

ANNUAL REPORT OF THE HELLENIC COPYRIGHT ORGANIZATION (OPI)
ON ACTIONS AGAINST PIRACY
January 2009 – January 2010

A. Training – Raising Awareness

1.a. First Degree Education / Elementary School

- i. Creation and promotion to Elementary School pupils of recreational material containing the basic copyright notions.
- ii. A chapter on Copyright was included in one of the basic books for the last grade of Elementary School.

1.b. Secondary Degree Education / High Schools & Lyceums

Creation and promotion to High School & Lyceum students of educational material containing the basic copyright notions.

2. Teachers

- i. Creation and promotion to teachers of educational material containing the basic copyright notions.
- ii. A chapter on Copyright was included in the relevant teachers' book for the last grade of Elementary School.

3. Students

Co-organization with Athens University of Economics and Business of a copyright conference (April, 3rd 2009).

4. General Public

- i. Celebration of the World Intellectual Property Day (April, 28th 2009).
- ii. Promotion of educational guides for the general public.
- iii. Use of Information Society Services – Interactive website (www.opi.gr) with the possibility of online submission of requests and complaints and immediate update on current copyright issues.

5. Creators / Copyright Owners

Participation to an event for the photographers' rights (March, 7th 2009).

6. Prosecutors, Judges and Lawyers

- i. Co-organization with the US Patent and Trademark Office (USPTO) of a Conference concerning Judges (February, 20th 2009).
- ii. Co-organisation with the Ministry of Foreign Affairs, the Industrial Property Organization and the Association of Public Prosecutors of a Conference for Public Prosecutors (April, 4th 2009).
- iii. Co-organization with the law journal DIMEE of a copyright conference (December, 10th 2009).
- iv. Electronic library and information services covering Greek and European Union law and international conventions on copyright as well as jurisprudence, bibliography, articles and expert opinions. A bimonthly newsletter service is also provided.

7. Law Enforcement Authorities

- i. Guidelines on administrative sanctions on OPI's website.
- ii. Creation of a database on administrative fines.

8. High Rank Civil Servants

- i. Participation to official training seminars for High Rank Civil Servants organized by the Institute of Education – National Centre for Public Administration (Loutraki, January, 9th – Athens, February, 13th – Kozani, May, 29th 2009).

9. Small and Medium Sized enterprises

- i. Manual explaining the most interesting aspects of copyright for SMEs.
- ii. Participations to meetings for SMEs (March, 23rd 2009 - Athens and January, 21st 2010 - Thessaloniki (both organized by the Industrial Property Organization) and January, 26th 2010 – Athens (conference organized by the American-Hellenic Chamber of Commerce).
- iii. Participation to conference organized by the European Commission «Making IPR work for SMEs» in the framework of the European Programme «IPR Enforcement Expert Group Strengthening the IPR Enforcement of EU Industry and SMEs» (April, 27th 2009).

10. Public Outreach

In the framework of promoting the aims of OPI spots on creativity & innovation as well as radio public service announcements were broadcast by public and private TV and radio stations for two weeks long around the World IP Day. In the spirit of introducing the public to the general notions of Copyright, interviews were either published in newspapers or broadcast on TV stations.

11. Information Society

OPI has already submitted an application for the 4th Community Support Framework (2007-2013) in order to receive financial support for additional educational programs, the setting up of a library open to the public and for organization of further seminars.

B. Legislative Framework

1. Draft Bill amending Act 2121/1993 on Copyright and Related Matters.
2. Draft Code of Conduct with the aim to combat internet piracy.

C. Co-operation with other institutions

1. Participation in the IPR Co-ordination Committee and its Working Group.
2. Co-operation with the General Secretariat of Customs and Excise Duties, Ministry of Economy and Finance, in order for intellectual property seminars to be incorporated into the SEYYO training programme (Training school for the public servants of the Ministry of Economy) (January 2010).
3. Co-operation with the Ministry of Education in order:
 - To organize copyright related discussions in music and art schools as well as informative meetings for educational advisers on artistic matters;
 - To promote OPI's educational material through the Ministry of Education websites; and
 - for a circular to be sent informing schools about this educational material and where it is available online.
4. Appointment of contact persons by the Hellenic Police Headquarters after OPI's invitation with the aim to facilitate the transmission to them of information concerning copyright infringements.
5. Co-operation with the Ministry of Justice concerning the collection by OPI of civil and penal judgments on copyright by the courts of the entire country

D. Training undertaken by OPI and expertise acquisition

E. Statistics

1. General Statistics Records.
2. Data on infringements of administrative fine.
3. Court judgments.