

YMC Annual Report

The Year of Challenges and Champions



Presented by Dr. Georgina Busku Wachtler, Chair of the LES YMC 2020

Yes, we managed to keep our extraordinary group united despite of the challenges of the term 2020-2021. We worked hard all year with the best, humorous and supportive attitude accepting that the closest we can get to an in-person event and party is a virtual cocktail. We had our monthly leadership Zoom calls, webinars, Holiday special get togethers and we are well prepared for the annual conference. We recruited new members with the Tournament and thanks to our intensive social media presence.

YMC Tournament

International competition destined to entertain and unite

More than 70 young professionals competed on the almost a year-long international IP competition of the Young Members Committee has reached its end in March. It was more than just an IP trivia and writing contest. It was the tool which kept our extraordinary and sparkling group united in the uncertain and difficult time of the world-wide pandemic. The Tournament was made to entertain with serious content, requiring focus and genuine skills. It consisted of 9 MONTHLY QUIZZES and the ULTIMATE PROJECT.

YMC Tournament

We had an international IP competition with more than 70 contestants from 21 countries of 4 continents, which united our sparkling and extraordinary group of young professionals in the challenging and difficult time of the worldwide pandemic! Besides the fun part, due to its serious contents it required focus and genuine skills.

Webinars

We organized two YMC webinars in the fall: had an insightful interview-like conversation with two professors/inventors, and later we celebrated the end of the year on a Christmas Holiday Special Cocktail with fantastic content.

Record YMC representation on the Annual Conference

Meet YMC on the annual conference! Two dedicated YMC panels (YMC Award Ceremony, Employment Invention), several LIVE round table discussions moderated by YMCs and a special YMC closing cocktail party with SOJU Bomb Competition.

Recruited new members

Welcome on board new YMCs!

Crucial roles were filled by many amazing people! Many thanks for the help of the Judges of the Tournament, David Drews the Editor of Les Nouvelles and Global News, the Editorial Review Board, Dana Colarulli the Executive Director of LESI and Esha Cruickshank from LESI administration.

“Since we couldn’t meet physically it had a very great, not only intellectual but emotional value!” - Eszter Szakács



TOP 20 FINALISTS

	NAME	COUNTRY
1.	Anil Buğra ALPAYIM	Turkey
2.	Mariana GONZÁLEZ VARGAS	Mexico
3.	Benjamin RÄTZ	Germany
4.	Roberto CARAPETO	Japan
4.	David HOLT	United Kingdom
5.	Paul ASHCRAFT	USA
6.	György KRATOCHWILL	Hungary
7.	Eszter SZAKÁCS	Hungary
8.	Leonardo Maria SERI	Italy
9.	Jonas BLOCK	Germany
10.	Karla Roxana AISPURO	Mexico
11.	Luisa CHAGOYA	Mexico
12.	Ana CORTES	Mexico
12.	Vojtech CHLOUPEK	Czech Republic
13.	Susanna RUDER	Switzerland
14.	Fabian KLEIN	Germany
15.	James SIGNOR	Germany
16.	Sam WILEY	USA
17.	Philippe CAMPOLINI	Belgium
18.	Katya LUGONOV	Canada
19.	Giselle LECONA	Mexico
20.	Astrid SOTRIFFER	Germany

UP-COMING LESI YMC REGIONAL CONFERENCES THE ORGANIZING COMMITTEES ARE ALREADY IN THE MIDDLE OF THE PREPARATION OF THE UP-COMING REGIONAL YMC MEETINGS. WE HAVE ASSIGNED 3 DEDICATED DOMAINS AND CREATED 3 MINI SITES FOR EACH ANNUAL REGIONAL EVENTS FOR EASIER ACCESS FOR ALL IMPORTANT INFORMATION AND REGISTRATION

6th PAN-AMERICAN LESI YMC CONFERENCE

June 2021

Virtual - New York City, NY

www.ymcpanamerica.lesi.org

8th PAN-AMERICAN LESI YMC CONFERENCE

September 2021

Virtual - Milan, Italy

www.ymcpaneurope.lesi.org

3rd ASIA-PACIFIC LESI YMC CONFERENCE

November 2021

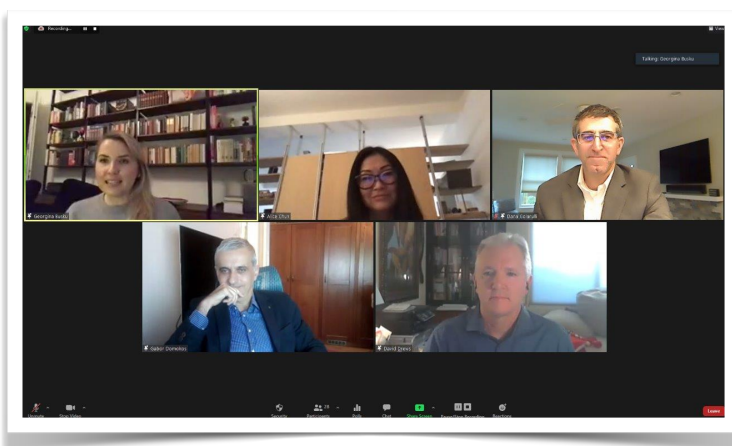
Virtual - Manila, Philippines

www.ymcasiapacific.lesi.org

Webinars

Behind the scene with Solight and Gömböc - October

YMC Tournament's special select gifts for the Top 10 finalists were the Solight QWWN and the Gömböc. YMC planed to raise awareness of these fascinating products. In an interview like webinar we have talked to Alice Chun, Founder of Solight Design and professor of NYU alongside with Gábor Domokos, mathematician, inventor of Gömböc, professor of BME about their products, the behind the scene stories of their invention process, the challenges they had to face with, and their current work. David Drews gave us a little sneak peak on the topics of the Ultimate Projects of the Contestants of the Tournament.



YMC Holiday Special Cocktail Webinar - 2040: Long-term insight into the future of the IP Licensing Practice - December

Merry Christmas! Vincent Bergeron, Shayne Phillips, Olivier Huc and David Swain had an interesting conversation on what lies ahead for the future of the IP/licensing and practice. The conversation followed by an Ugly Christmas Sweater Contest. The absolute winner was Dana Colarulli on the ugliest ugly sweater category!



Record representation on the Annual Conference

YMC has two dedicated panels and several small table discussions moderated by YMCs

Come meet us on the annual conference! Peter Ling moderates the ‘Employment Invention and Renumeration in Different Jurisdictions’ panel. The Speakers are Anıl Buğra Alpayım, Sherry L. Rollo, Sung-Pil Hwang and Christopher Weber. Our second panel is the ‘YMC “Ultimate Champion” Tournament Award Ceremony’ panel, moderated by Georgina Busku and David Drews, and the interviewed speakers are Jonas Block, Benjamin Rätz, Eszter Szakács, Alexander Haertel and David Holt. Several LIVE Small Tables is moderated by YMCs, such as Sam Wiley, Robynne Zevenester, Anna Giedke, Philippe Kutschke, Kilian Schärli, Mariana González Vargas and Roberto Carapeto.

OUTGOING LEADERSHIP

Chair: **Georgina Busku** (LES Hungary)

Incoming-Chair: **David Swain** (LES China - Hong Kong Sub-Chapter)

Immediate Past-Chair: **Vincent Bergeron** (LES USA & Canada)

Vice-Chair for the Pan-American Region: **Stacey Dunn** (LES USA & Canada)

Vice-Chair for the Pan-European Region: **Kilian Schärli** (LES Switzerland)

Vice-Chair for the Asia-Pacific Region: **David Swain** (LES China (Hong Kong Sub-Chapter))

Vice-Chair for the Latin American Region: **Karla Roxana Aispuro** (LES Mexico)

Vice-Chair of Membership, Committees and WILA: **Eszter Szakács** (LES Hungary)

Vice-Chair of Communications: **Susanna Ruder** (LES Switzerland)

Vice-Chair of Mentoring: **Bridie Egan** (LES Australia & New Zealand)

Vice-Chair for the Seoul 2021 LESI Annual Meeting: **Sung-Pil Hwang** (LES Korea)

Thank you for your dedicated and hard work!

INCOMING LEADERSHIP

Chair: **David Swain** (LES China (Hong Kong Chapter))

Incoming-Chair: **Kilian Schärli** (LES Switzerland)

Immediate Past-Chair: **Georgina Busku** (LES Hungary)

Vice-Chair for the Pan-European Region: **Mustafa Çakir** (LES Turkey)

Vice-Chair for the Pan-American Region: **Stacey Dunn** (LES USA & Canada)

Vice-Chair for the Latin American Region: **Christian Thomae** (LES Mexico)

Vice-Chair for the Asia-Pacific Region: **Roberto Carapeto** (LES Japan)

Vice-Chair of Membership, Committees: Sam Wiley (LES USA/Canada)

Vice-Chair of WILA: **Eszter Szakács** (LES Hungary)

Vice-Chair of Communications: Anna Giedke (LES Germany)

Vice-Chair of Mentoring: Birdie Egan (LES Australia & New-Zealand)

Vice-Chair for NYC virtual 2021 meeting: **Merri Moken** (LES USA & Canada)

Vice-Chair for Milan virtual 2021 meeting: **Alberto Dalle Ceste** (LES Italy)

Wishing you the best for your term!

Finally we would like to say special thanks for the dedicated work of Cairan He - LES YMC Singapore, Rose Smalley and Adam Coughlin - LES YMC Britain and Ireland, Anne-Celine Truchot-Bothner - LES YMC France, the organizing committees of the up-coming YMC regional events, the entire YMC leadership and everyone else who worked hard this year to beat the odds and make the best out of this challenging past year!

THANK YOU!



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