



**GENERAL ASSEMBLY MEETING
6 OCTOBER 2018 – BUDAPEST**

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Belgium	P. Goffinet, S. De Cock, F. Martin, C. Verdonck, R. Steppe, A. Tallon,
Brazil	JA Faria Correa, F. Oquendo,
France	L. Arcelin, JL Fourgoux, M. Isola, M. Ponsard, L. Mechri, T. Marcerou, Q. D'Arche, T. Boillot, JP Arroyo, A. Servoir, M. Lauzeral, M. Boudou, M. Chagny,
Germany	J. Beal, R. Munker, C. Konig, G. Li,
Hungary	A. Tiai, A. Nagy, M. Bolisas, T. Godolle, A. Horvath, Z. Barakonyi, B. Bassola, G. Bacher, A.Papp, A. Keller, S. Baldwin,
Japan	S. Tanaka,
India	A. Ganguli,
Luxembourg	M. Decker,
Romania	Paul Buda
Saudi Arabia	I. Aydemir,
Spain	M. Canadas,
Sweden	M. Zeitlin, J. Spjuth, G. Gozzo,
Switzerland	P. Kellezi, A. Staehlin, H. Gillieizon, P. Kobel, C. Rapin,
UK	N. Lobel Lastmann, G. Peretz, C. Rawnsley, C. Morcom,
US	D. Nemecek,



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

The President proposed an inversion of the Agenda and to start the General Meeting by the approval of resolutions for Question A and B.

1. 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 a vote against Resolution for Question A by Switzerland and an abstention from Belgium and a vote against for Question B by France.

The President thanked the International reporters for their work for the Budapest Congress.

2. Report on the activities 2017-2018

i. Congresses

• Rio Congress

63 participants (including 9 accompanying persons) were registered to attend the Budapest Congress and 12 countries were represented.

The Congress also had 10 panellists who contributed to panels of an excellent quality.

The LIDC thanked the international reporters and the panellists for the quality of their interventions and the Scientific Committee for its investment for LIDC. The Secretary thanked the General Rapporteur, Grégory Sorreaux and the Deputy General Rapporteur, George Peretz, who worked very hard to insure the success of this Congress.

The LIDC also thanked the Brazilian Group for its successful efforts in the organisation of this congress.

ii. Future Congresses

The 2019 Congress will be held in France.

The 2020 Congress will be held in Belgium.

iii. Bureau and Council Meetings

The bureau has also been renewed.

George Peretz was appointed as new General Rapporteur of the LIDC, succeeding Grégory Sorreaux.



Thomas Hoeren was appointed as new Deputy General Rapporteur of the LIDC, succeeding George Peretz.

Pranvera Këllezi was appointed as Publications Officer of the LIDC.

After the Rio de Janeiro Congress, the Bureau had three meetings: in February 2018 in Paris and April 2018 (by Conference call) and the third during the Congress in Budapest.

The Bureau examined LIDC's current activities, 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 organise events during the year so as to contribute to the maintenance of LIDC's visibility among 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.

iv. Events

A Webinar was organised by Michel Ponsard and Nathalie Lobel on the 23 November 2017 on "Merger Control Regulation Hot Topics: Online environment – impact on merger control assessment" which met a big success with almost 100 participants.

This initiative was taken by the LIDC with the assistance of the CLA and AFEC. Michael Cousin, Simon Genevaz and Colin Raftery, presented the topic and Pranvera Këllezi accepted to be the moderator.

In February 2018 the part II of the aforementioned Webinar has been organised on "Merger Control Regulation Hot Topics - Part II : merger control in a digital environment" which met an increased success with almost 100 participants.

A new Webinar will be proposed in December 2018.

The Bureau thanked them for their efforts maintaining the organisation of Webinars, which clearly add value to the League.

In addition, Pranvera Këllezi, Nathalie Lobel and Michel Ponsard have launched working groups concerning the issue of parallel imports. The working groups are in process.

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

v. Individual members



There are about 20 individual members from Netherlands, Poland, Estonia, Serbia, Chypre, Australia, Slovakia, Spain, Romania, Canada, Portugal, USA and Ukraine.

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 of the Geneva Congress have received the publication. The edition including the national and international reports drawn up for the

Rio de Janeiro Congress has been sent to the participants late summer 2018. The Budapest publication should be sent to Springer by the end of the year.

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

We remind you that 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.

The Activity report is approved at the unanimity.

3. Scientific Committee and presentation of the new questions

The General Rapporteur invited LIDC members to join the Scientific Committee and to contribute to its work.

Regarding new questions for the 2019 Congress, the Scientific Committee, at its meeting, reviewed several proposals and has suggested the following two new questions:

QUESTION A

“To what extent should competition law be concerned with differences in prices, terms and conditions, or quality offered by suppliers to different purchasers?”

QUESTION B

“Should there be legal restrictions on the ability of persons who claim, without sufficient justification, to hold IP rights that have been infringed to bring, or to threaten to bring, legal proceedings based on such claims against their competitors or others?”

4. Treasurer’s Report



The Treasurer presented the annual accounts for 2017. This year there were major expenses related with the departure of Claire (termination of contract). 8 000 Swiss francs were refunded from the Rio Congress (benefits). The Treasurer informed that for the first year the LIDC externalised its account to an external accountant and that regarding accountancy methods the double entry system rather than single entry system has been used.

The accounts 2017 are approved at the unanimity.

The Treasurer presented updated Budget 2018 and Budget 2019.. 2018 Budget is approved at the unanimity.

The General Assembly is called to vote on the report. The Treasurer's Report is approved at the unanimity.

5. Jacques Lassier Price

Muriel Chagny will take care of the organization of the Price during the Paris Congress. She did already a remarkable work for the Ligue in the past as General Rapporteur. She accepted the invitation to lead the organisation of the Price.

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

The new President, First Vice-President and the two Vice-Presidents had to be elected by the general assembly.

It is proposed appointing Carmen Verdonck as President, Christophe Rapin as First Vice-President, and Zoltan Barakonyi and Muriel Chagny as Vice-Presidents.

Carmen Verdonck is approved as President at the unanimity.

Christophe Rapin is approved as First Vice-President at the unanimity,

Zoltan Barakonyi is approved as Vice-President at the unanimity

Muriel Chagny is approved as Vice-President at the unanimity.

As there was no further question on the General Assembly agenda, the meeting adjourned at 13.15 pm.