

LESI International Delegates Meeting – Amsterdam, NE
LESI Committee Report–SUMMARY OF ACTIVITY FOR THE YEAR
[OCTOBER 2008 TO SEPTEMBER 2008]

Name of Committee	LESI Education Committee.
Chair(s):	Ada Nielsen
Vice-chair(s):	Christi Mitchell Beesan Babieh

List all members who have been active in the Committee during the period or who have indicated interest going forward:

- Anne Avizou, Thomas Bereuter, Alaya Bettaieb, Carla Blackman, Alfred Chaouat, Linda Chao, Sharon Chiang, Henri Coppens, Richard Cox, Brad DeSandro, Rodney BeBoos, Roman Cholij, Ted Cross, Jose Carlos Dias, Haley French, Paul Germeraad, Emmanuel Gouge, Chris Hallett, Ian Hartwell, Raul Hey, Julie Henry, Allan Jarry, Jingxian Ji, Gary Keller, Dominique Kleyn, Catherine Lefarge, Michael Levy, Alan Lewis, Sara Ludlum, Gary MacKay, Willy Manfroy, Diana Mansour, Rodolfo Martinez, James MacDonald, Jim McCarthy, Sarah Merrifield, Christi Mitchell, Art Nutter, Francois Painchaud, Judith Paul, Vit Pavalec, Mark Peterson, Jean-Christian Philippe, Patrick Pierre, Rachel Schwartz, John Somich, Elie Srour, Olga Spasic (WIPO), Susan Stoddard, Juliana Viegas, Jeff Whittle, John Walker, Leila Zarif, Brian O'Shaughnessy, Eugene Sweeney, Clarisse Escorel, Nabil Salame, Topahiko Maki.
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- (Assistance from Stephanie Silverstein, LESI, and Vicki Hancock, USA-Canada)
- Formal membership numbers 43 in the LESI membership directory.

1. What has the Committee done during this period? List any projects and workshops.

a. Provided two instructors for teaching Fundamentals of IAM for LES Colombia in September 2008

b. Supported the 1-day Commercialization Course developed by South Africa in January 2008 in Hong Kong. 70 people attended. Three instructors were supported.

c. Conducted TTT courses around the one-day course from LES South Africa in Chicago, May 2008, in Paris, September 2008, and in Orlando in October 2008. It is expected that more than 60 people will be qualified to teach the one-day course, a useful offer for individual societies given the requirements of only one day and a minimum of two instructors.

License agreement has been signed between LES South Africa and LESI. Sub-licenses will need to be signed with respect to this course by each Society that offers it.

In addition, the one day course will be a standard offer for all teams submitting a plan for the International Licensing Plan Competition co-sponsored by LESI and the LES (USA-Canada) Foundation, scheduled for Montreal in May 2009. The Education Committee will work with Societies to promote the Competition and offering the one-day course.

d. Evaluation of course framework for licensing courses from USA-Canada with the following policy change: At an Education Retreat for USA-Canada, it was determined that the current course identified as "Intermediate" is actual an advanced course. Only the Intermediate Workshops, 3 hours each, will be available for an Intermediate offer to LESI since there will not be an intermediate course given in USA-Canada. When the Advanced Course is repositioned, it will require any Society offering it to do so in 4 consecutive days followed by completion for 4 x 3-hour workshops.

e. We are working through Christi Mitchell with the EU sponsored "CERTIFIED TRANS-NATIONAL TT MANAGER" - Building up a framework to qualify TT- Managers on a trans-national level and with mutual recognition"

Final decision re direction of EU expected at or shortly following the International Delegates Meeting in Amsterdam.

Christi Mitchell and Ada Nielsen are the liaisons for LESI and the certification program established by USA-Canada under the direction of Phil Barnett, VP, Education, and Dr. Vicki Hancock, Director of Education.

LES Arab Counties, LES Taipei, and LES USA-Canada have all launched certification programs for licensing professionals.

f. Created an inventory of educational activities by local Societies and updated pool of trained instructors for the Fundamentals IAM Course.

2. Continuing activities of the Education Committee

- a. The Education Committee will work with Societies to promote the Competition and offering the one-day course.
- b. Continuing to support qualified instructors to teach PDS courses and offer train-the-trainer courses when numbers warrant it.
- c. Collaborating with the EU in the certification program and with the certification program being developed by USA-Canada.
- d. Pursue collaborative educational opportunities with WIPO.

3. List any Committee meetings (including any conference calls) held outside the International Delegates Meetings.

An informal meeting was held at the President's Meeting in Tokyo in January, at the meeting in Chicago as well as a few teleconferences.

4. List any Committee publications (including anything posted on the web).

The Education Committee through Beesan Babieh has developed a template which will be used for other committees' website pages.

5. How can the Society support the Committee?

- Support the Committee by providing time for a working session in in all places and times for discussion.
 - President's Meeting in January 2009, the 2009 Annual Meeting in the Philippines, and at the International Delegates Meeting in San Francisco, 2009.
- Approving the budget.
- Attending the Train-the-Trainers workshops in the Philippines and wherever else they are held.

What budget do you want for next year?

Train-the-Trainer - 2 days, including the 1-day course	South America	\$15,000
Train-the-Trainer - 2 days, including the 1-day course	The Phillippines	\$10,000
Train-the-Trainer - 2 days, including the 1-day course	Europe	\$15,000
PDS Intermediate Workshops	LES Arab Countries	\$15,000
PDS Fundamentals Course	Placeholder - Chile?	\$15,000
Website - publications		\$5,000
	TOTAL	\$75,000