

# News from the Council of the European Brewery Convention

## Reporting on the 110th Council Meeting (October 2002) and Related Issues

### New Council Members

Dr. Stéphane Dupire (Interbrew, Belgium), Mr. Francisco M. Ferreira do Amaral (Central de Cervejas, Portugal) and Mr. Glen Sörlie (Ringnes, Norway) have been nominated new Council Member. They succeed Mr. E. van den Eynde, Mr. J.M. Machado Cruz and Mr. S.E. Kjekshus, respectively.

### New Mission Statement for EBC

The Council adjusted the Mission Statement of EBC to fit the new focus: cooperation with 'The Brewers of Europe' (CBMC). The direction of EBC is changing from exchanging information only internally for technical people and sharing information to drive the brewing science forward, to influencing a broader spectrum in Europe. The new Mission Statement reads as follows:

"To be the pre-eminent expert organisation of choice in Europe for all brewing, governmental and technical organisations acting co-operatively in pre-competitive areas of brewing and malting science and technology for the benefit of the brewing industry, consumers and the community."

The objectives have been adapted in accordance with the Mission Statement. The full text is available from the EBC Secretariat ([secretariat@ebc-nl.com](mailto:secretariat@ebc-nl.com)).

### Co-operation with "The Brewers of Europe" (CBMC)

#### Closer interface

EBC will increasingly connect its activities with those of CBMC. A close interface between EBC and CBMC should ensure that proper and speedy action can be taken to prepare status reports that can serve to lobby for and to defend the industry at EU level. EBC's core business will be to supply scientific/technical arguments to do so. To achieve that EBC will start building up expertise in new topic areas (safety, mycotoxins and environmental issues

are examples) to support CBMC, while also maintaining its traditional activities. To better cope with this EBC's structure will be adapted, e.g. by re-shaping the Technology & Engineering Forum.

#### Joint lecture session Dublin Congress

The EBC Congress in Dublin (17–22 May 2003) will offer a good opportunity to inform delegates of these new developments. In addition, a joint EBC/CBMC half-day lecture programme will be arranged on the Wednesday afternoon; papers will a.o. deal with trade-related issues such as alcohol, market and environmental issues, preceded by a general introduction on the objectives and organisation of CBMC and the co-operation with EBC.

#### HACCP Working Group

A joint EBC/CBMC Working Group HACCP has been installed to develop an 'Industry Code of Practice'. In view of the EU Food Law and the requirement for traceability it was thought to be of great value if such a guideline could be developed to give methodology for quantifying risks in site-specific processes. The outcome of the work undertaken will be presented at the Dublin Congress.

### 29th Congress – Dublin, 17–22 May 2003

#### Table top exhibition

The official Invitation Brochure with detailed information on the exhibition and a registration form has been distributed. Copies are available from the EBC Secretariat.

#### Lecture programme

The lecture programme has been assembled. Areas covered include Beer & Health (3 papers), Consumer Issues (4 papers), Flavour & Flavour Stability (6 papers), Packaging (2 papers), Raw Materials (4 papers), Yeast & Fermentation (7 papers), Risk Management (4 papers), Processing (7 papers). Professional update sessions are included as a new feature. These are meant for 'learning and refreshing knowledge' and comprise of instructive rather than original scientific papers. Topics covered by these parallel update sessions are Raw Materials (7 papers), Hygiene (5 papers), Product Quality (7 papers) and PCR-based methods (7 papers).

## **Posters**

The 'Call for Posters' is still open. Anyone wishing to submit a contribution for consideration is invited to inform the EBC Secretariat before 1 December 2002. Details can be found on EBC's website: [www.ebc-nl.com](http://www.ebc-nl.com)

## **Provisional programme with registration form**

The provisional congress programme with registration information is expected to become available in January 2003.

## **Symposia**

Topics for future EBC Symposia will include 'Mycotoxins and other Contaminants in the Malting and Brewing Industries' (26–28 January 2003), 'Environmental Issues', 'Sanitary Engineering', 'Quality Systems' and 'Sensory Evaluation & Drinkability'.

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