



LESI Committees:

End of Year Report for the 2022 International Management and Delegates Meeting for 2022 – 2023 – May 2, 2023

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Committee Name	High Tech
Chairs and Vice Chairs	Chairs: Keith Lutsch Hemang Shah Heinz Goddar Vice Chairs: Dario Mohammadian – Decentralized Ledger Technologies IAB Sanjay Prasad John Carney – Automotive IAB Lakshika Joshi - IT & Software IAB Taruna Gupta - IT & Software IAB Ex officio: Stephen Kabakoff – USA/Canada High Tech Sector Chair Keith Lutsch will be leaving, and Sanjay Prasad will be replacing him as chair.
LESI Board Liaison	Sonja London

Action Plan

Committee Highlights from the Year

As relevant, consider addressing the following:

- Goals for 2022-2023? Did you meet these goals?
 - Key topics discussed?
 - Meetings / Calls?
 - Events / Webinars executed?
 - Resources / Work Products created (including articles for *les Nouvelles* and *Global News*)?
 - Suggestions for future focus / work to be done by the committee? (including any change in scope, updates to the Charter, etc)
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Goals

<p>Annual Meeting Workshops and State of the Art Briefing</p>	<p>We polled the committee membership and Automotive IAB and received seven workshop proposals for LESI Montreal 2023 meeting. The committee proposed three workshops out of seven received to the meeting committee.</p> <p>The workshops on Automotive Industry and on European Horizontal Block Exemption have been accepted.</p>
<p>Webinar series</p>	<p>The HTC committee has established a quarterly webinar series on topics of relevance to HTC members. Collaborations are in progress with other LES committees</p>
<p>IABs and subcommittees</p>	<p>Automotive is doing great. John Carney and Huimin Gong are doing a great job. We cannot say enough about their efforts.</p> <p>IT & Software IAB have been reestablished with Lakshika Joshi and Taruna Gupta as the Vice-Chairs leading the respective IABs.</p> <p>Decentralized Ledger Technologies (Blockchain) established with Dario Mohammadian as the Vice-Chair</p> <p>SEP / FRAND subcommittee is being established with Melanie Müller as the lead and Keith Lutsch as the advisor</p>
<p>Revive IT & Software IAB</p>	<p>This has been revived with Lakshika and Taruna as vice-chairs. They have added the following members to the IT and SW IAB. The IAB has started meeting with its members. These are early days as the members are new to IAB process and will await for their initiatives.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> •Ameet Datta (Sai Krishna Associates) - India •Ashwini Panse (Intercontinental Exchange) - US •Dario Paschetta (Frignani Virato e associati) – Italy •Himanshu Mehta (TCS) - India •Kalpesh Upadhye (Morgan Lewis) - US •Lakshika Joshi (Capgemini Engineering) - India •Mandar Vanarse (Wipro) - India •Senthil Kumar (Hitachi Energy) - India •Subhadip Sarkar (Cognizant) - India •Taruna Gupta (TCS) - India
<p>Refresh membership in Consumer Products IAB</p>	<p>This is always a stretch goal and the need is becoming pretty bad to refresh the IAB</p>

	membership. However, no efforts were able to be made on it this year. It continues to be a goal.

Meetings/Calls

Monthly cadence established. The HTC committee meets on a monthly cadence, which is on the first Thu of every month. Goal is to have quarterly full committee calls.

Events/Webinars

- LES HTC webinar series kicked off on Jan 18 with a webinar on **Smart Surface Technologies and IP potential – TactoTek technology licensing story.**
 - Presenters were Sonja London and Paavo Niskala from TactoTek with Hemang Shah serving as moderator.
- Apr 13 – webinar scheduled on **Statistics on CNIPO Global Licensing Fees.**
 - Presenter will be Xuan Cao (CNIPA) and moderators are Dario Mohammadian (LESI High-Tech Committee), Bob Held (LESI Licensing Committee), Chris Shaowei (LES China).
- Sep 28 - Topic: A day in the life of an EPO Examiner / The work from the point of view of an EPO Examiner. Speaker: Philippe Lahorte (Directorate Medical Electronics and Informatics) from the European Patent Office
- See above for workshops for Annual Meeting
- Automotive IAB met 3 or 4 times
- IT and SW IAB met 2 or 3 times

Resources/Work Products

- None beyond recorded workshops

Future focus

- Continue the regular cadence of webinars
- Collaborate with other committees on webinar series. Discussions ongoing with IP Valuation Committee for a workshop on IP valuation for startups and with the Life Sciences committee for webinar(s) on intersection of healthcare / lifesciences with tech (AI/5G).