



LESI Committees:

End Year Report for the for 2023 – 2024 – March 12, 2024

Submitted: _____ (date)

Committee Name	High Tech
Chairs and Vice Chairs	<p>Chairs:</p> <p>Hemang Shah Sanjay Prasad Guido Quiram</p> <p>Vice Chairs:</p> <p>Heinz Goddar Dario Mohammadian – Decentralized Ledger Technologies IAB John Carney – Automotive IAB Lakshika Joshi - IT & Software IAB Taruna Gupta - IT & Software IAB</p> <p>Ex officio:</p> <p>Stephen Kabakoff – USA/Canada High Tech Sector Chair</p>
LESI Board Liaison	Matteo Sabatini

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)

Goals

Merger with Consumer Products Committee	Earlier this year the HTC and Consumer Products Committee merged to create a larger High Tech Committee. We are now at 111 members. Our leadership is now
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	stronger and we are happy to retain the members. In fact, we have grown slightly since the merger.
Annual Meeting Workshops and State of the Art Briefing	Our committee membership and Automotive IAB have proposed various workshops, many of which have been accepted for the LESI Madrid 2024 meeting.
Webinar series	The HTC committee has established a quarterly webinar series on topics of relevance to HTC members (details below). Collaborations are in progress with other LES committees
IABs and subcommittees	<p>Automotive is doing great. John Carney and Huimin Gong are doing a great job. We have to plan for a transition of leadership as John plans to gently reduce his time commitment to the IAB.</p> <p>IT & Software IAB have been reestablished with Lakshika Joshi and Taruna Gupta as the Vice-Chairs leading the respective IABs.</p> <p>AI IAB in the process of being established. Malcolm Meeks is in the process of setting it up.</p>

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.

Accepted Proposals for LESI 2024

The HTC facilitated the following proposals, which have been accepted for the LESI 2024 in Madrid.

- **Innovation Protection Strategies: Trade Secrets vs. Patents – achieving the best ROI**, Submitted by Karl Barnfather, Accepted
- **IP Management in the start-up ecosystem – a multidimensional stakeholder view**, Submitted by Martin Bader, Accepted
- **Monetization Strategy for an Additive Manufacturing Technology**, Submitted by Keith Johans, Accepted
- **Impact of AI and Emerging Trend of Software Defined Vehicles (SDV)**, Submitted by John Carney, Accepted

Events/Webinars

- **Jan 18 '23 - Smart Surface Technologies and IP potential – TactoTek technology licensing story.**
 - Presenters were Sonja London and Paavo Niskala from TactoTek
 - Moderator: Hemang Shah
- **Apr 13 '23 – Statistics on CNIPO Global Licensing Fees.**
 - Presenter - Xuan Cao (CNIPA)
 - Moderators are Dario Mohammadian (LESI High-Tech Committee), Bob Held (LESI Licensing Committee), Chris Shaowei (LES China).
- **Jun 15 '23 - Startup/SME Series: The story of Ather Energy**

- Presenter – Anoop Jain (Ather)
- Moderators – Dario Mohammadian and Heinz Goddar
- **Jul 13 '23 - Startup/SME Series: The story of DJI**
 - Presenter - Alice Wang (DJI)
 - Moderators – Dario Mohammadian and Heinz Goddar
- **Sep 28 '23 - A day in the life of an EPO Examiner / The work from the point of view of an EPO Examiner.**
 - Presenter: Philippe Lahorte (Directorate Medical Electronics and Informatics) from the European Patent Office
 - Moderator – Dario Mohammadian
- **Jan 30 '24 - Monetization Strategy for an Additive Manufacturing Technology**
 - Presenter: Keith Johanns, Northrup Grumman
 - Moderator – Hemang Shah
- **Automotive IAB meets regularly at a quarterly cadence**
 - **Sep '23** - Software Defined Vehicles
 - **Jun '23** - Standards governing 5G vehicle connectivity, the underlying IP and licensing
 - **Mar '23** - Connected Vehicle Data - AI & the Impact on Products, Services and Branding
 - **Dec '23** - Connected vehicle segment – CV2X & 5G – Who benefits and who pays
 - **Feb '24** - Assisted Mobility Technologies & IP

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 / life sciences with tech (AI/5G).