

The PATLIB Centre of Turin Chamber of Commerce is at the service of industrial patent

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"Man's creativity, enhanced by the system of industrial patents, is essential to create wealth, to raise the standard of living and to enrich our cultural heritage all over the world"

Kamil Idris – General Manager of WIPO
April 26, 2002 – World Intellectual Property Day



The commitment and interest that the **Turin Chamber of Commerce** pays to technological innovation and to spreading the patent culture, have resulted in the creation of three complementary services:

-  the **PATLIB Centre**
-  the **Patents and Trademarks Sector**
-  the **ALPS Innovation Relay Centre.**



The PATLIB Centre of Piedmont.



This is the **patent library** that has existed at the **Chamber of Commerce's Documentation Centre** since **1991**, the year when the **European Patent Office** created the **document network** which currently covers **27 countries** and which, **in Italy** alone, includes

✎ **20 Patent Library Info Centres (PATLIB)** and

✎ **38 Patent Information Points (PIP).**



EPO on web

<http://www.european-patent-office.org/>

The screenshot shows the European Patent Office website interface. At the top, there is a browser window with navigation buttons and a search bar. The main content area features the EPO logo and the text "European Patent Office" with a "Job openings" button. A central "Headlines / recommended links" section contains a stylized orange logo and text about "New Boards of Appeal decisions", "Press release - 12.02.2003", "Workshop on 'Mastering the Workload'", "PATLIB 2003", and "EPIDOS web-based Training". The left sidebar includes links for "General Presentation", "Official communications", "Patent information centres", and "Events and seminars". The right sidebar includes "EPO quick search", "Toolbox for applicants", "Patent information products", "Search engines and index", and "News and updates". The footer contains the "esp@cenet" logo, language options "français | deutsch | contact | links", and the "epo line" logo.



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PATLIB: the purpose of the network

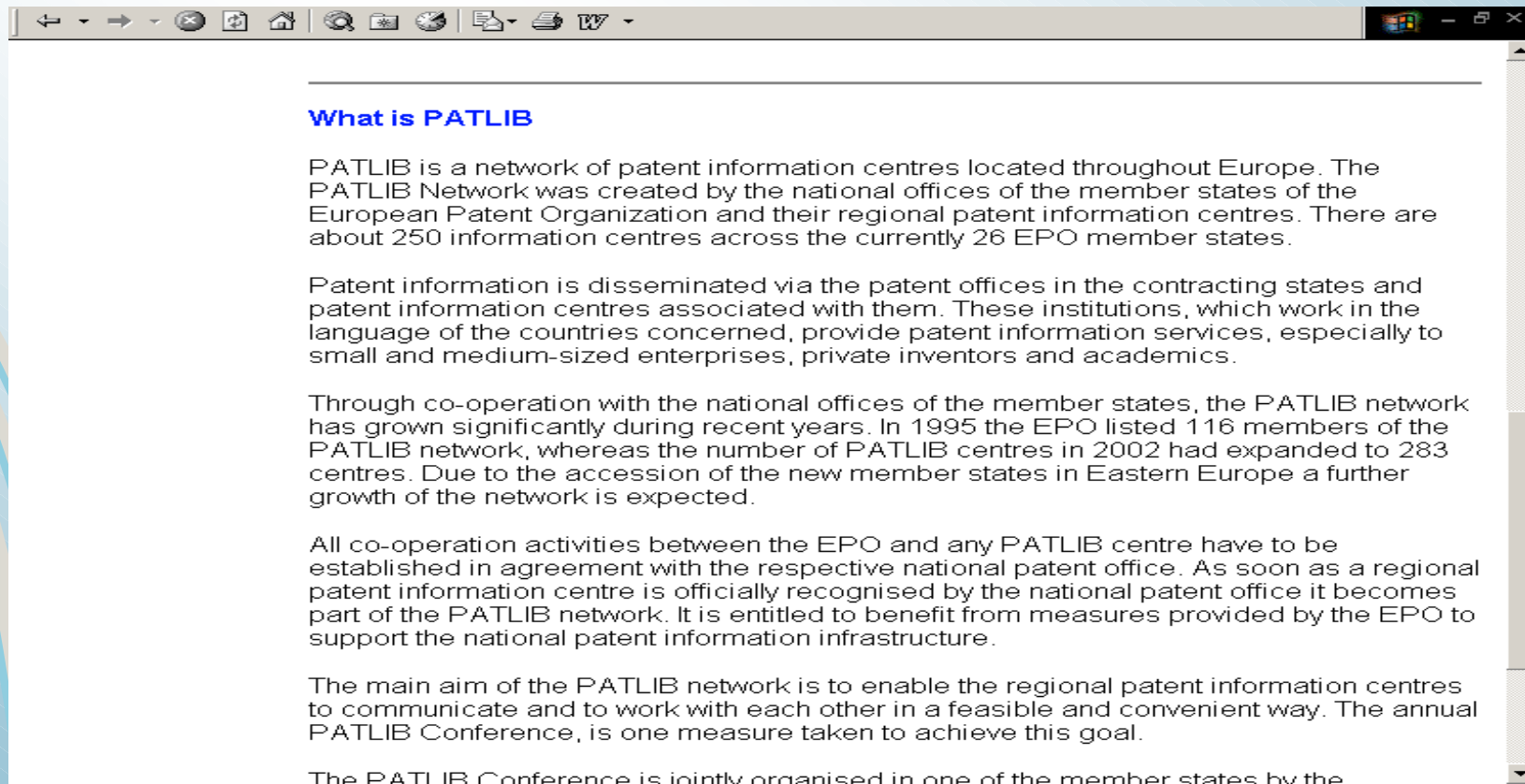
- ✓ To spread the patent culture
- ✓ To spread awareness of the need to protect industrial patents
- ✓ To give information about European and international applications for patents (PCT) and related filing methods



The informative role of the EPO

The PATLIB network

<http://www.european-patent-office.org/epidos/conf/patlibal.htm#1>.



What is PATLIB

PATLIB is a network of patent information centres located throughout Europe. The PATLIB Network was created by the national offices of the member states of the European Patent Organization and their regional patent information centres. There are about 250 information centres across the currently 26 EPO member states.

Patent information is disseminated via the patent offices in the contracting states and patent information centres associated with them. These institutions, which work in the language of the countries concerned, provide patent information services, especially to small and medium-sized enterprises, private inventors and academics.

Through co-operation with the national offices of the member states, the PATLIB network has grown significantly during recent years. In 1995 the EPO listed 116 members of the PATLIB network, whereas the number of PATLIB centres in 2002 had expanded to 283 centres. Due to the accession of the new member states in Eastern Europe a further growth of the network is expected.

All co-operation activities between the EPO and any PATLIB centre have to be established in agreement with the respective national patent office. As soon as a regional patent information centre is officially recognised by the national patent office it becomes part of the PATLIB network. It is entitled to benefit from measures provided by the EPO to support the national patent information infrastructure.

The main aim of the PATLIB network is to enable the regional patent information centres to communicate and to work with each other in a feasible and convenient way. The annual PATLIB Conference, is one measure taken to achieve this goal.

The PATLIB Conference is jointly organised in one of the member states by the



The differences between **PATLIB** and **PIP**

PATLIB Centres are equipped with comprehensive, constantly updated offline databases, which can be consulted independently of online electronic archives, unlike **PIPs**.

This is a good reason to reiterate that the **NETWORK** means **collaboration** between operating units with different structures and equipment, but with a **common goal**.



Our typical user

Piedmont's PATLIB offers its information services to whoever wishes to use them.

However our user target is specific: **SME, economic operators, business associations, researchers and professional people.**



The utility of a patent search

When the patent database is consulted, the PATLIB network supplies information which, in **80% of cases** would not otherwise be available, because it is contained **exclusively** in specific **scientific publications, i.e. patents.**



Added value

Accessing the descriptions and illustrations of filed inventions means:

☞ Being informed about individual discoveries

☞ Monitoring the state of the art of individual technological sectors all over the world



☞ Saving money in the field of technological research: in Europe alone, **Euro 15 million** is spent every year on research projects already carried out by someone else!

30% of research IS NOT INNOVATIVE!

☞ Finding commercial partners



- ☞ Identifying technological trends in markets so as to direct one's own research policy to specific development "niches"
- ☞ Checking up on the activities of the competition
- ☞ Protecting one's products from counterfeiting and imitation, at home and abroad



The services offered by the Piedmont PATLIB

- ⇒ The archive of patent documents accessible from the Piedmont PATLIB is very varied: books, periodicals, off and online databases can all be **consulted freely**.
- ⇒ An updated list is available from the Chamber of Commerce Internet site **www.to.camcom.it**



You will find the Piedmont PATLIB at www.to.camcom.it/patlib

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PATLIB - DOCUMENTAZIONE BREVETTUALE

Nel 2001 è stata stipulata la convenzione, di durata decennale, con la quale l'Ufficio Italiano Brevetti e Marchi del Ministero delle Attività produttive riconosce la Camera di commercio di Torino come Centro di Informazione Brevettuale PATLIB (Patent Library) del Piemonte, accreditandolo in questi termini presso l'Ufficio Europeo dei Brevetti UEB (EPO) di Monaco di Baviera. L'accordo va posto nel contesto dell'attività della Camera di commercio di Torino che ha, fra i propri obiettivi, anche quello di favorire l'accesso ai finanziamenti per la ricerca e l'innovazione da parte dei soggetti locali e quello di promuovere lo sviluppo di sinergie fra il mondo delle imprese e quello della ricerca.

L'ente intende realizzare i propri scopi attraverso la promozione di diverse iniziative, quali il monitoraggio di fenomeni relativi all'innovazione tecnologica sul territorio, la realizzazione di seminari e di altre iniziative per promuovere la conoscenza di nuove tecnologie e di opportunità di finanziamento per l'innovazione, la diffusione dei programmi europei di ricerca e sviluppo tecnologico e il trasferimento di nuove tecnologie a livello internazionale. In quest'ottica, presso l'Ufficio Documentazione brevettuale PATLIB del Piemonte. La collaborazione con l'EPO risale al 1992, quando l'ente europeo ha creato una rete documentaria costituita da PATLIB INFO CENTRES collegati al Centro principale, con sede a Vienna. A tutt'oggi le biblioteche brevettuali in Europa sono oltre 180 - di cui 20 in Italia - e sono presenti in 24 nazioni.

I Centri PATLIB sono forniti di banche dati brevettuali off-line, che, con l'archivio on-line Esp@cenet, che raccoglie in Internet oltre trenta milioni di documenti brevettuali di tutto il mondo, costituiscono il patrimonio del sistema documentario brevettuale

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✌️ Bibliographic research is performed **free of charge**.

✌️ The cost of **printouts** varies according to the type of document requested, as established in the **10-year convention** stipulated with the **Ministry of Manufacturing Activities**.



The off-line databases

There are four different types of off-line electronic patent archives:

- databases that provide the full text of documents
- bibliographic CD-ROMS which contain essential data regarding applications and patents



- The archives of legal documentation regarding industrial law
- Complex databases created by commercial operators who compile them with information from a number of sources, combining them so that more than one archive can be consulted at a time.



☞ The majority of the offline databases currently available from the **PATLIB** are produced and distributed by the **EPO**, by **WIPO** and by **UAMI**.

☞ Searches can be performed in **English, French and German**.



Online databases

Free consultation of online databases:

 **Esp@cenet**

 **Epoline**

 **SIMBA**

 **etc. etc. ...**



Esp@cenet

<http://www.european-patent-office.org/espacenet/info/access.htm>

The screenshot shows a web browser window displaying the esp@cenet website. The browser's address bar shows the URL <http://www.european-patent-office.org/espacenet/info/access.htm>. The website has a blue header banner with the esp@cenet logo and the text "esp@cenet - a new era in European patent information". Below the banner is a navigation menu with links: home, intro, manual, access (highlighted), features, ECLA, poster, and questions?. The main content area contains the following text:

Use esp@cenet, it's your gateway to patents!
Access to esp@cenet

The national offices of the member states act as service providers and offer users access via Internet home pages hosted by them. In this way the pages can be customised to meet national requirements vis-à-vis language, links to other pages and help functions.

Once users are connected to the patent office of their country via the Internet they can then access the servers of other national offices as well as the EPO.

Searches are based on the bibliographic data in patent documents, using an easy-to-operate search mask which is not, however, suitable for more complex searches.

The full text images of the documents in esp@cenet are available as PDF files. You need to have the freeware Acrobat Reader installed properly on your workstation. Click <<[here](#)>> for more information.

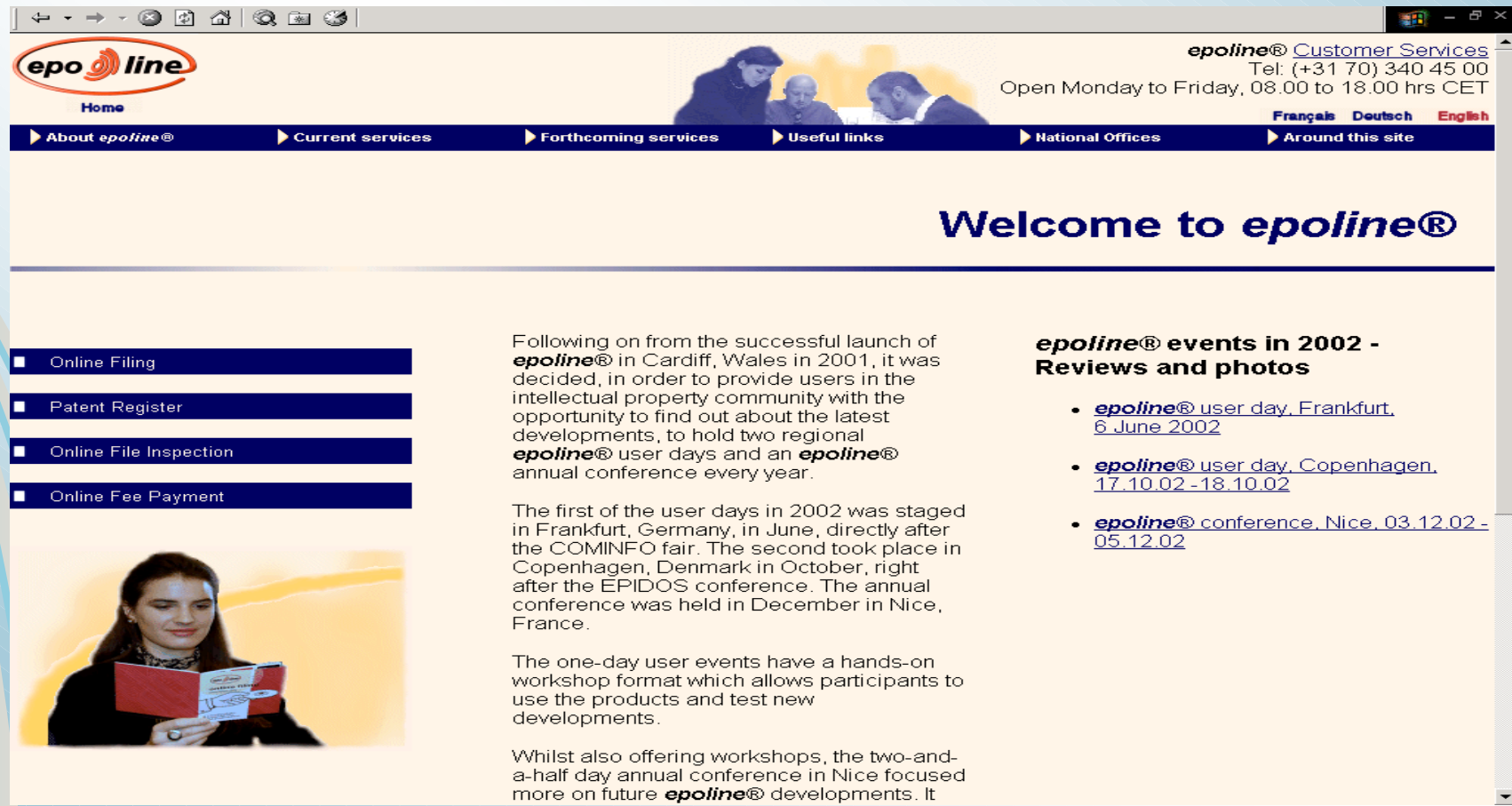
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[search EP, WO, Japanese (PAJ) and "worldwide" patent documents]
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| Bulgaria | http://bg.espacenet.com/ | Bulgarian |



Epoline

<http://www.epoline.org/epoline/Epoline?language=EN&page=home&b=NS>



The screenshot shows a web browser window displaying the Epoline website. The browser's address bar contains the URL <http://www.epoline.org/epoline/Epoline?language=EN&page=home&b=NS>. The website header features the Epoline logo on the left, a navigation menu with items like 'About epoline@', 'Current services', 'Forthcoming services', 'Useful links', 'National Offices', and 'Around this site', and contact information on the right including 'epoline@ Customer Services', 'Tel: (+31 70) 340 45 00', and 'Open Monday to Friday, 08.00 to 18.00 hrs CET'. Language options for 'Français', 'Deutsch', and 'English' are also present. The main content area is titled 'Welcome to epoline®'. On the left, there is a vertical menu with links for 'Online Filing', 'Patent Register', 'Online File Inspection', and 'Online Fee Payment'. The central text area contains a paragraph about the successful launch of Epoline in Cardiff, Wales in 2001, and mentions regional user days and an annual conference. To the right, there is a section titled 'epoline® events in 2002 - Reviews and photos' with three bullet points listing events in Frankfurt (6 June 2002), Copenhagen (17.10.02 - 18.10.02), and Nice (03.12.02 - 05.12.02). At the bottom left of the main content area, there is a photograph of a woman holding a red folder. The browser's status bar at the bottom right shows the logo of the 'CAMERA DI COMMERCIO INDUSTRIA ARTIGIANATO E AGRICOLTURA DI TORINO'.



Periodicals

The databases are backed up by a number of **periodical publications**, which are available on paper, off-line and online:



- **CORDIS focus**
- **Diritto industriale**
- **Honesty & Patent**
- **Korea IP News**



- **Innovazione & Trasferimento tecnologico**
- **IP Wire**
- **Italian intellectual property**
- **Managing intellectual property**
- **Marques internationales**
- **Notiziario dell'ordine dei consulenti in proprietà industriale**
- **World intellectual property report**



In addition to patents

The PATLIB Centre is an integral part of a Documentation Centre where it is possible to consult all the existing **UNI** and **CEI** standards and updated documentation regarding **quality, marketing and corporate economics, law, working safety, e-commerce** etc.



Our catalogue can be consulted online

<http://sbnweb.csi.it:8092/CIC/BASIS/opacx/udmopac/esimplex/sf>

The screenshot shows the LibrinLinea search interface. At the top, there is a navigation bar with the logo 'LibrinLinea' and links for 'torna a Regione Piemonte', 'proponi un acquisto', and 'scrivici'. Below this, there is a section for 'Imposta LibrinLinea come pagina iniziale' and a button for 'Altri cataloghi di biblioteche piemontesi'. The main search area includes several dropdown menus for 'Fonte' (set to 'Tutte'), 'Biblioteca SBN' (with a list of libraries including TO0 42 - Camera di Commercio di Alessandria, TO0 LE - Camera di Commercio di Cuneo, TO0 57 - Camera di Commercio di Novara, and TO0 74 - Camera di Commercio di Torino), 'Materiale' (set to 'Tutto'), and 'Tipo di documento' (set to 'Tutti'). Below these are search criteria fields for 'Autore', 'Titolo', 'Soggetto' (containing 'brevetti d'invenzione e marchi di'), 'Abstract', 'Anno pubblicazione' (with a dropdown for 'uguale' and an 'intervallo -> anno1:anno2' option), 'Editore', and 'Lingua'. Each of these fields has an 'AND' dropdown menu to the right. At the bottom of the search area, there are buttons for 'cerca' and 'cancella'. Below the search area, there are additional filters for 'Luogo', 'Paese', 'Collana', 'Descr. classe', 'Genere' (set to 'Tutto'), 'Note alla descrizione bibliografica', 'Data di inserimento nel database' (with a dropdown for 'uguale' and a 'formato -> gg.mm.aaaa' option), and 'BID'.



The documentation network of the Piedmontese Chambers of Commerce

✿ In 1999 the Chambers of Commerce of **Alessandria, Biella, Cuneo, Novara, Torino** and **Verbania** approved a project to share the documentation at their disposal and their bibliographic services.

✿ This resulted in the official recognition of the **Chamber of Commerce of Cuneo** as a **PIP**.



**6 offices throughout the region to
prevent time wasted in unnecessary
transfers!**

The **Turin PATLIB** is in fact the
reference point for the other 5
Piedmontese Chambers of Commerce,
for the patent (and other) searches
required by users.



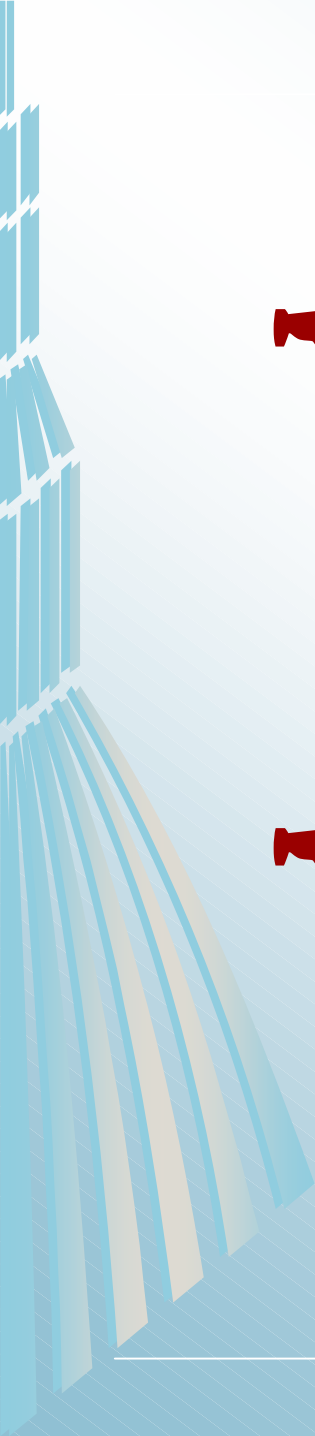
Our collaboration projects

We collaborate with **Turin University** on a project to increase **patent literacy** among **students at the University**, to whom we propose seminars that focus on the specific interests of individual Faculties.



This experience, which is being **experimented for the first time in Italy**, is a concrete response to precise requests from the Ministry of Manufacturing Activities and the EPO and led us to collaborate with the **Patents Office of Turin University** and with renowned **experts in industrial patents.**





👉 People who have already attended our seminars have asked us to hold them more regularly in the coming academic years.

👉 For the coming Autumn, we have increased the number of Faculties to which we will offer our experience.



✌️ It is our intention to make this **experience ongoing** and to **extend** it to **secondary schools**.

✌️ To this end, we are refining the details of a collaboration project with **Turin Polytechnic** (where a **PIP** was created in 2001).



We are working with **ALPS-IRC** to organise **thematic meetings** for **operators of this sector**, regarding the **main problems related to the use of trademarks and patents in individual manufacturing sectors.**



We are willing to undertake constructive collaboration with the entire PATLIB network, with the PIPs in Piedmont and with any organisation interested in making patents and trademarks a part of everyday life!



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Filing patent applications

In Italy patent applications must be presented to the **Italian Patents and Trademarks Office**, by post or by filing them with the **Patent Offices** that are present in every **Province** at the local **Chamber of Commerce**, which, from **January 1, 1999**, now perform the functions of the former **Provincial Patent Offices**, which were abolished on the same date.



The site of the Italian Patents and Trademarks Office at the Ministry of Manufacturing Activities

http://213.175.14.66/Dgspc/Uff_Brev/homepage.htm

The screenshot shows a web browser window displaying the homepage of the Italian Patents and Trademarks Office (UIBM). The page features the Italian and European Union flags at the top, followed by the text "Direzione Generale per lo Sviluppo Produttivo e la Competitività". Below this, the office's name is written in both Italian ("Ufficio Italiano Brevetti e Marchi UIBM") and English ("Italian Patent and Trademark office"). Three navigation links are provided: "Collegamento all'EPO (brevetti europei)", "Collegamento all'OMPI (dom. brevetti internaz e marchi internaz.)", and "Collegamento all'OAMI (marchi comunitari)".

The main content area is divided into two columns. The left column, titled "Moduli e Istruzioni", contains a "Modulistica" section with a lightbulb icon, and several links: "Nuovi moduli italiani in facsimile", "Moduli brevetti europei", "Moduli brevetti PCT", "Moduli marchi comunitari", "Moduli marchi internazionali", "Ricorsi", and "Istruzioni marchi internaz.". The right column features a "Manifesto UIBM-26 /4/02 Giornata mondiale della Proprieta' Intellettuale" link, an "Avvisi" section, a "Contattateci" section with a telephone icon, and a "Presentazione" link. Below these are links for "I responsabili dell'Uff. Ital. Brevetti" and "UIBM per i cittadini", which includes "I servizi di Informazione e i links" and "UIBM informa".



The Patents and Trademarks Sector of the Turin Chamber of Commerce

- ✍ It is the **provincial office** that receives the **applications for Italian patents and trademarks.**
- ✍ It is involved in the implementation and constant updating of **SIMBA**, the Italian **national database** (InfoCamere network) which provides information about patents, methods of use and trademarks registered from **January 1, 1980 (filing date).**



✎ At the Patents Sector it is possible to consult the electronic archive, although this may contain gaps regarding recent applications filed in other provinces.

✎ Those filed in Turin are available in real time.

• Applications can be sent:

👉 to the office in **Via San Francesco da Paola, 24**

☎ by telephone, to the number **011 571 6931 / 2 / 3 / 4**

✉ by e-mail, to the address **brevetti@to.camcom.it**



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and ...

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