

LESI
International Delegates Meeting – Manila 2009
Friday, 5 June – Sunday, 7 June 2009

LESI Committee Report
SUMMARY OF ACTIVITY (September 2008 - May 2009)
Deadline, 8 May 2009

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Name of Committee **Chemicals, Energy, Environment and Materials**
Chair(s): **Dr . Mohammed Al-Ansari, Tony Venturino**
Vice-chair(s): **Dr. Rashid Khan, Sumiko Kobayashi**

List all active members on the committee:

Mohammed Al-Ansari, Tony Venturino, Sumiko Kobayashi, Rashid Khan, Walter Copan, Ada Nielsen, John Walker.

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

LES USA Canada Spring Meeting 2009 Montreal

Anthony Venturino will give an update of the committee activities at the LES USA/Canada CEEM Committee Meeting. Anthony Venturino will also give a workshop on Thursday of the meeting.

LESI International Conference 2009 Manila:

The programming for Manila has now been finalized.

Sumiko Kobayashi is moderating a CEEM committee meeting at Manila.

Sumiko Kobayashi is moderating a workshop with three presenters in Workshop Session II entitled "Licensing Opportunities and Environmental Technologies - How to cope with Global Warming".

There will be no networking dinner on Tuesday night because of a number of conflicting events.

LES Pan European Conference 2009 Copenhagen

We have no specific CEE programming for Copenhagen. Attempts to get a new group formed in the UK, namely Bioscience for Business, involved in the Amsterdam Conference have failed.

LES USA Canada Spring Meeting

Tony Venturino will give an update of the committee activities at the LES USA/Canada CEEM Committee Meeting.

The Committee has proposed and had accepted three workshops volunteered by our committee.

1. Reexamination Practice in the US and Canada and how it can be employed with chemical patents moderated by Tony Venturino;
2. Clean Energy double workshop moderated by Rashid Khan.

LESI International Conference 2010 South Africa

Tony Venturino has been communicating with Alan Lewis on proposed topics in licensing opportunities in clean energy and licensing opportunities in metals mining and refining.

CEE webpage on LESI website

The LESI website still lists us as Chemicals Energy and Environment. It needs to be changed to Chemicals Energy Environment and Materials to match our new approved name? We need this to be consistent with the USA/Canada name and give members a better idea of the true nature of our committee?

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

Certainly, we will continue with detailed programming for Manila, San Francisco and S. Africa.

Also, we hope that we will be able to implement improvements of the CEE webpage on the LESI website soon.

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

Communication has been by e-mail with committee members.

However, committee chairs/vice chairs have attended conference calls with Kevin Nachtrab.

Tony Venturino had also met with Steve Yoder of Life Sciences to organize proposals for an LESI speakers database.

Stephanie Silverstein has been very helpful whenever we have a question.

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

Although several speakers of workshops had indicated to write articles for Les Nouvelles, obviously none of them has finally submitted a proposal.

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

We are hoping for a continued support of the Board, in particular in view of the forthcoming change in leadership at the LES International Delegates Meeting at Amsterdam in September. The present co-chairs and vice chairs are intending to propose remaining another year, to the President-Elect. However, we already have potential candidates for the following year.

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.

We request a budget of US \$ 7500.00. Part of our present budget has been used to financially support non-LES speakers to attract them to LES events. We see an increasing need to continue with this practice, although we also like to continue to apply strict rules as to its use.

Report by (Name): Anthony P. Venturino
Position on Committee : Co-chair

Date : May 6, 2009