



**LESI Committees:**

***End of Year Report for the 2022 International Management and Delegates Meeting – May 8, 2022***

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LESI Americas Committee

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**Committee Name**

**Chairs and Vice Chairs**

**Chairs:** Paula Mena Barreto (LES Brazil); and Jeffrey Whittle (LES USA/Canada)

**Vice-Chairs:** Renzo Scavia; (LES Andean Community); Hilton W.C. Sue (LES USA/Canada); Mariana Gonzalez (LES Mexico); and Cedric Sikandar (LES Brazil)

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**LESI Board Liaison**

Pamela Cox

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**Action Plan**

**Committee Highlights from the Year**

1st Quarter 2021 – Planning of webinar with open-participation for members and non-members regarding the innovation of the COVID-19 vaccine. Organize LESI Annual Meeting event with suggestion of using the mock negotiations from the LES America’s Conference 2020. Planning of possible National Society webinar in July 2021.

2nd Quarter 2021 - Planning of webinar in late June 2021 or early July with open-participation for members and non-members regarding the innovation and IP rights of the COVID-19 vaccine previously slotted for 1st Quarter 2021. Planning of possible National Society webinar in July 2021.

3rd Quarter 2021 – Planning of webinar for late October regarding new court decisions in Brazil and strategies to adjust to recent change in IP laws in different countries. Planning and organizing of educational program for later in the 4th Quarter. Planning on possible 1st Quarter 2022 webinar regarding pros and cons of granting the IP rights to the vaccine or the patent waiver concept, as well as compulsory licenses versus voluntary licenses.

4th Quarter 2021 – Webinar titled “What Strategies You Would Take to Adjust to Recent Changes in IP Laws in Different North and South American Countries” successfully was held virtually October 21st with Paula Mena Barreto as the moderator (about 25-30 attendees). Planning and organizing of educational program early 1st Quarter 2022. Planning of possible 1st Quarter 2022 and 3rd Quarter 2022 webinars regarding (e.g., pros and cons of granting the IP rights to the vaccine, the patent waiver concept, as well as compulsory licenses versus voluntary licenses; other hot topics).

1st Quarter 2022 – Planning of webinar with open-participation for members and non-members. Planning and organizing of educational program for beginning of 2nd Quarter 2022. Held committee leadership planning call with LESI President-Elect Ichiro Nakatomi and LESI Executive Director Dana Colarulli on March 4, 2022 regarding committee activities and upcoming 2022 plans. Successfully held virtual webinar on March 10 at 9:00 am CST titled “Differences Between and Impact of Compulsory Licenses, Voluntary Licenses, and Waivers” (about 50-60 attendees).

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2nd Quarter 2022 – Planning and organizing of educational program early 2nd Quarter 2022. Planning of 2nd Quarter 2022 and 3rd Quarter 2022 webinars (e.g., frameworks for cross-border license agreements/negotiations; other hot topics). Planning of 4th Quarter 2022 LES/Americas Regional Meeting in Lima, Peru (potentially Nov.9-11, 2022).

Updating of webpage and new communities pages to include local and cross border resources, planned and attended activities, and engage committee new and present members. Other activities under discussion.

Dates of Meeting/Conference Calls:

2021

Jan 14

Feb 18

Mar 18

Apr 8

May 20

June 17

Aug 19

Sept 9

Oct 21 (webinar)

Nov 11

Dec 16

2022

Jan 20

Mar 2

Mar 23

Our next call is scheduled for Apr 21

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