



**GENERAL ASSEMBLY MEETING
7 OCTOBER 2017 – RIO DE JANEIRO**

*Rio Othon Palace
Avenida Atlantica, 3264–
Copacabana – Rio de Janeiro*

Austria	V. Eder, T. Rainer,
Belgium	S. De Cock, P. Goffinet, S. Honinckk, M. Knockaert, B. Michaux, G. Sorreaux, C. Verdonck, F. Wickmans,
Brazil	P. Cristofaro, JA Faria Correa, P. Parente Mendes, F. Oquendo,
France	L. Arcelin, JL Fourgoux, M. Isola, N. Lajnef, L. Mechri, M. Ponsard, M. Vaz d’Almeida,
Germany	J. Beal, R. Munker,
Hungary	Z. Barakonyi,
Italy	M. Francetti,
Sweden	A. Bakardjieva Engelbrekt, D. Sabockis,
Switzerland	S. Antreasyan, P. Këllezi, A. Streuli,
UK	J. Logendra, N. Lobel Lastmann, G. Peretz, B. Vinett,
US	D. Nemecek,

The President opened the session and thanked the Brazilian Group for the organisation of the Congress.

1. Report on the activities 2016-2017 (LIDC congresses, bureau meetings..)

i. Rio Congress



Despite the large publicity made by the various entities, including ABPI and the Brazilian Bar Association, the total number of registrants reached 63 participants, besides 9 accompanying persons. This relatively short number imposed a reduction of budget of the Congress.

ii. Future Congress

The 2018 Congress will be held in Budapest from 4 to 7 October 2018. The Hungarian group is already active in preparing the Congress.

The 2019 Congress will be held in France.

iii. Bureau and Council Meetings

Three meetings of the Bureau took place in 2017. The Bureau held one meeting in February 2017 in Paris, the second in September 2017 in Paris, and the third during this Congress. The Bureau examined LIDC's current affairs, in particular the continuous promotion of the LIDC among competition and IP experts, lawyers and with the relevant institutions. The Bureau continues to pursue a strategy of promoting the LIDC's visibility. The LIDC encourages the national groups to organise meetings to work more together and national groups to organise events during the year so that the LIDC continues to be visible and offers valuable and interactive works to its members between the annual congresses.

The Council held one meeting during this Congress.

iv. Events

The LIDC organised its second webinar on Tuesday 17 January 2017 on a particularly current topic: "*Recent Developments in Private Actions: the perspective from the UK, Netherlands and France*". This event was held jointly by the LIDC, the CLA and the AFEC. Elizabeth Jordan, Florence Ninane and Sarah Beeston have kindly agreed to speak. This event was a great success.

The LIDC thanks Ms Nathalie Lobell and Mr Michel Ponsard for the event's organisation and promotion.

Given the success of the first webinar, another webinar would be organised during November 2017 on merger control topics.

v. Individual members

There are about 50 individual members in addition to national members.

vi. Publication of the national and international reports



The Bureau has concluded an exclusivity agreement with the publishing group, Springer, to publish the national and international reports. The editor, Springer, has asked the League not to publish the international and national reports after the Congress on its publicly available site.

2. Scientific Committee and presentation of the new questions

Regarding new questions for the 2018 Congress, the Scientific Committee, at its meeting, reviewed several proposals and has suggested the following two new questions:

QUESTION A

Topic: Compliance programs and liability

“Who is/should be liable for breaches of competition law: which rules should govern the attribution of civil and (where it exists) criminal liability to the company, parent company, management & employee?”

QUESTION B

Topic: Protection of IPRs owner in the context of distribution networks

“How can the holder of intellectual property rights protect its brands in the context of on- and off-line distribution and after-sales service, and does the existing framework for such protection strike a fair balance between the interests of rights holders and the interests of consumers?”

3. Treasurer’s Report

The Treasurer presented the annual accounts for 2017. This year there were exceptional expenses related with the departure of Claire De Boutray (termination of contract) and with the non-payment of the fees by the Ukrainian group. However 77 619 thousand euros, were refunded from the Stockholm congress (benefits). It shall be asked to the Nordic Group how they managed to do so and to get suggestions on how to get such revenue.

In the 2018 there would be a decrease of the expenses (decrease of secretariat’s fees) thanks to the contract of Martina Isola as Secretary of the Ligue.

Distribution to the members of the Treasurer’s Report. The General Assembly is called to vote on the report. The Treasurer’s Report is approved at the unanimity.

4. Election of the General Rapporteur and the Deputy General Rapporteur

The new General Rapporteur and the Deputy General Rapporteur has to be elected by the General Assembly.



It is proposed to appoint George Peretz as General Rapporteur and Thomas Hoeren as Deputy General Rapporteur. The mandate of Pranvera Këllezi as Publications Officer as also to be renewed. There is no objection by the General Assembly. George Peretz as General Rapporteur, Thomas Hoeren as Deputy General Rapporteur, and the renewal of the mandate of Pranvera Këllezi as Publications Officer, are approved at the unanimity.

5. Adoption of the Resolutions / Presentation of conclusions for the questions A and B

The General Assembly decided to approve the resolutions for questions A and B. However, there were two votes against Resolution for Question A by Swiss and France. There was also one negative vote by Germany for Question B.

As there was no further item on the General Assembly agenda, the meeting adjourned at 12.30 am.