

## **Nader Riad New Chairman of AFPIPR**

**Dr. Nader Riad** was unanimously elected as chairman of the Arab Federation for Protection of Intellectual Property Rights (AFPIPR) for the 2011-2014 upcoming term.

Such a decision was taken by the AFPIPR general assembly yesterday in its meeting at the Federation of Egyptian Industries. The Meeting was attended by Mr. Maher Awwad, chairman of the Federations and Companies Department at the Council of Arab Economic Unity (CAEU), members of the AFPIPR general assembly, in addition to some Arab advisors.

Dr. Mohamed Attiya el-Fayoumi (Egypt), Ezzat Aziz Moawad (Egypt), Barak Nasser el-Noun (Kuwait) and Ahmed bin Mohamed bin Saeed (Saudi Arabia) were elected as deputy chairmen of the AFPIPR.

Eng. Talaat Zaid was re-elected as the AFPIPR secretary general.

The AFPIPR board included Ahmed el-Amry (Iraq), Munir el-Farkh (Lebanon), Haitham Hafez (Syria), Mohamed el-Rahahla (Jordan), Inas el-Khaldi (Jordan), Mohamed Khudeir (Palestine), Ghaleb Saeed el-Adoufi (Yemen), Usama Mahfouz el-Saeih (Libya), Mohamed Fouad el-Ghanoushi (Tunisia), Baya Mohamed Belkheir (Algeria), Soad el-Arabi (Morocco), Mohamed Omar Suleiman (Sudan), Seoudi el-Rashidi (Saudi Arabia), Magdi Gamil (Egypt) and Usama el-Shafei (Egypt).

The AFPIPR will hold a meeting to develop an ambitious plan for the coming period. The success achieved in the era of the previous board is not only attributed to the board of directors, but also to the system in which all of us work, including the grassroots represented in members, who do their best to achieve our goals, Dr. Riad said.

The upcoming steps will support what we have already achieved in Arab countries and in Egypt. We will cooperate with world intellectual property rights organizations to achieve the aspired goals and make use of all international activities, he added.

For his part, Awwad gave Egypt credit for supporting joint Arab action and the CAEU and its unions.

The CAEU plays an important role in promoting the intellectual property culture in the Arab world and establishing and implementing the rules of intellectual property to serve Arab interests. This is the common denominator of many productive and service federations, especially in light of the World Trade Organization (WTO)'s agreements, he added.

The CAEU goal in the upcoming period is to raise the public awareness of intellectual property rights and increase the number of CAEU members in Egypt and the Arab world. The number of members – from 18 Arab countries – exceeded the target of the 2006-2010 strategic plan, Eng. Talaat Zayed, the CAEU General Director, said.