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ELECTION NEW CHAIRMAN EBC BREWING SCIENCE GROUP

In its meeting held on 27 May 2004, the EBC Brewing Science Group elected

Dr. Erna STORGÅRDS
(VTT Biotechnology, Finland)

Chairman of the Group for a period of four years. Dr. Storgårds succeeds Dr. Alain Debourg in this function.



Dr. Erna Storgårds is group manager in the Microbial Diagnostics and Taxonomy research group at VTT Biotechnology, Espoo, Finland. She holds a first degree and a PhD in microbiology from Helsinki University. Her PhD thesis dealt with process hygiene control in beer production and dispensing, and currently she has 16 years of experience in brewery microbiology. Before joining VTT in 1988, Erna Storgårds worked as production hygienist and as research scientist at the pharmaceutical company Orion Yhtymä.

During her time at VTT, she has coordinated and/or participated in several national and international projects as well as been responsible for carrying out confidential contract research for industrial partners both in Finland and abroad. Her current activities include research on biofilms and surface-microbe interactions.

She has been a member of the EBC Microbiology Group, later the EBC Brewing Science Group since 1992 and its vice chairman since 2001, chairman of the EBC Microbial Contaminants Subgroup 1993-2004 and a member of the Microbiology Subcommittee of the EBC Analysis Committee since 1998.