



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

LESI Society Report

Summary of activity (May to September 2008)

Deadline: 26 August 2008

Name of Society: ___ **LES USA and Canada**

Society Meetings/Seminars/Conferences held between Chicago (May) and Amsterdam (September 2008)*

*Regular meetings do not need to be listed separately – “six evening meetings” may be listed instead

<u>Date:</u>	<u>Topic:</u>	<u>Location:</u>	<u>Attendance</u>
June 10-11	Advanced Strategic Alliances	Philadelphia, PA	25
June 14-16	BIO Business Development Basics	San Diego, CA	120
July 14-17	Fundamentals of Intellectual Asset Management	Chicago, IL	50
July 14-17	Intermediate Intellectual Asset Management	Chicago, IL	30
September 15-16	Technology Transfer Seminar	San Diego, CA	50

1. Identify special meetings and state why they were notable (special speaker, # of attendees, etc.).
2. Has the number of meetings changed (increased/decreased) significantly? Explain why.

Membership

1. Has the number of members changed (increased/decreased) significantly? Explain why.

LES USA and Canada membership has declined slightly from 2007, due to challenging economic conditions and increased competition for LES members time and resources.

2. What steps are being taken to increase membership?

LES USA and Canada launched a membership recruitment and referral program in May to provide incentives for current members to add new members. To date, more than 100 new members have been recruited. Additional efforts are planned in 2009 to reach out to licensing professionals who are attending local chapter events but are not yet LES USA and Canada members.

Delegates

1. If your society does not send delegates to the International Delegates meeting, explain why.

LESI Committees

1. Are any of your society members interested in joining an LESI committee? List their names.

Assistance

1. List any ways that LESI can assist in your societies' activities.

Legislation/Information

Briefly summarize any changes to your legislation, regulations or business practices effecting licensing or technology transfer.

Comprehensive patent reform legislation was introduced in 2007, but is unlikely to be enacted by the end of 2008. The proposed legislation would bring significant changes to the U.S. patent system, including a first-to-file patent standard, and limits on the scope and amount of patent infringement damages. LES USA and Canada will continue to monitor the situation and update its members accordingly.

In addition, the U.S. Supreme Court handed down an important decision in the LG v. Quanta case that addresses the downstream use of technology and the principles of patent exhaustion. The 2008 LES USA and Canada Annual Meeting will include workshops on the implications of this decision for current and future patent licensing agreements.

Several LES USA and Canada members, together with the LESI Americas Committee, completed a very successful series of meetings in Latin America to build new connections between member societies and share valuable information with current and potential members in Brazil, Chile, and Argentina.

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