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Rijeka Crnojevica (Town of River of Crnojevici)

it was only 40 years after Guttenberg invention that the first book was printed here in the Balkans



- Tucked in peace of the Lake Scadar this little town stopped the time
- Rijeka Crnojevica got its name after Ivan Crnojevic than ruler of Montenegro, escaping from Turkish advances move its capital to Obod
- Oktoih, the first voice (Oktoih prvoglasnik) was the first printed book using Cyrillic script. It was printed on January 17, 1494.



Oktoih



Brief overview of Montenegrin IP system

- Under the Decision on Declaration of Independence of the Republic of Montenegro of June 3, 2006 (RM OG No. 36/06), until the enactment of the appropriate legislation of the Republic of Montenegro, all State Union legal acts that were effective at the moment of entering into force of that Decision, continued to apply as Montenegrin regulations, unless they contravene the legal system and interests of the Republic of Montenegro
- The Intellectual Property Office has officially been opened on 28th May in 2008, when the necessary conditions were met



Montenegro in the protection of patent system

- Montenegro is the member of World Intellectual Property Office from 04th December 2006
- EPO Cooperation Agreement between the Government of the Montenegro and the European Patent organization



STATISTIC 2008-2010

PUBLICATION OF PATENT APPLICATIONS BY THE GAZETTE

Publication of intellectual Property Gazette of Montenegro started in February 2010.

NUMBER 1	49 APPLICATIONS
NUMBER 2	150 APPLICATIONS
NUMBER 3	62 APPLICATIONS
TOTAL	261 APPLICATIONS

*The date of publication of the application is the date of granting patent, according to our Law on patents



International area in Montenegro



Montenegro is a member of :

- ✓ Paris Convention on industrial property rights
- ✓ PCT Patent Cooperation Treaty

National legal protection of patent

- ✓ Patent Act (published in Montenegro's Official Journal No. 66/08)
- ✓ The novelty of the new law is that the essential examination of patents was excluded.
- ✓ The provisions governing extension to Montenegro follow from Articles 104 to 113 of the Montenegrin Patent Act (published in Montenegro's Official Journal No. 66/08) and apply as from 1 March 2010.



The role of an IP Office...

- is primarily to offer protection to those who seek it and then to:
 - Obtaining a patent
 - National Patent Office
 - European Patent Office
 - Outside Europe: PCT contracting states
 - Obtaining good professional relation and cooperation with our clients



Financial support of the State

- The Ministry of Education and Science of Montenegro with University of Montenegro announced a competition FOR CO-FINANCING SCIENTIFIC RESEARCH ACTIVITY in 2010 year, stimulating the natural or legal persons from Montenegro who during 2009. and 2010. year realized and protect patent or get an innovative solution, with a maximum amount to 2,000 euro
- The State has a special law that envisages the highest level achievement of the acclaimed persons being rewarded with the special state grants, among which are also the scientists included.



Raising the awareness in small and medium enterprises

Crucial steps:

- ✓ To have vision of the importance of IP rights
- ✓ IP portfolio
- ✓ Disclose inventions
- ✓ Careful drafting of the patent transfer agreements
- ✓ Close cooperation with National IP Office concerning filing and regular maintenance of patent rights
- ✓ To have appropriate sense for competition
- ✓ Prevent any act of infringement
- ✓ Strong concept of IP role in your businesses
- ✓ To increase assessment of your Company using IP and technology



Education & Awareness Measures

- Universities & Schools, Seminars, Trainings

All of them aimed to:

- Enforcement Authorities
- Students
- Lawyers, economists, creative industries, etc.
- Businesses & Entrepreneurs
- General Public opinion
- Advertising & awareness campaigns



Montenegro Inventors

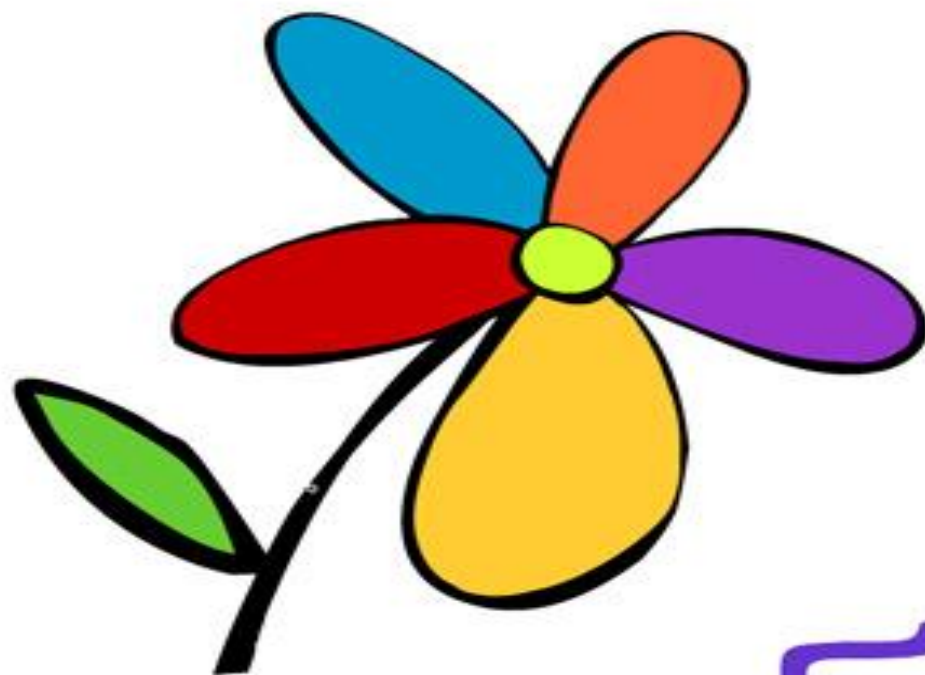
- Three important inventors are nowadays in Montenegro:
 - 1. Mr Sreten Savicevic
 - 2. Ms Svetlana Ana Popčetović
 - 2. Mr Dušan Ilinčić
- All of them are *scientists*, in field of technic
- They have been awarded for their inventions,
- At International festival of innovation Ms. Svetlana Ana Popčetović has been rewarded by the Russian Association of innovators from Sankt Petersburg



How we think to achieve consistency in patent system?

- Strong National Institution of IPR (We would like to emphasize that our Office has been recently established)
- A thoroughly devised promotion on the importance of patent protection to the relevant public
- To ensure Patent system that encourages and supports:
- A short way from ideas to creation of the patent
- Efficient connection with market
- To add value to the economy and society
- A way to contribute Montenegro in economical development





Спасибо!