

**7 OCTOBER 2006  
AMSTERDAM  
MINUTES**

- Germany :** T Hoerner, J. Kaestner, R. Münker, W Rehmann, I. Reppelmund,
- Austria:** M Meyenburg, P Pöch,
- Belgium :** D Dessard, L Du Jardin, P De Wolf, J Ligot, F Jacques de Dixmude, Y Lemense, N Maréchal, P Maeyaert, K Verdonck, D. Smeets, A. Tallon,
- Canada:** O Wakil,
- Spain :** J Folguera, I Igartua,
- United States of America :** D baker,
- France :** JP Blin, M. Chagny, C Cohen, R. Collin, JL Fourgoux, L Idor, JP de La Laurencie, E. Mingam, MC Mitchell, P. de Montalembert, M. Ponsard, P Rincazaux , B Thomas Gougeon,
- Great Britain :** J Falle, S. Lawrence, G Leigh, C Morcom, G. Peretz, P Roth, K Smith, G Tickle,
- Hungary :** V. Bacher, G. Bacher, Z Barakonyi, A.Belényi, J Budai, , K Szamosi, A. Vida,
- Italy:** M Francetti, G Sena,
- Japan :** Y. Ohara,
- Luxemburg :** N Decker, M Decker,
- The Netherlands:** K Cseres, M Fierstra, J Kabel, A Kanperman Sanders, P Kuipers, P Lugard, R van Oerle, M Snoep,
- The Nordic Countries :** G. Gozzo,
- Czech Republic:** J Hak, Y. Traplova
- Switzerland :** A Kasser, P. Kobel, C Rapin, JM Reymond, J. Xoudis, , K. Troller
- Ukraine :** K Olijnyk, N Macmaithghon,

**In presence of the Committee members:** G. Bacher, L. Buchman, C. Delcorde, I. Igartua, P. Kuipers, Leigh, M-C Mitchell, P. Maeyaert, W. Rehmann, G. Tickle.

The President asked the General Secretary to present his Policy Report.

### **1. Policy Report for the financial year 2005/2006**

#### a) Ghent

121 individuals registered for the Ghent Congress. 41 accompanying individuals registered.

The accounts have been closed and the Belgian group contributed €3,100 to support LIDC.

The General Secretary thanked the Belgian group on behalf of all of the members for the excellent organisation of the Ghent Congress, the excellent quality of the sessions and its financial contribution.

#### b) Amsterdam Congress

140 individuals registered for the Amsterdam Congress. 30 accompanying individual registered.

40 young persons participated in the young persons forum organised on Thursday afternoon. The meeting was very satisfactory with very interesting presentations and debates.

#### c) Future events

The 2007 Congress shall be held in Catane in Sicily. The dates initially scheduled have been changed. The Congress shall take place from 27 to 30 September 2007. The Italian group has already made significant progress with organising the Congress and the members shall shortly be able to access information on LIDC's website.

The 2008 Congress shall be held in Hamburg. The dates have not yet been finalised.

The 2009 Congress shall be held in Vienna and the 2010 Congress shall be held in Helsinki. The English group proposed organising the 2011 Congress in Oxford.

#### d) Meetings

After the Ghent Congress, the members of the Committee and the Council met in Brussels on 24 April 2006. They examined LIDC's current matters.

#### e) Website

LIDC's website has been developed and has become very eye-catching over the last 12 months. It is now far more interactive. Members are invited to consult it on a regular basis. A new function enables members who have forgotten their login and password to be able to receive automatic reminders. ERIC is published twice annually on the website.

A paper brochure on LIDC is available. It is necessary to contact the secretariat of the relevant national group to obtain a copy.

The General Secretary reminded the members of the requirement to check the accuracy of their details on the website.

f) Resignation of the Polish group

LIDC regretted the Polish group's resignation. The General Secretary pointed out that the Canadian and American group also resigned last year. LIDC shall continue its efforts to give a boost to the groups and envisage the creation of new groups.

g) ERIC

LIDC's members have been able to consult ERIC's two publications on the website since the beginning of 2006.

The General Secretary would particularly like to thank Alex Tallon, who is responsible for the publication of ERIC, a new publication by LIDC on the website.

h) New questions

The General Spokesman put forward two new questions to be studied for Amsterdam.

**QUESTION A**

To what extent and by which means should intellectual property rights be subject to compulsory licences for competition law-related reasons?

**QUESTION B**

Ambush marketing: too good to be true? Should some ambush marketing practices be declared illegal and, if so, in which cases and under what conditions?

The General Spokesman for the national groups highlighted the need to appoint national Spokesmen. The Presidents of the national groups shall shortly receive instructions and the working schedule.

i) Scientific Committee

The General Spokesman pointed out that a Scientific Committee has been created, which shall meet annually. This year, it welcomed an American lawyer, Don Baker, who was present in Amsterdam. The General Spokesman thanked Don Baker for having agreed to participate in this Scientific Committee and welcomed him to the Congress on behalf of LIDC's members. However, Messrs Bercovitz resigned from the Committee as he had been appointed to high-placed positions which no longer leave him time to participate in meetings.

The General Meeting unanimously approved the General Secretary's and the General Spokesman's Policy Report.

## **2. Treasurer's Report**

Paul Maeyaert specified that the balance sheet for 2005 recorded a loss of €11,311. This loss is mainly due to the high cost of the website development and the postage costs for LIDC's brochure. The line item for website development shall be high in 2006.

LIDC's budget should balance in 2007.

The General Meeting unanimously approved the Treasurer's report.

## **3. Discharge for the Council<sup>1</sup>**

The President proposed a vote regarding the discharge for the Council's management in 2005.

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Discharge was granted to the Council for its management in 2005 further to an unanimous vote.

## **4. Election of the President, First Vice President and two Vice Presidents**

Claude Delcorde pointed out that the terms in office of the President, First President and the two Vice Presidents, i.e., respectively Claude Delcorde, Wolfgang Rehmman, Louis Buchman and Geraldine Tickle, expired in Amsterdam.

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<sup>1</sup> Translator's note: Term used to reflect terminology on the website.

LIGUE INTERNATIONALE DU DROIT DE LA CONCURRENCE  
INTERNATIONAL LEAGUE OF COMPETITION LAW  
INTERNATIONALE LIGA FÜR WETTBEWERBSRECHT

The President proposed appointing Wolfgang Rehm (Germany) as President, Marco Francetti (Italy) as First Vice President, Daniel Dessard (Belgium) and Peter Roth (United Kingdom) as Vice Presidents.

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The General Meeting unanimously appointed Wolfgang Rehm as President, Marco Francetti as First Vice President, Daniel Dessard and Peter Roth as Vice Presidents.

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### **5. Miscellaneous**

The President wished to thank the International Spokesmen and the Meeting Presidents for the quality of their work as well as the outgoing members of the Committee.

### **6. Vote on the resolutions**

The President pointed out that the members may not modify the resolution and that it must be adopted as put forward to the members.

The General Secretary proceeded to hold the vote.

The resolution relating to question A was adopted by a qualified majority.

The resolution relating to question B was adopted by a qualified majority. The Belgian group voted against the question being adopted.

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As no items remained on the agenda of the General Meeting, the meeting was adjourned at 1.30 p.m.

President