2024 LESI Society Fact Sheet

Thank you for providing us with an updated LESI Society Fact Sheet. This information helps us share your annual activities with the LESI Board and the Membership Committee. We have also asked for (optional) data on your members (while helpful, we appreciate that not all societies might have this data).

**SOCIETY INFORMATION**

**SOCIETY NAME:** LES ITALY

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<td>(This person is responsible for communication with &amp; timely submissions to the LESI Office. You may alternatively update your information directly on the website <a href="https://les-italy.org/">here</a> and indicate below that it is up to date)</td>
<td>President: Rinaldo Plebani</td>
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**Term of Current Society Officers/ Date of Next Change of Officers:**

(please notify LESI with a complete list of officers when the change takes place)

October 2025

**Annual Membership Dues:**

Euro 180,00 for senior membership.
Euro 90,00 for junior (under 35) membership.
Euro 35,00 "una tantum" registration fee.
MEMBERSHIP DATA

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SOCIETY ACTIVITIES

Date and Location of Next Annual General Meeting (AGM):
The next AGM will be in October 2024, place not yet defined

Notable Society Activities / Educational Events during the past year:
(please include the date, purpose and number of attendees)

THE NEW TRADEMARK’S INVALIDITY AND REVOCATION PROCEEDINGS IN ITALY
Milano, July 10th, 2023
Attendees: 30
The event was organized at the Politecnico di Milano and was dedicated to the new administrative procedure of invalidity and revocation of Italian trademarks. The event also included a round table with international speakers from France, Germany and Spain to compare the different procedures around Europe.

PATENTS & TRADESECRETS
Turin, October 17th, 2023
Attendees: 50
The purpose of the event was to discuss the difference between trade secret and patent protection, and provide hints on the best way to protect and exploit corporate innovation. The event was organised by LES Italia in collaboration with Italian industrial associations and the contribution of the Torino Chamber of Commerce.

VALUATIONS, TAXATION OF INDUSTRIAL PROPERTY ASSETS AND THE NEW EUROPEAN PATENT WITH UNITARY EFFECT
Trento, 22 September 2023
Attendees: 30
LES Italia, in collaboration with Trentino Sviluppo, organised a seminar on 22 September 2023 at the Trento Chamber of Commerce. The event, which was part of the Innovation Academy Startup Edition project, was intended for start-ups, but also for SMEs and large companies willing to acquire knowledge and skills that are fundamental for the correct management of intellectual property within the company.

LES ITALY ANNUAL MEETING AND CONFERENCE ON "THE AMENDMENT OF THE ITALIAN IP CODE"
Milano, October 31st, 2023
Attendees: 130
During the annual meeting we organized a conference to discuss the recent amendment of the Industrial Property Code.

**LICENSING CLASS**

Bologna, 9 and 10 November 2023

Attendees: 30

Organised within the University of Bologna, the course aims to provide the essential tools for making strategic choices, negotiating contracts and managing licensing relationships in the best possible way.

During the course, the main problems that the management of licensing poses are dealt with in depth, through the analysis of licensing agreements and clauses relating to the most delicate and insidious aspects of licensing.

Separate in-depth studies are reserved for trademark, design, patent and/or know-how licences and licences relating to elements protected by trade secret and copyright, as well as tax and international profiles and the legal protection that can be activated in the event of litigation. Ample space is devoted to the illustration of practical cases and successful company testimonials.

**IP VALORIZATION IN THE FOOD AND BEVERAGE SECTOR**

Pollenza, November 24th, 2023

Attendees: 30

The event was organised in collaboration with the University of Gastronomic Sciences and with the support of the International Alba Truffle Fair. The purpose was to discuss trademark, IGP and ODC protection, as well as utility and design patents in the food sector.

**IP RIGHTS & AI IN THE AUDIOVISUAL INDUSTRY**

Virtual Event, December 5th, 2023

Attendees: 90

Artificial Intelligence has assumed a central role for the audiovisual sector involving legal, ethical, practical and economic considerations. The purpose of the event was to discuss how is this challenge/opportunity is addressed today with regard to intellectual property rights.

**JUDICIAL PROTECTION OF STANDARD ESSENTIAL PATENTS**

Turin, February 5th, 2024

Attendees: 70

Five years after the conference dedicated to the analysis of antitrust profiles and of the main procedural issues opened after the well-known ruling of the Court of Justice in the Huawei vs ZTE case, LES Italia in collaboration with the Court of Appeal of Turin has organised a new meeting to (1) illustrate and discuss the European Commission's proposed regulation, (2) present a mock trial relating to SEPs.

**ROUNTABLE WITH IP JUDGES**

Milano, March 5th, 2024

Attendees: 150

Judges from the specialized IP Sections of the main Italian Courts (Milano, Torino, Brescia, Venezia, Roma and Napoli) presented the most recent case laws concerning several topics related to patents, trademarks, design and copyright.
**HIGH-GROWTH TECHNOLOGY BUSINESS CONFERENCE**

Virtual Event, March 15th 2024

Attendees: n.a.

Organised by the European Patent Academy of the European Patent Office (EPO) with the support of LES International and LES Italy, the HTB conference was aimed at decision makers in these companies (especially innovative SMEs) with the objective of illustrating how IP can support and enhance their business.

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**Please List Your Professional Committees** (e.g., Education, Life Sciences, Transportation):

*We do not have professional committees*

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**Does your society have (or plan to start) a Young Members Congress (YMC)? Would your Society be interested in becoming more involved in WILA?** If so, please provide a contact for each.

*We held YMC in 2021 (virtual one) and 2022 (in presence). We would be happy to host further YMCs.*

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**How can LESI or other LES Societies further support you?**

*Providing international news in a more effective way, our associates are highly interested in receiving IP information.*

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Report completed by: Antonio Di Bernardo  
Date: 20 March 2024
Appendix

Additional LES Society Membership Data

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