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HISTORY OF ACTIVITIES OF THE PATENT DEPARTMENTS OF NATIONAL ACADEMY OF SCIENCES OF UKRAINE (1942–2015)

Summary

The article deals with the historical retrospective of the establishment and activities of patent offices and their role in the development of inventive activity in the National Academy of Sciences of Ukraine. This year marks the 100th anniversary of the National Academy of Sciences of Ukraine. Therefore, it is important to pay special attention to the history of its development and activities.

The experience of the activities of patent and licensing offices in the Union of Soviet Socialist Republics and the Ukrainian Soviet Socialist Republic shows that these offices played and play an essential role in ensuring the legal protection of

inventions and promoting inventive work. The innovative way of development of the country is chosen in the independent Ukraine. The activity of the patent offices' employees promotes acceleration of innovative processes. Therefore, studying the experience and problems of this activity at the National Academy of Sciences of Ukraine is relevant.

The article analyzes the process of creating a system of patent offices and their activities at all stages of the existence of the National Academy of Sciences of Ukraine through the method of historical analysis. Until 1991, the training and retraining of specialists was carried out centrally. The offices were staffed with specialists in the field of intellectual property protection, innovative management. Currently, there is no system of state order for training of specialists in the field of intellectual property for scientific institutions.

For objective reasons, the patent offices were liquidated in Ukraine in 1991–2000, and the number of specialists decreased. The level of payment for patent experts decreased in comparison with the payment of scientific workers. State regulation in Ukraine in the field of technology transfer has improved the activity of units of inventive work in scientific institutions.

The completion of offices' composition and the definition of new functions became are new principles of the offices' activities.

Such changes should have a positive impact on the activities of scientific institutions on the patenting of scientific developments and the introduction of scientific research results.

There are ways to solve existing problems, such as improving the skills of staff of research institutions for intellectual property and technology transfer. Organization of training is an essential issue. There is also a need to increase the level of knowledge of employees on issues of innovation management, marketing, technology transfer, intellectual property protection.

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