



Dear EPLaw Members,

It is a pleasure to announce that the **2022 LES International Annual Conference** will take place in **Venezia (Italy)** from **8 to 10 May**.

A leading association at the intersection of the intellectual property and business worlds, the Licensing Executives Society (LES) is a community of more than 6,500 professionals, within 33 national and regional chapters, in 90 different countries – all dedicated to the creation, promotion and implementation of business opportunities. For 50 years, LES has served as a campfire that brings businesses and licensing professionals together to learn and build stronger relations that facilitate deal-making and keep pace with the way technology transforms business and our daily lives.

Aim of our 2022 annual conference, entitled “**Back to Licensing: Restarting Business and Fueling Innovation**”, is to discuss the transformations occurring in major IP-intensive industries, including **Automotive, Telecommunications, Healthcare, Energy and Green tech**. As the event will be held in Italy, home to creativity, you can't miss the workshops dedicated to the impact of licensing on **Fashion, Food and Design**.

Many distinguished speakers have already confirmed their participation: Prof. Francesco Profumo, President of **Compagnia San Paolo**, Maurizio Rossi, Owner and Founder, **H-FARM**, Toshimoto Mitomo, Head of IP, **Sony**, Alan Fan, Chief IP Counsel Global, **Huawei**, Ilkka Rahnasto, Senior Vice President, **Marconi**, Jako Eleveld, Vice President, Head of IP Licensing, **Philips**, John Han, Senior Vice President, General Manager of Technology Licensing, **Qualcomm**, Eeva Hakoranta, Executive Vice President, Chief Licensing Officer, **Interdigital**, Stefano Siragusa, Deputy General Manager, **Telecom Italia**, Ilaria Musco Chief Legal Counsel **DZN** and many more.

**Registrations are open with early bird rates available until February 28.**

All security and sanitary measures to fight the spread of Covid-19 will be in place during the Conference. In addition, should our 2022 LES International Annual Conference be cancelled due to the pandemic, your registration fees are fully refundable. If the in person conference is cancelled and replaced by a virtual one, the difference in the registration fees will be reimbursed.

Please visit the conference website for additional information on the program, registrations and sponsorship opportunities: [www.lesi2022.org](http://www.lesi2022.org).

After 2 years of virtual events and thanks to our attractive location and program, we expect a high attendance from large, medium and small-sized companies, universities, governmental institutions, and private practices from all over the world.

Please mark your calendar and kindly inform your members about 2022 LES International Annual Conference.

**John Paul**

President LES International

**Mattia Dalla Costa**

President LES Italy