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**LESi—
A Worldwide Family**

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Dear friends of LES around the world,

Let me first wish you again an excellent upcoming year, whatever your calendar is. LES is a worldwide family and we are always happy to celebrate together.

Very sadly, we have suffered horrible events in my country these past weeks. Thank you for all the messages of support from our LES friends to LES France and its members. They warmed our hearts and showed how much LES has helped us along the past fifty years to understand and appreciate our differences. They make our community closer and stronger. We are an example to follow.

Last December I visited LES Arab Countries, where I received an impressive welcome from our friends there. The President of LES Arab Countries, our esteemed friend, Dr. Talal Abu-Ghazaleh, has managed with all his society members to bring the IP awareness to a very high level. This society is deeply involved in the various research and development programs promoting IP in the region. The goal is clearly to work and make this part of the world one of the leading high tech platforms in the world.

This is again a good example that LES, wherever we are in the world, is always deeply tied to industry and the business community, and keen to take an active part in building the future.

We are smart, very smart.

This will be the theme of our International Conference in Brussels, April 12 to 15, 2015. No doubt many of you will attend, so we can think and work together to build a smarter future world. No doubt we will also have plenty of fun as friends should always have.

I am looking forward to welcoming you in Brussels. ■



Arnaud Michel, LES International President, and H.E. Dr. Talal Abu-Ghazaleh, LES AC President, at the December LES Arab Countries meeting. See more on Page 20.