



LICENSING EXECUTIVES SOCIETY
INTERNATIONAL

International Delegates Meeting – Amsterdam 2008
Friday, 26 September – Sunday, 28 September

LESI Committee Report

Summary of activity (May to September 2008)
Deadline: 26 August 2008

Name of Committee:
EUROPEAN COMMITTEE

Chair:
Jean-Christophe TROUSSEL

Vice-Chair(s):
To be appointed

List all active members on the committee:

Christian Appelt (Germany)
Jeremy Brown (UK)
Simon Dack (Netherlands)
Per Ericsson (Sweden)
Hayley French (UK)
Felix Grether (Switzerland)
Emmanuel Gougé (France)
Jonas Gulliksson
Vladimira Husakova (Czech Republic)
Nigel Jones (UK)
Arnaud Michel (France)
Allen Norris (Benelux)
Christian Osterrieth (Germany)
George Pickering (UK)
Felix Roediger (Germany)

1. List any projects/workshops the committee has done during this period.

LES Int'l Conference in Chicago (May 2008):

- Committee meeting on 5 May 2008
- Proposal submitted for 2 workshops – no reply despite reminders – hence no workshop held
- Provided a speaker for the Parallel Import workshop on 5 May 2008

LES Pan-European Conference in Amsterdam (September 2008)

- Committee meeting scheduled on 27 September

- 2 workshops: (i) case study on patent litigation in Europe (5 panelists from 5 EU countries); (ii) Competition law and IP in EU (5/6 panelists).

2. List projects that will continue, or start after the end of this period.

Organisation / staffing

- set up a core group of members with individual responsibilities
- include anti-trust specialists
- involve industry members (has always proved difficult in the Committee)
- make sure each national Society in Europe has a person in charge of the relationship with the European Committee

Activities

- relationship with EPO
- set up an IP and antitrust taskforce
 - relationship with EU Commission (esp. the DG competition) - become a trusted source of IP information to the DG, which is not expert in IP matters
 - coordination with USA-Canada (shared workshop in San Francisco)
 - the economics of IP - IP and market power (incl. "essential patents", patent pooling, standards, etc.) - EurCom as a center of excellence and a source of information for the LESI members in that field
 - anti-competitive licensing practices - idem
 - whistleblowing and leniency policy in EU - idem
- IP laws in EU (harmonisation)
 - TTBE
 - Enforcement Directive
 - Patent litigation in EU
 - Harmonisation of contract laws in EU
- Organise workshops in line with these priority topics
- Organise a "LES meets the Commission" conference

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

Nil during the period.

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

Nil during the period.

5. How can LESI help the committee be more active next year?

Funding travel/accommodation costs for EU speakers in LESI Conferences, especially in Manila.

6. How much money do you want in your committee's budget for next year?

5.000 €

Report by Jean-Christophe Troussel
Position on Committee: Chair

Date 25 September 2008