



LESI Committees:

End of Year Report for the 2026 International Management and Delegates Meeting (IMDM) – 26 April 2026

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Committee Name	LESI Americas Committee
Chairs and Vice Chairs	Chairs: Jeffrey Whittle (International Delegate LES USA/Canada), Cedric Sikandar (LES Brazil), and Andrea Lobos (LES Chile) Vice-Chairs: Renzo Scavia; (LES Andean Community); Hilton W.C. Sue (LES USA/Canada); Mariana Gonzalez and Hector Chagoya Cortes (LES Mexico); and Jorge Fuentes (LES Chile)
LESI Board Liaison	Claudio Ulloa (LES Mexico)

Committee Highlights from the Year

1st Quarter 2025 – Planning and organizing of webinar/educational program for end of 1st Quarter/first of 2nd Quarter 2025 regarding Non-Compete Clauses/Agreements in Employer Agreements in various Americas Committee countries based on new FTC Rule. Continue planning for LESI Americas Committee panel titled “Protection and Licensing of Genetically Modified Organisms (GMOs) (Sustainable Plants and Food Considerations for Smart Cities)” for LESI Annual Meeting in Singapore on April 28th from 3:30 – 4:00pm. Planning for in-person LES Americas Meeting in Lima, Peru November 2025. Potential dates to be determined after verification with LESI calendar. Organizing and planning of joint webinar/in conjunction with YMC Americas. Looking for possible government venue (IP/Trademark Office/law firm) in order to cut out any associated costs. Start planning for LES 2025 Annual Meeting in Boston on October 19-22.

2nd Quarter 2025 – Planning and attending In-Person LESI Americas Committee Meeting for LESI Americas Singapore Annual Meeting. Attending roundtable panel titled “Protection and Licensing of Genetically Modified Organisms (GMOs) (Sustainable Plants and Food Considerations for Smart Cities)” from LESI Annual Meeting in Singapore (April 28) Andrea Lobos (Chile), Nathan Jensen (SABIC), and Claudio Ulloa (Mexico); organized for LES Americas by Marianna Gonzalez (Mexico). Planning and attending Americas Committee dinner at the National Gallery Singapore the night before the Annual Meeting (April 27). Continuing to plan for upcoming August webinar regarding Non-Compete Clauses/Agreements in Employer Agreements based on new FTC Rule. Continuing to plan and organize LESI Americas Committee Annual Conference in Lima, Peru (hosted by Renzo Scavia) in March 2026 with an educational licensing basics event before. Start planning LES 2025 USA/Canada Annual Meeting in Boston on October 19-22 and hosting of small dinner.

3rd Quarter 2025 – Attending webinar regarding Non-Compete Clauses/Agreements in Employer Agreements based on new FTC Rule (August 14) with speakers: Luiza Nunes Lemos (Brazil); David Puente (Mexico); John Pueschel (US); Felipe Burgos (Chile); Hilton Sue (Canada - moderator). Provided article to Global News on webinar. Start planning LES 2025 USA/Canada Annual Meeting in Boston on October 19-22 and hosting of small dinner. Continuing to plan and organize LESI Americas Committee Annual Conference in Lima, Peru (hosted by Renzo Scavia) in March 2026 with an educational licensing basics event before. Working on workshop proposals for LESI 2026 in Dublin, IRL in April.

4th Quarter 2025 – Hosted a “friendship” dinner at the LES 2025 USA/Canada Annual Meeting in Boston for those attending from the LESI Americas Committee that also included Roxana Aispuro (LES Mexico (Mexican chapter)), Graham Johnson (Chair LESI Annual Meeting 2026), and many others. Participating in the LES Mexico Hybrid Event "Critical Technologies and Intellectual Property: From the Laboratory to Global Impact" that aims to generate a space for analysis and dialogue on the strategic role of intellectual property in the development, protection and transfer of critical technologies. Includes 4 panels: Semiconductors, AI, Quantum Technologies and Biotech (Nov 7, Mexico City). Planning and organizing In-Person LES Andean Community International Conference in Lima, Peru March 5-6, 2026 with YMC titled “From Mines to Meals: IP Strategies Driving Innovation Across LatAm Industries” at the auditorium of the General Secretariat of the Andean Community. We also are planning an LES IP Licensing Basics for March 3-4, 2026, in Lima, Peru prior to the conference to reach out to potential new LES members.

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reach out to potential new LES members. Conference was well attended with representatives from Peru, Chile, Brazil, Colombia, Guatemala, Mexico, USA, Canada, Belgium, and China and attendees included LESI, WIPO, USPTO, and Peruvian Government dignitaries. The Conference Leadership organized a tour of Cusco and Machu Picchu for two to three days after the Conference. Renzo Scavia from LES Andes was our conference host in Lima, Peru. The LESI Americas Conference was attended by JC Trousseau (LESI President) and Ningling Wang (LESI President-Elect), who proceeded to travel to LES Chile events including meetings with Chile IP Office Officials and to LES Brazil events including meetings with Brazil IP Office Officials.

LESI Americas Committee also made plans for both an Americas Committee meeting and a dinner at the LESI Annual Meeting in Dublin, Ireland. LESI Americas Committee regional societies will have speakers and panels during the LESI Annual Meeting. Working with other societies regarding their memberships and how to increase by providing education platforms. Helping to elevate engagement/members for Mexico and South America. The Committee Leadership is still pursuing plans to update the LESI Americas Committee webpage to include local and cross border resources, planned and attended activities, and engage committee new and present members. Start planning for LES 2026 Annual Meeting in San Diego on October 18-21.

2025 Date of Meetings/Conference Calls:

Jan 16
Feb 20
Mar 27
Apr 17
June 12
July 10
Aug 21
Sept 18
Oct 9
Oct 29
Dec 2
Dec 22
Dec 30

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Jan 6
Jan 12
Jan 23
Feb 5
Feb 17
Feb 23
Mar 3 (in-person)
Mar 4 (in-person)
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