiss patent” has been approved – the IPI is preparing a preliminary draft of the revision of the Patents Act

The National Council, as second chamber, has approved the motion “Towards a modern Swiss patent” from Councillor of States Thomas Hefti. The motion, which was approved on 12 December 2019, has three objectives: a full patent examination for Swiss patent applications, the introduction of a utility model, and an extended opposition procedure. The IPI, as the competent federal authority, will...

Ticino start-ups present their innovations

On 4 December, start-ups presented their innovations as part of the Boldbrain Startup Challenge in Lugano. First place was awarded to Orchestra, a software start-up. The winners received 40,000 Swiss francs and a scholarship worth 45,000 Swiss francs. 400 people attended the ceremony. The Boldbrain programme supports start-ups in the various stages of developing a business idea. It focuses on...
Court decisions now available on our website

The Swiss courts regularly deal with cases concerning intellectual property law. The Swiss Federal Institute of Intellectual Property (IPI) has now published statistics on the court rulings. The figures on IP rights in 2018 show, for example, that the most court decisions by far are made in the area of trademark law (57%). This is followed by copyright law (27%) and patent law...

13.11.2019 | IPI
The 2018/2019 Annual Report is online

Find out what the IPI did in the 2018/2019 business year. The new annual report gives you an overview of the IPI year and explains why patent know-how is worth money and describes the services that patent experts provide for Switzerland as a location for innovation. The photographs illustrate fundamental aspects of the federal government’s “attorney’s office” for intellectual property law and...

24.10.2019 | IPI
IPI fax numbers to be discontinued from 1 January 2020

The IPI will discontinue its fax services at the end of 2019. The reason for this is that the IPI’s telecommunications provider is switching from analogue telephony to the Internet Protocol (known as All IP). As a result, faxes would be susceptible to errors and the complete transmission of messages and documents would not be guaranteed. Email and post are offered as alternative means of...

26.02.2019 | IPI
Barbara Hübscher Schmuki has been elected to the IPI’s Institute
Council

At its meeting on 13 February 2019, the Institute Council elected Barbara Hübscher Schmuki as General Secretary of the Swiss Federal Department of Justice and Police (FDJP), with effect from 1 March 2019. She was also elected to the Institute Council of the IPI. In the role of General Secretary of the FDJP and member of the Institute Council, she succeeds Matthias Ramsauer, who transferred to the...

10.12.2018 | IPI
The 2017/18 Annual Report is online

Find out what the IPI did in the 2017/18 business year. The new Annual Report gives you an overview of the IPI year and explains why the IPI is playing a key role in maintaining and developing trade mark law. The photographs illustrate basic aspects of patentability by showing important achievements from an era that was completely dominated by the digital breakthrough. We wish you an enjoyable...

09.11.2018 | IPI
Children visit the IPI on National Future Day

Eleven girls and boys visited the IPI on Switzerland’s National Future Day to get a
fascinating glimpse into the world of work of their parents. We wanted to find out what they would invent themselves. On 8 November, children got to know the IPI and take a look into the world of trade marks, patents and designs as part of Switzerland’s National Future Day. Following the welcome at 8.30am,...

08.11.2018 | ip-search, IPI

15 years of ip-search

The IPI has now been providing patent and trade mark searches for more than thirty years. But in November 2003, following a steady growth in demand for professionally prepared bases for decisions on trade marks and patents, the IPI decided to give its services its own name and platform in the form of “ip-search”. ip-search stands not only for premium quality patent and trade mark searches, but...