

2004 Annual Report LES Philippines

The first quarter of 2004 was devoted to finalizing LES Philippines' bid to host the 2009 International Conference in Manila. At the LESI Meeting in Paris, LES Philippines' efforts were rewarded when its bid was approved by the International Delegates. Since the Paris Meeting, the members of LES Philippines have begun the groundwork for the successful staging of the 2009 International Conference by creating working committees, continuing to liaise with the Philippine Convention and Visitors Corporation and initiating discussions with potential professional conference organizers.

In preparation for the 2009 International Conference, efforts have been stepped up to increase the number of industry members of LES Philippines. Presently, majority of the members of LES Philippines are lawyers.

Throughout the year, LES Philippines' members continued working on its proposed Model Manual on License Agreements. The project aims to compile various decisions of the Documentation, Information and Technology Transfer Bureau (DITTB) of the Philippine Intellectual Property Office on the agreements presented to it for review. The DITTB is the office which determines compliance of license agreements with the provisions of the Philippine Intellectual Property Code on voluntary licensing.

LES Philippines also initiated a review/study of the policies of the Philippine Bureau of Food and Drugs which negatively impact the rights of patent owners.