

LESI International Delegates Meeting – Amsterdam, Netherlands

Friday, 26 September 2008 – Sunday, 28 September 2008

LESI Committee Report– deadline Monday, 26 August 2008

SUMMARY OF ACTIVITY FOR THE PERIOD

[MAY 2008 TO AUGUST 2008]

Name of Committee: Americas
Chair(s): Catherine Jelinek and John Paul
Vice-chair(s): Clarisse Escorel ex officio

List all members who have been active in the Committee during the period:

John Paul, USA/Canada; Patrick O'Reilley, USA/Canada; Robert Gruetzmacher, USA/Canada; Mark Nawaki, USA/Canada; Jim MacCarthy, USA/Canada; Linda Chao, USA/Canada; Marcela Souza, Brazil; Clarisse Escorel, Brazil; Juliana Viegas, Brazil; Tatiana Campello, Brazil; Raul Hey, Brazil; Gabriel Leonardos, Brazil; Luiz Henrique do Amaral, Brazil; Fernando Noetinger, Argentina; Gustavo Giay, Argentina; Javier Lozada, Argentina; Helena Noir, Argentina; Ariel Manoff, Argentina; Catherine Jelinek, Chile; Allan Jarry, Chile; Carmen Paz Álvarez, Chile; Abraham Alegria, Mexico; Oscar Becerill, Mexico; Hector Chagoya, Mexico; Eduardo Kleinberg, Mexico; Enrique Torres-Septien, Mexico; Gloria Isla, Mexico; Carlos Trujillo, Mexico; Manuel Márquez, Mexico; Ernersto Cavelier, Andean; Cecilia Falconi, Andean; Helena Camargo, Andean; Chikao Fukuda, Japan.

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

Date	Activities
<p>LESI Annual Meeting in Chicago May 4-7, 2008</p>	<p>The Americas Committee has organized three workshops for the 2008 LES Spring meeting in Chicago:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Developments in Biofuels and Renewable Energy • New Ways to Jump-Start Innovation, Patenting and University-Industry Collaboration • Healthcare Licensing in Latin America: Tools, Trends and Experiences <p>The committee has also provided a speaker for the Alternative Fuels miniplenary session, Dr. Sergio Trindade.</p>
<p>LES Andean July 2008</p>	<p>The Americas Committee arranged for Esteban Pombo Villar, Head of Strategic Alliance Management EU - Novartis Institutes of BioMedical Research, to speak in Colombia.</p>
<p>LESI Latin America Innovation Tour Aug. 4-9, 2008</p>	<p>The Americas Committee has organized the Latin American Innovation Tour 2008 to Brazil, Argentina, and Chile. North American speakers went on a tour to Latin America to talk about licensing, tech transfer, and collaborations between the North and the South. LESI President Chikao Fukuda has also presented about the activities of LES and the benefits of joining the association. The speakers have also had meetings with industry, university and government people in each country.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • US/Canada speakers: Mark Nawacki (Paladin Labs), Jim McCarthy (formerly Bristol-Meyers-Squibb and Eli Lilly), Bob Gruetzmacher (Dupont) and Linda Chao (Stanford University). • Japanese speaker: Chikao Fukuda (LESI President).

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

LES Andean Annual Meeting Sep. 9-12, 2008	The LES Andean Annual Meeting is organizing its annual meeting, which will take place in Bogota.
LES US/Canada Meeting in Orlando Oct. 19 - 23, 2008	The Americas Committee is organizing three workshops for the 2008 LES US/Canada Annual Meeting: <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Rules and Pitfalls of Access to Natural Genetic Resources in Latin America• University Research Collaboration across the Americas• Clauses in a licensing agreement: review of the law and practice in the Andean Group, Argentina, Brazil, Mexico and the U.S. The committee also has provided a speaker for The Global Titans of Licensing and M&A plenary, Prof. Jose Luis Solleiro (UNAM-Mexico).
LESI Latin America Innovation Tour (TBD)	The Americas Committee is planning another tour to Brazil, Argentina and Chile, and also a tour to Mexico and the Andean Communities.

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

We had several meetings by conference call, and also met in person at the LESI Annual meeting in Chicago. In addition, we have communicated by email throughout the period.

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

None during this period.

5 How can LESI help the Committee to be more active next year?

Continue to support the activities through funding and having senior people attend the conferences organized.

6 What budget do you want for next year?

\$20,000-30,000. The plan is to produce another program in Brazil, Argentina, and Chile, and add Mexico and the Andean countries. Last year with the additional funding we had \$20k budget and used it for speakers. This year with the additional countries we need to up the amount to cover the programs.

Report by (Name) John Paul

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