

President's Message

By François Painchaud,
President, LES International



Dear Friends,

Meeting many of you through my travels will undeniably be the most rewarding experience as LESI President.

The LES Turkey IP Camp was a great success and I would like to congratulate the whole team for the organisation and the excellent speakers. We discussed many strategic elements of the IP transactions arena, the “Business of IP.” We also touched upon the management of key strategic elements occurring in the growth of a business. The different presentations on the similarities and differences between Turkish legislation and others around the world were also stimulating for an organisation whose aim is to build business and law bridges.

The LES (U.S.A. and Canada) Annual Meeting was held in Boston this past October. LES can take pride in putting together, year over year, a world class conference, dealing with topics of business associated with our very diverse sectors such as life sciences, chemistry, high tech (which is also broad by itself) and university transactions.

I also travelled to Washington, to meet with the leadership of the AIPLA at the occasion of their Annual Meeting. We discussed and reaffirmed our goals of collaborating together and developing tools such as international contract templates and other elements for our common benefit. From this collaboration, LES members globally will be able to have access to a series of internationally focussed licensing agreements. Other support will be adopted for global transactions. Thank you to all LES members from around the world who are hard at work in the development of such tools.

Our yearning is to deliver better services to all LES members. That will begin with a more comprehensive LES Global News. Please take some time to read this issue of Global News carefully to find valuable information on all events occurring around the world. In the near future, we will bring even more local information. We are also planning a pilot project to align the International Database on a variety of websites to put the information at the fingertips of all individual members. The test will be made in collaboration with LES (U.S.A. and Canada). We look to expand it to other Societies with specific websites shortly thereafter.

As I am writing these notes, I have travel plans to various countries in Europe and Asia including Thailand, India and China before Christmas. I look forward to summarising these travels in the next edition of LES Global News.

Let me know how LESI can “up its game” on services that matter to you. You can write directly to me at president@lesi.org.

Sincerely,

François Painchaud

A few members of the LES International Board at the LES (U.S.A. and Canada) Annual Meeting in Boston. From left: Pamela Cox, Vice-President; François Painchaud, President; Fiona Nicolson, President-Elect; and Rob McInnes, Secretary.



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