



# LESI International Management & Delegates Meeting (IMDM)

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## 2022 LES Society Fact Sheet

Thank you for providing us with an updated LES Society Fact Sheet. This information helps us share your annual activities with the LESI Board and the Membership Committee. We have also asked for (optional) data on your members (while helpful, we appreciate that not all societies might have this data).

### SOCIETY INFORMATION

**SOCIETY NAME:** LES Italy

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#### CURRENT SOCIETY OFFICERS

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**Term of Current Society Officers/ Date of Next Change of Officers:** October 2022

*(please notify LESI with a complete list of officers when the change takes place)*

**Annual Membership Dues:** Euro 180 ordinary membership; Euro 90 junior membership (younger than 35 years old); Euro 90 senior membership (older than 70 years old and retired)

*(please note currency and any categories of membership)*

### MEMBERSHIP DATA

Category	Total Number	% Change from last year
<b>Total Number of Members:</b>	486	

*(please also note separately categories of membership)*

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**Date and Location of Next Annual General Meeting (AGM): October 2022, Milan.** The organization of the event and especially the venue will be subject to the evolving of Covid-19 situation.

### **Notable Society Activities / Educational Events during the past year:**

*(please include the date, purpose and number of attendees)*

*The outbreak of the Covid-19 pandemic necessitated a drastic reorganization of the association's activities. Given the impossibility of organizing "in-person" events, LES Italia has therefore taken steps to organize a series of virtual meetings (the number of which has also exceeded that of any other LESI chapter), which in recent months, thanks also to the involvement of prestigious speakers, have represented important opportunities for training and professional updating.*

*The first event of year 2021 - **"5g & Patents"** that took place last **January 27** – analyzed the main features of 5G technology, mainly focusing on why 5G is considered a disruptive technology and on how would it be possible to promote a 5G licensing market for promoting innovation. In this webinar hosted by LESI & LES Italy the speakers **Sonja London** (Nokia), **Matteo Sabattini** (Ericsson) and **John Carney** (LES USA & Automotive Sector), with the moderation of **Luis Ignacio Vicente del Olmo** (ASTI Mobile Robotics & Pons IP) discussed on the following topics: Why 5G is so different from 4G? Which is the impact in a key field as automotive sector (impact in sales, V2X – communications...)? Which are the different scenarios for 5G patents licensing? Which will be the impact of Covid to 5G deployment? The webinar had more than 120 attendees, as a confirmation of the power of the synergy between the LESI Chapters and associates.*

*Following to this webinar, an event dedicated to the LES Italy associates followed. On **February 12** the webinar on **"Recent trends of the jurisprudence in the field of intellectual property"** took place with the participation as speakers of the Presidents and Judges of the specialized IP Sections of the main Italian Courts: Milano, Torino, Genova, Roma and Napoli. The judges confronted on the most recent case law concerning several topics: contributory infringement, protection of trade secrets and databases, copyright and claim for ascertaining authenticity of works, software protection and compliance report. The webinar generated also this year grate interest amongst our associates: more than 120 persons participated.*

*International and cross-borders topics were once again the focus in the webinar co organized by LES Italy and LESI on **February 24** titled **"Contributory infringement: an overview under German, French, English and Italian law"**. The speakers **Prof. Dr. Tilman Müller-Stoy** (BARDEHLE PAGENBERG), **Jean-Hyacinthe de Mitry** (GIDE LOYRETTE NOUEL A.A.R.P.I.) and **Richard Pinckney** (BRISTOWS LLP), with the moderation of **Ing. Rinaldo Plebani** (Former member of LES Italy Board – Co-Chair of IP Maintenance Committee of LES International) discussed some cases and decisions involving contributory infringement and discussed the approach of the respective case law on the matter.*

*Last **April 21** the webinar titled **"Pharmaceutical patents and covid-19: licensing or expropriation agreements and compulsory licences, what's best?"** took place. At the beginning of 2021, one of the hottest topics of debate, not only legal, was the "vexata questio" of expropriation and compulsory licensing of patents as opposed to the free negotiation of the parties, in particular with reference to patents on vaccines that have been made in record time for the fight against COVID-19. LES Italia, through this Webinar, wanted to contribute to this important debate by analyzing the open questions not only from a technical patent perspective, but also from a legal and industrial policy perspective. Speakers of the event were **Dr. Lorenzo Toller**, GSK Vaccines S.r.l.; **Sandro Hassan**, Hassan Law Firm; **Micaela Modiano**, Modiano & Partners. The moderator of the meeting was **Dr. Francesco Macchetta**, IP Strategic Advisor Bracco Spa. The following topics were discussed during the seminar: Vaccine production from A to Z; Compulsory license and trip waiver what they are and how they work; From patent description to industrial production: the inevitable gap; Between compulsory licensing and voluntary agreements - experiences and reflections.*

This webinar had a huge success (more than 80 attendees); the interest that this event generated was so deep that **Mattia Dalla Costa** (President of LES Italy, Partner at CBA Studio Legale) was invited to repeat the event as speaker in the Italian Parliament (Camera dei Deputati) last **May 21**; speakers of the event was also **Dr. Lorenzo Toller** (GSK); the event focused on the explanation of the Italian and international regulatory framework (TRIPS and waiver under the WTO's rules) of compulsory licensing and expropriation of patents related to COVID-19.

To celebrate the World IP Day 2021, last **26 April** LES Italia has invited renowned designer **Walter De Silva**, one of the fathers of automotive design, to give an interesting keynote speech on the future of mobility, with particular reference to the automotive sector.

Last **May 5** the webinar titled "**The use of opinion polls in trade mark litigation**" took place. The webinar aimed to explore the possible uses and relevance of demoscopic surveys in trade mark cases from the point of view of a German and an Italian jurist, with the contribution of a researcher expert in demoscopic surveys. The event was moderated by **Mr Gianfranco Crespi**, Studio Legale Crespi; the debate was attended by: **Avv. Giulio Sironi**, Simmons & Simmons, **Dr. Mathias Zintler**, LL.M. - KNPZ Rechtsanwälte and **Dr. Alessandra Dragotto**, Research Director SWG S.p.A.

On **May 12** the webinar "**Blockchain technology between patent law and copyright**" analyzed from a technical and legal point of view the recent developments of blockchain technologies in order to take stock of the protection and enhancement offered by the main IP rights that interface with this technology. **Dr. Lorenzo Rossi**, Italian Institute of Technology (IIT), **Ing. Matteo Baroni**, Metroconsult and **Avv. Anna Saraceno**, Studio Benessia - Maccagno participated as speakers. The meeting was moderated by **Corrado Druetta**, Comau Legal Counsel.

Last **June 30** the webinar organized by LES Italy in cooperation with LES China took place: "**Recent developments on the protection of IP rights in China and Italy/European union**". This event focused on the recent developments of Chinese IP law system and case law concerning the most recent judicial interpretations on punitive damages in IP infringement litigation in China in comparison with the basics of damages' compensation pursuant Italian Law, also according to EU case law. Two Judges participated as speakers to this event: **Mr. Yuanming Qin**, Judge of the PRC Supreme Court focused on the recent judicial interpretations on application of punitive damages in IP infringement litigations in China; **Dr. Silvia Vitro**, President IP Section District Court of Turin talked about IP Infringements: the fundamentals of damages' compensation pursuant Italian Law (with a focus on methods of liquidation), also according to EU case law. Following, **Mr. Chunxiang (Christopher) Shen** (Senior Partner of NTD IP Attorneys, Beijing) talked about the latest amendments of the prc trademark law and its influence – numbers, cases and trends; finally, **Dr. Huihui (Carissa) Li**, (China Patent Agent Ltd.) talked about the coming patent linkage in China. Moderators of the event were **Dr. Marilena Garis**, International Delegate of LES Italy, Italian and European Trademark Attorney at A.BRE.MAR S.r.l. Turin and **Mr. Aimin Huo**, International Delegate of LES China, Deputy Director of Legal Department at CCPIT Patent and Trademark Law Office Beijing.

This webinar was followed by more than 80 participants.

Last **July 22** the webinar "**Precautionary measures in patent matters in Germany, France and UK**" was organized by LES Italy; the event focused on how preliminary injunction, description (saisie contrefaçon), seizure, preliminary technical expertise work in some of the major EU jurisdictions (France and Germany) and in the UK. Protective letters were also addressed. Some specific cases will be dealt with by the panelists and the "attitude" of their Courts toward precautionary measures and legal costs thereof were discussed. The speakers were LESI members: **Benjamin May** (Partner, ARAMIS Société d'Avocats); Patrick Cantrill (Senior Counsel, Womble Bond Dickinson (UK) LLP); **Arno Risse** (Partner, Arnold Ruess Rechtsanwälte Partnerschaft mbB). Moderator of the event: **Avv. Mario Traverso** (Partner at Studio Legale Traverso)

On **September 14**, the webinar "Amendments/limitations of patent claims: procedures and effects in Italy and Germany" took place; the event aimed at deepening the possible procedures to modify claims in patents, in particular during litigation between parties, as well as the effects of such modifications in Italy and Germany. Speakers of the panel were **Dr. Daniel Goller**, Hoffmann Eitle, and **Ing. Paolo E. Crippa**, Jacobacci & Partners. Moderator of the meeting is Dr. Sergio Lasca, Head of IP - Patents and Know How of Pirelli and President of AICIPI.



LES Italy also focused on Standard Essential Patents (SEPs) with a webinar that took place on **September 29**. One of the major debates dominating the current discourse on resolving disputes relating to Standard Essential Patents (SEPs) is its ever-increasing extraterritorial implications. It is becoming common practice for courts to be required to address issues such as global rate setting and the use of Anti-Suit Injunctions (ASIs) within a geopolitical and geo-economics paradigm. The webinar organized by LES Italy presented the impact of cross-border judgements, highlighting why ASIs should be considered in contrast with freedom to enjoy national tribunal decisions and which corrective measures should be introduced to prevent their use.

Speakers of the event were **Prof. Mario Franzosi**, Studio Legale Franzosi Dal Negro Setti; **Cordula Schumacher**, Arnold Ruess; **Sir Robin Jacob**, Retired Judge at the Court of Appeal of England and Wales, **Sir Hugh Laddie**, Chair of Intellectual Property Law, UCL; **Paul R. Michel**, Retired Chief Judge at the US Court of Appeals for the Federal Circuit; **Valentina Piola**, Sisvel. Moderator of the event: Roberto Dini, Metroconsult.

LESI's Young Members Congress (YMC) and LES Italy organized the **8th Pan-European LES YMC Conference** that was held on **Friday, 24 September 2021**. The event was created in order to convey to participants the peculiarities of the Italian culture and "Made in Italy". The topics were based around the "3 Fs" acronym of Furniture, Fashion, and Food, to illustrate Italian excellence recognized all over the world and the strategies for the protection of their IP rights.

The format used for the event is innovative: the main speakers were not lawyers or IP consultants, but the same representatives of Italian enterprises, both small and large, belonging to the different sectors of reference. In this way, direct voice was given to the protagonists of the enterprises and their experiences in the protection and management of IP rights in world markets. The program was divided into three parts, one for each main topic (furniture, fashion, and food) with a main speaker, followed by breakout sessions moderated by some members of LESI or LES Italy, where participants – divided into rooms – had the opportunity to interact with each other, to network, and to discuss the topics of the main speeches. The novelty of the format was that these networking sessions were also attended by external guests – representatives of other Italian enterprises in the sector, who explained their experiences and interact with the participants.

After its General Assembly that took place on **October 20**, LES Italy organized a webinar on reverse engineering in different industries and under different legislations like Italy, Germany, France, UK, US, Japan and China. Distinguished international speakers provided an overview of reverse engineering, presenting the limits required by case law for the application of the reverse engineering discipline in their country, the contractual provisions and its application in different sectors. Speakers of the event were **Mattia Dalla Costa**, President LES Italy – CBA (Italy); **Christian Czychowski**, Nordemann (Germany); **Dora Hajdu Sauvage**, Dassault Systèmes (France); **Richard Fawcett**, Powell Gilbert (UK); **Brian O'Shaughnessy**, Dinsmore & Shohl LLP (USA); **Christopher Shaowei**, NTD Intellectual Property Attorneys (China); **Hiroki Saito**, Mori Hamada & Matsumoto (Japan).

On **November 22** LES Italy organized a webinar dedicated to "Online sales restrictions in the revised EU block exemption regulation". The European Commission plans to update the Vertical Block Exemption Regulation (VBER), which provides a safe harbor for vertical business arrangements from the EU prohibition on anticompetitive agreements. Distinguished international speakers provided an overview of the ongoing revisions to the antitrust rules applicable to vertical restraints (both in the EU and in UK) and discussed their possible impact on the current business practice, with a focus on arrangements commonly to be found in the distribution contracts regarding on-line sales. Speakers of the event were **Simon Chalkley**, Keystone Law (UK); **Sara Citterio**, Trussardi Spa (Italy); **Livia Oglio**, Studio Legale Sutti (Italy); **Anne Servoir**, Hoyng Rokh Monegier (France).

Following to this webinar, an event dedicated to the LES Italy associates followed. On **March 8, 2022** the webinar on "**Recent trends of the jurisprudence in the field of intellectual property**" took place with the participation as speakers of the Presidents and Judges of the specialized IP Sections of the main Italian Courts: Milano, Torino, Genova, Napoli and, for the first time, Venice. This was a hybrid event: the speakers and the audience were indeed allowed to participate both in presence and online. The judges confronted on the most recent case law concerning several topics: contributory infringement, protection of trade secrets and databases, copyright and claim for ascertaining authenticity of works, software protection and compliance report. The webinar generated also this year grate interest amongst our associates: more than 120 persons participated.

Finally, in December 2021 LES Italy signed a **cooperation agreement with NETVAL**, a network gathering universities and research centers, in order to develop the cooperation concerning TTOs through joint events and reciprocal promotion of the events organized

**Please List Your Professional Committees** (e.g., Education, Life Sciences, Transportation):

LES Italy has established 6 professional committees (Patent & Trade secret; Trademark, Design & Copy Right; Industry; TT from University and Research Institutes to industry; YMC; IPV committee

**Does your society have (or plan to start) a Young Members Congress (YMC)? Would your Society be interested in becoming more involved in WILA?** If so, please provide a contact for each.

For the YMC LES Italy is already active. Reference: Alberto Dalle Ceste ([alberto.dalleceste@gmail.com](mailto:alberto.dalleceste@gmail.com)).  
For the WILA LES Italy would like to be more involved. Reference: Alessia Ferraro ([Alessia.ferraro@cbalex.com](mailto:Alessia.ferraro@cbalex.com))

**How can LESI or other LES Societies further support you?**

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## Appendix

### Additional LES Society Membership Data

*If known:*

	Total Number	% Change from last year
<b>Lawyers or patent agents in --</b>		
private practice:		79%
law/patent firm:		75%
production or sales company (goods and materials):		14%
IP consulting or transaction entity (NOT production/sales):		2%
<b>Non-lawyers/non-patent/trademark agents in --</b>		
law/patent firm:		n/a
production or sales company (goods and materials):		n/a
IP consulting or transaction entity (NOT production/sales):		
<b>Other members</b> (please define):		
<b>Women Members:</b>		40%
<b>Young Members (&lt; 40 years of age):</b>		10%