



LICENSING EXECUTIVES SOCIETY
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Friday, 5 June – Sunday, 7 June

LESI Committee Report

Summary of activity (September 2008 – May 2009)

Name of Committee: EUROPEAN COMMITTEE

Chair: Jean-Christophe TROUSSEL

Vice-Chair: Christian APPELT

List all active members on the committee:

The list of the registered members is attached.

Below is a selection of members who are actively involved in the committee affairs, i.e. those who either have a function as liaison with a national chapter, with EPO, or OHIM, either are among those on which the chair generally relies for the main projects of 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)
Marek Lazewski (Poland)
Jose Miguel Lissen (Spain)
Willy Manfroy (USA)
Arnaud Michel (France)
Allen Norris (Benelux)
Christian Osterrieth (Germany)
George Pickering (UK)
Felix Roediger (Germany)
Erik Verbraecken (Benelux)

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

- Submission of LESI's comments in response to the Pharmaceutical Sector Enquiry Preliminary Report published by the European Commission (in co-operation with the Life Science Committee – Jan. 2009).
- Submission of LESI's position paper in response to the EU Consultation on Horizontal Agreements (Jan. 2009).
- Submission of LESI's written statement with respect to the points of law that the President of the European Patent Office has referred to the Enlarged Board of Appeal (Case G 3/08) concerning the limits of patentability of programs for computers within the meaning of Article 52(2)(c) and (3) EPC (in co-operation with the IT & E-Commerce Committee - April 2009).
- Establishing a structural relationship with OHIM (MOU in the process of being finalized).
- LES Pan-European Conference in Copenhagen (May 2009): European patent litigation workshop, a case study focused on green technology (5 panelists from 5 EU countries).
- Staffing taskforces (EU, EPO, OHIM, CEE) – ongoing – to be continued.
- Establishing liaison with national chapters in Europe – ongoing – to be continued.
- EPO relationship (one person appointed by EPO as main liaison: Mr. E. van der Wijck
- Through our relationship with the EU Commission, securing a senior executive as a speaker for CURIE (a network of University tech transfer offices in France) for one of its main conferences, at the request of LES France.

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

- Relationship with EPO, OHIM, EU Commission
- 1 workshop in Manila (June 2009)
- 2 workshops have been selected for the LES USA & Canada meeting (September 2009)
- Participation of LESI as partner to the Competition Summit in Brussels in December 2009, organized by Premier Cercle. Securing LESI speakers on competition issues affecting IP.
- Follow-up on IP and competition in general, including in the pharma sector.
- Follow-up on the project of incorporating a LES European entity.
- Succession plan
- LES meets the Commission

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

Numerous exchange of e-mails in the framework of the above projects.
Meeting in Amsterdam.
One telconf.

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

The above submissions (under 1. above) have been posted on LESI's website and will be published in Les Nouvelles. Some of them have been posted on the LES national chapters' website and own publications. They have also been made accessible on the respective websites of the EPO and of the EU Commission.

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

The Committee has appreciated very much the support it received during the period under review from the Board, especially for the urgent approval of the above submissions. This has created a context of mutual trust that is most efficient.

6. How much money would you like for next year's budget? Provide a brief description of the project the money will be used for.

5.000€ - participate in the expenses of those in charge of the relationship with OHIM (travel from Madrid to Alicante for face to face meetings) and to fund the travel and accommodation costs of speakers, especially outside Europe.

Report by Jean-Christophe Troussel
Chairman, LESI European Committee

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