



## **LESI Committees:**

### ***End of Year Report for the 2024 International Management and Delegates Meeting (IMDM) – 28 April 2024***

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<b>Committee Name</b>	Technology Transfer Committee
<b>Chairs and Vice Chairs</b>	Saara Inkinen (LES Austria; Co-chair) Peter Ling (LES Switzerland; Co-chair) Shiva Loccisano (LES Italy, Vice-chair)
<b>LESI Board Liaison</b>	Karin Hofmann

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## **Action Plan**

### **Leadership**

- **Shiva Loccisano has decided to step down as Vice-Chair** of the Committee as of the 2024 AM. He will stay on as a member of the Committee. The Committee thanks Shiva for his great support of the Committee leadership.
- The Committee respectfully proposes to the Board and the President:
  - o to re-appoint **Saara Inkinen as Co-Chair** of the Committee for another term;
  - o to re-appoint **Peter Ling as Co-Chair** of the Committee for another term;
  - o to appoint **Giacomo Garbagnati as Co-Chair, alternatively as Vice-Chair** of the Committee.
- **Giacomo Garbagnati** has played a very active role in the Committee. His efforts were unfortunately thwarted by the cancellation/postponement of the Pan-European LESI in Jerusalem in October 2023. The Leadership proposes to appoint Giacomo as the third Co-Chair of the Committee to ensure continuity of the work done so far.
- The Leadership alternatively proposes to appoint Giacomo as a Vice-Chair of the Committee.

### **Activities planned for the 2024/25 Term**

- Publishing at least one article in LES Nouvelles
- Increased use of LESI Connect
- Carrying on with the successful series of bi-monthly mini-webinars
- Organizing at least one common webinar with another Committee
- Organizing a panel discussion at one of the regional LESI Meetings and/or at the 2025 Annual Meeting on a tech transfer topic

As relevant, consider addressing the following:

- Goals for 2023-2024? Did you meet these goals?
  - Review the IUGT's Charter on the LESI Website (Saara, Peter, and Orakanoke) - **YES**
  - Increased use of the LESI online platform <https://connect.lesi.org/home> (Saara) - **YES**
  - Pioneering IP for Young Scientists in Africa (Orakanoke) - **NO**
  - Performing a survey on some aspects of licensing with university technology transfer offices (Peter)] - **NO**
- Key topics discussed?
  - Please see the information below.
- Meetings / Calls?
  - We implemented this term regular meetings every other month with a presentation ("min-webinar") by one of our members on a tech transfer topic
  - The new format is successful, we gained new members and we sharply increased member engagement. The discussions after the presentations are often very lively.
- Events / Webinars executed?
  - "Knowledge Share – where innovation happens. A case study from the Italian tech transfer ecosystem" (March 19, 2024, Shiva Loccisano)
  - "How to Advance your Career in Intellectual Property Licensing" (January 9, 2024, by Glen Gardner)
  - "Global Patent Assertion Entity Risk Mitigation Strategies" (November 28, 2023 organized jointly with the Patent Licensing Committee; Speakers: Subdoh Kumar, Nikos Minas, Bitia Mortazavi, Sam Wiley)
  - "Rescuing inadvertently-lapsed registered IP rights in Europe" (November 7, 2024; Simon Keevey Kothari)
  - IP-backed financing and opportunities for the European innovation ecosystem (June 6 . 2023, Matteo Sabattini)
- Resources / Work Products created (including articles for *les Nouvelles* and *Global News*)?
  - LESI Global News: Report about Glen Gardner's presentation at the January 9 Webinar.
  - It is a high priority for the Committee to create at least one article for LES Nouvelles in the upcoming term.
- Suggestions for future focus / work to be done by the committee? (including any change in scope, updates to the Charter, etc)
  - Increased contact to LES USA-Canada, organising at least one meeting or webinar at a suitable time for them (as most of the TTC meetings have been organised in European daytime)