



## LESI International Management & Delegates Meeting (IMDM)

Venice, Italy  
8 May 2022

### 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 South Africa

#### CONTACT PERSON

(This person is responsible for communication with & timely submissions to the LESI Office. You may alternatively update your information directly on the website [here](#) and indicate below that it is up to date)

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#### CURRENT SOCIETY OFFICERS

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Secretary: Chyreene Truluck

Treasurer: Alan Lewis

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Term of Current Society Officers/ Date of Next Change of Officers:

(please notify LESI with a complete list of officers when the change takes place)  
August 2022

Annual Membership Dues: ZAR2450

(please note currency and any categories of membership)

#### MEMBERSHIP DATA

Category	Total Number	% Change from last year
Total Number of Members: (please also note separately categories of membership)	92	The same

## SOCIETY ACTIVITIES

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**Date and Location of Next Annual General Meeting (AGM):** August 202~~1~~<sup>4</sup>, ~~Gauteng~~Cape Town

**Notable Society Activities / Educational Events during the past year:**  
(please include the date, purpose and number of attendees)

**LES SOUTH AFRICA. NEWS AND EVENTS - MARCH 2021 TO MAY 202~~1~~<sup>4</sup>**

### **WEBINAR: A SIT DOWN WITH SAHPRA CEO, DR. BOITUMELO SEMETE-MAKOKOTLELA – 8 MARCH 2020**

The LES South Africa Life Sciences Committee hosted a webinar in collaboration with the LESI Patent & Technology Licensing Committee presented by Dr. Boitumelo Semete-Makokotlela. The webinar was attended by 30 delegates.

Dr. Semete-Makokotlela is the CEO of the South African Health Products Regulatory Authority (SAHPRA), the regulatory body tasked with regulating all health products, including clinical trials, complementary medicines, medical devices and in vitro diagnostics.

The webinar focused on some of the recent changes in the regulation of health products and the challenges faced by SAHPRA, as well as the progress made by SAHPRA in the regulation of the health products industry in South Africa. The webinar was a welcome engagement by this important body with the IP licensing community and industry participants. Dr. Semete-Makokotlela enlightened participants about how Covid-19 has highlighted areas where regulatory processes and legislation may require improvement and expanded on SAHPRA's commitment to alignment with international practice, internal capacity and skills development, and building partnerships with international regulatory bodies to improve health products regulation in South Africa.

### **KIDS IP DAY CELEBRATIONS – 17 MARCH 2020**



LES SA shared in the launch of Kids IP Day with LES families all over the world. An informative video on IP basics was created and circulated on various platforms. Digital flyers inviting students to view the video was sent to schools around the country. The video can be viewed at the following link.

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=la-RSWquaZs>

We have reason to believe that more than 5000 children received the “Gospel of IP” across South Africa.

#### **ONE DAY INTRODUCTORY LICENSING COURSE ONLINE 22 APRIL 2021**

LES South Africa presented its internationally adopted one day licensing course for the first time on-line on 22 April 2020. The course was presented by Danie Dohmen, Madelein Kleyn, Alessia Del Bianco and Alan Lewis. Topics covered included IP basics, introduction to licensing, basics of licensing agreements, basics of licensing, determining reasonable license fees and royalty rates, managing licensing risks, and ends with a licensing game. The course was attended by 20 delegates, including some international delegates. Although it was challenging to negotiate a deal in break away rooms with trainers juggling e-balls, it was a successful session and feedback from delegates were very positive.

#### **AFTERNOON TALK WITH INDUSTRY – 13 May 2021**

On 13 May 2021 the Environment, Energy, Materials and Chemicals (CEEM) and High Technology Committees of LES South Africa hosted an Afternoon Talk, “IP Management in Joint Ventures Between Multinationals.” This was a virtual event, presented by Dr. Elmar Muller, Engineering Manager in Initiating Systems and the IP Custodian for DetNet South Africa (Pty) Ltd.

During his talk Elmar shared some industry experience of DetNet with the audience and focussed on the following matters:

- Management of IP managed going into a JV, during the life of a JV and after break-up;
- Possible pitfalls;
- Management of IP in an advanced technology scenario where the technology changes during the duration of the JV;
- The importance of defining IP management at the inception of the JV;

- What happens to the IP developed in the JV after break-up?

A total of 29 attendees participated in the event.

## **WORLD IP DAY 2021 CELEBRATED**

Every April 26, LES South Africa and its members celebrate World Intellectual Property Day to learn about the role that intellectual property (IP) rights play in encouraging innovation and creativity. With this year's theme, "IP and SMEs: Taking Their Ideas To Market", World IP Day shone a light on the critical role of SMEs in the economy and how they can use IP rights to build stronger, more competitive and resilient businesses.

LES South Africa had shared on its website the events its members were hosting across South Africa, with the request to support these their activities. Events were hosted by:

- The University of the Western Cape
- Central University of Technology
- Innovus, Stellenbosch University together with the Moolman Institute
- North-West University
- The Centre for IP Law at the University of Pretoria and Adams & Adams
- Walter Sisulu University and Adams & Adams

## **FINANCIAL MODELLING COURSE: MOOLMAN INSTITUTE – LESSA – LESI**

Members are reminded that the LES SA IP Valuation course is planned for October (COVID-permitting). The requirement to attend the valuation course is the successful completion of the financial modelling course. Please register here:

<https://moolmaninstitute.com/p/master-financial-modeling-course-bundle-lesi>

## **22 JULY 2021 - WEBINAR: LEVERAGING PUBLICLY FINANCED IP IN THE LIFE SCIENCES FOR SPIN-OUTS AND START-UPS – AN AFTERNOON ARRANGED WITH TECH TRANSFER EXPERTS**

Collaboration with publicly financed institutions provides many opportunities for commercialisation of innovative technologies within the life sciences. There are various possible models for collaboration, whether these between such an institution and its spin-off companies, or such an institution and private entities. The panel explored the preferred practices with regard to collaboration between publicly financed institutions and private entities, with a focus on spin-off and start-up company collaborators.

The webinar was co-hosted by LES South Africa and the Southern African Research and Innovation Management Association (SARIMA). The obvious synergies between LES and SARIMA motivated for an excellent panel of senior representatives. The panel moderator was LES SA director and Committee Chair for Life Science Cluster, Dr. Joanne van Harmelen and co-committee member Nolene Singh. They were joined by the expert panel comprising Gideon Burger, founder of Stellenbosch University start-up Axiology Labs, a company that supplies and supports scientists in psychophysiological recording equipment; Saberi Marais, the Technology Commercialisation Manager at University of Cape Town (UCT) who He focusses on assisting UCT researchers and innovators to valorise their research outputs; Rosemary Wolson, Director of the University of Johannesburg; Tamlyn Shaw, one of the founding members of Cape Bio Pharms a start-up company from UCT.

Attendees rated the experiences and advice provided by the panellists as insightful and extremely useful from a practical perspective. Research Institutes have the ability to generate important new technologies to feed into the pipeline of life sciences innovation, particularly since the advent of the COVID-19 pandemic. However, in order to optimally leverage these technologies to achieve societal and commercial benefits, there is frequently an interplay between the private sector and these Research Institutes. This type of event provides input from both sides as to how to manage these relationships for greatest benefit. The information gathered, and networking opportunities provided are not only of benefit to existing members of LES, but likewise, are likely to provide incentives to non-members to join the LESI organisation.

#### **26 AUGUSTUS 2021: ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING AND SEMINAR: EXPLORATION TO MINING: THE VALUE CHAIN**

The AGM was held in August 2021. The board cycle of LES SA is a year cycle and the board and presidency were re-affirmed and feedback reports from the various Committees were presented to the delegates. The event included key note speaker Dr Ian Basson the CEO and founder of TECT Geological consulting, who addressed the members and LES SA guests on the journey of a Consulting Geologist and the value chain of mineral exploration. The discussion included the state of exploration in South Africa and covered recent key developments. The event was advertised via LES SA LinkedIn page and attracted more than 300 delegates of which quite a few attendees were non-South African. 50 attendees.

#### **21 OCTOBER 2021: AFTERNOON TALK: PATENTING OF INVENTIONS CREATED BY ARTIFICIAL INTELLIGENCE – A SOUTH AFRICAN PERSPECTIVE.**

In October as one of the afternoon talk sessions, by Pieter Visagie, one of our LES members and partner at Adams & Adams discussed the controversial AI inventorship matter. The South African Patent Office was recently the first in the world to grant a patent for an invention purportedly created by an artificial intelligence, on an application naming the artificial intelligence as inventor. The basis of this grant from the Patent Officer's perspective, and consider the surrounding substantive questions that remain were discussed. The afternoon talk was attended by 71 delegates.

#### **IP Valuation Training Course – November 2021**

Once again, together with the Moolman Institute, LES SA presented the hands-on 3-day IP Valuation course in November 2021 in the boutique Leipzig conference venue and hotel. Delegates were introduced to the various IP valuation methodologies, conduct IP Valuation and understand the impact of tax, commercial, regulatory and other considerations may have on the value of IP through case studies and group exercises.

The trainers were Alan Lewis, Theo Doubell, Sean Moolman and Madelein Kleyn.

The course was attended by technology start-ups, university technology transfer officers, industry and law firms.

All delegates had to complete FinMod101 as requirement to qualify for course attendance. This enabled delegates to easily work on the exercises having the FinMod background. The Course was attended by 15 delegates (the maximum we could accommodate at the venue).

## **2021 YMC AND LES SA YEAR- END FUNCTION**

The Young Members Committee of LES SA arranged a YMC event as LES SA 2021 year-end function on 25 November 2021. As usual the YMC knows the venue's to choose to engage the members: A populate whiskey lounge and restaurant called a Taste of Tennessee in Centurion, Gauteng!

This was the first in-person social event hosted by LES SA in almost 2 years.

Following the final 2021 Board meeting, the members were invited to the YMC function where attendees were treated to American style food and a bourbon whiskey tasting (Wild Turkey, Woodford Reserve, Bulleit Bourbon, Jim Bean, Knob Creek and Maker's Mark).

The debate about which bourbon had the best nose, taste and finish was never settled but all agreed that the venue, food and drinks were all excellent and that it was fantastic to break through the glass screens and socialise in-person.

In Cape Town year end was celebrated with a talk on Plant Breeders Rights followed by some Mexican delicacies and home craft beer.

## **27 JANUARY 2022, AFTERNOON TALK WITH PROFESSOR DANNY MYBURG ON "PROTECTING YOUR "DIGITAL" INTELLECTUAL PROPERTY"**

On 27 January 2022, LES South Africa presented an afternoon talk with Professor Danny Myburg on the topic "Protecting your "digital" intellectual property". Professor Myburg specializes in digital forensic investigations, data fraud trend analysis, Incident Response, e-discovery services and litigation support services. He has vast experience in the fields and amongst others, he established and commanded the SAPS National Computer Crime Investigation Unit from 2000 until 2002, was the chairman of the Interpol African Working Party on Cyber Crime from 2002 until 2005 and represented Africa on the Interpol International Steering Committee on Cyber Crime. Professor Myburg provided a general review of current trends in cybercrime in South Africa and highlighted important aspects from the Cybercrimes Act 19 of 2020 and the Electronic Communications and Transactions Act 25 of 2002. He further discussed the utilisation of blockchain and non-fungible tokens (NFTs) in the safeguarding and transfer of electronic information.

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[A recording of the talk is available at https://licensing.co.za/events/afternoon-talk-protecting-your-digital-intellectual-property/.](https://licensing.co.za/events/afternoon-talk-protecting-your-digital-intellectual-property/)

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**17 MARCH 2022, AFTERNOON TALK WITH DR HENNIE GROENEWALD ON “NEW BREEDING TECHNIQUES AND GENETICALLY MODIFIED ORGANISM REGULATION IN SOUTH AFRICA”**

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On 17 March 2022, the Life Sciences Sub-Chapter of LES South Africa will present another afternoon talk. This time presented by Dr Hennie Groenewald on “New Breeding Techniques and Genetically Modified Organism Regulation in South Africa”. Registration for the event is available at <https://licensing.co.za/events/new-breeding-techniques-and-genetically-modified-organism-regulation-in-south-africa/>

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

*Environment, Energy, Materials, and Chemicals (CEEM)  
High Technology  
Life Science  
Industry, University & Government Transactions  
Patent and Technology Licensing  
Copyright, Trade marks, Designs and Merchandising  
Young Members Congress (YMC)  
Education*

**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.**

*YMC - already have a YMC (Robynne Zevenster: [r.zevenster@gmail.com](mailto:r.zevenster@gmail.com))  
WILA – involved (Madelein Kleyn: [madelein.kleyn@outlook.com](mailto:madelein.kleyn@outlook.com))*

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

*Continue:  
Participation in on-line events  
Advertising society activities on LESI website*

Report completed by : DH Dohmen and MM Kleyn Date : 84 March  
2022



## Appendix

### Additional LES Society Membership Data

*If known:*

	Total Number	% Change from last year
<b>Lawyers or patent agents in --</b>		
private practice:	7	Doubled from previous year
law/patent firm:	40	2,5% more
production or sales company (goods and materials):	14	7%
IP consulting or transaction entity (NOT production/sales):	2	100% more
<b>Non-lawyers/non-patent/trademark agents in --</b>		
law/patent firm:	0	
production or sales company (goods and materials):	13	76%more
IP consulting or transaction entity (NOT production/sales):	1	100% more
<b>Other members (please define):</b>		
Government	3	
Technology Transfer Offices/Universities	25	8% more
<b>Women Members:</b>	31	53% more
<b>Young Members (&lt; 40 years of age):</b>	25	8% more