

**GENERAL ASSEMBLY
MINUTES
TORINO , 20 SEPTEMBER 2014**

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The President reported the very sad news that Antoine Braun had passed away. He had been President of the League and had competence, humanity and modesty. We will miss him. The Assembly observes one minute's silence.

On behalf of all of LIDC members, the President thanked the Italian group, in particular Guiseppo Sena and Marco Francetti who were fully involved in the organizing committee, for the excellent organisation of the Congress in a wonderful town, the choice of the programme and the outstanding debates and panels. The congress has been successful.

1. Report on Activities 2013-2014

i) Congresses

Torino Congress

110 participants including speakers and 16 accompanying persons were registered to attend the Torino Congress and 20 were represented.

The Congress also had 19 panellists who contributed to panels of excellent quality.

The LIDC thanked the international reporters and the panelists for the quality of their interventions and the Scientific Committee for its investment for LIDC. The Secretary General thanked in particular Muriel Chagny, the General Rapporteur and Grégory Sorreaux, deputy General Rapporteur, who worked very hard to guarantee the success of this Congress.

Future Congress

The 2015 Congress will be held in Stockholm on 1-3st October.

ii) Bureau Meetings

After the Kiev Congress, the Bureau had one meeting: in February 2014 in Paris and the second during the Congress. The Bureau examined LIDC's current affairs, in particular the scientific work and the continuous promotion of the LIDC among competition and IP experts, lawyers and with institutions. The Bureau continues to pursue a strategy of promoting the visibility of the LIDC.

The Bureau encourages national groups to organize events during the year so that the LIDC continues to be visible and is promoted to its members. The Secretary General invites LIDC members to inform the LIDC Bureau about activities of the national associations or events on antitrust and IP related matters. LIDC can advertise them on its website or possibly provide some support.

iii) Events

The LIDC has supported several events in the past year:

Bern - "Le droit suisse de la concurrence dans un contexte international" - 10 April 2014 organised by the Swiss group.

Warsaw - "Living with Competition Law Issues" - 14-15 March 2014, organized by LIDC jointly with UIA.

Geneva - Challenges of Unfair Competition Law - 14 February 2014, organized by the Law School of the University of Geneva.

In 2015 a roundtable will be organized with Prof. Jenny discussing the communication of the European Commission tackling unfair trading practices in the business to business food supply chain.

Muriel Chagny, the General Rapporteur, launched the idea of an e-newsletter. LIDC @Lert. On behalf of all the members, the Secretary General thanked her for her investment for the LIDC and the launch of the e-newsletter. The newsletter will be circulated among all the members of the LIDC. The newsletter will be available automatically to each member of the LIDC and to anyone who completes a form on the website of the LIDC.

The Bureau invites the national groups to inform Muriel Chagny on any modifications in the domestic laws and case-law in the fields of IP, unfair competition and competition. Muriel Chagny will also ask contributions on specific subjects and welcomes any ideas about subjects for next issues of the newsletter.

v) Individual members

There are about 20 individual members from Netherlands, Poland, Estonia, Serbia, Chypre, Australia, Slovakia, Spain, Romania, Hong Kong, Kenya, Marocco and Portugal.

An Hong Kong group should be constituted in 2015.

vi) Publication of the national and international reports

The Bureau has concluded an agreement with the publishing group, Springer, to publish the national and international reports. All the participants to the Prague Congress should have received the publication of the reports prepared for the Prague Congress in June 2014. The edition including the national and international reports drawn up for the Kiev congress should be sent in December 2014.

This publication is offered to all the participants of the Congress, to panel members and to national and international authorities and institutions.

The national and international reports for a congress will be available on the LIDC website before the congress and for a short time after the congress. The editor asked the League, however, not to publish the international and national reports after the Congress on the publicly available site. After the congresses, the reports will therefore only be accessible on the member-restricted area of the website.

vii) Scientific committee and presentation of the new questions

As new questions for the 2015 Congress, the Scientific Committee at its meeting reviewed several proposals, and suggested the following two new questions:

QUESTION A

Abuse of dominant position and globalization: Is there consistency between the recent approach of the different jurisdictions to the notion of abuse? Are there too many restrictions on legal rights and business opportunities?

QUESTION B

Protection and disclosure of know how: Are the countries providing enough or too much protection?

2. Treasurer's report**i) 2013 Accounts:**

The Treasurer presented the annual accounts for 2013. The total of the costs and expenses of the association in 2013 amounted to sFr 48.558. The income from membership fees only amounted to sFr 69.935. The LIDC made a profit of Sfr 20.366.

3. Discharge of the Council

The President proposed moving to a vote on discharging the Council for its 2013 management of the 2013 financial year.

It was unanimously voted to discharge the Council on its management of the 2013 financial year.

4. Election of the President, the First Vice President, the two vice-Presidents, the Deputy General Secretary and the responsible of publication

The mandate of LIDC of the President, the First Vice President, the two vice-Presidents, the Deputy General Secretary and the responsible of publication are now coming to an end.

On Behalf of all the members of the LIDC, many thanks to them for all their involvement in the activities for the League. For the members of the Bureau, it was a real pleasure to work with all of you.

Michael Meryenburg has accepted to become President.

Antonio Faria Correa has accepted to become First Vice-President.

Reiner Münker and Elizabeth Eklund have accepted to become Vice-Presidents.

Celia Lloyd Davidson has accepted the mandate of Deputy General Secretary.

Pranvera Kellezi has accepted to be responsible for the publication.

The General Assembly voted unanimously for

- Michal Meyenburg, President
- José Antonio Faria Correa, First Vice-President
- Elizabeth Eklund and Reiner Münker, Vice-Presidents
- Celia Lloyd Davidson, Deputy General Secretary
- Pranvera Kellezi, Responsible for the publication.

5. Voting on conclusions

QUESTION A

Are settlement processes, leniency, transactions, commitments and other type of transactional resolution of antitrust proceedings, consistent and compatible with due process and fundamental rights of the parties ?

The resolution is adopted unanimously.

QUESTION B

To what extent does the principle of exhaustion of IP rights apply to the on-line industry ?

The resolution is adopted unanimously.

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As there was no further business on the General Assembly agenda, the meeting adjourned at 13.30pm.