

# TERMS OF REFERENCE

## EBC BREWING SCIENCE GROUP

EBC = European Brewery Convention  
BoE = The Brewers of Europe  
BSG = Brewing Science Group

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### 1. MISSION

- 1.1 To provide scientific and technical support to the brewing industry through EBC and BoE.

### 2. OBJECTIVES

- 2.1 To promote, direct and influence scientific and technical development and innovation in the brewing industry.
- 2.2 To provide a forum for scientific networking in malting and brewing related areas.
- 2.3 To promote joint research activities, thereby avoiding overlap.
- 2.4 To promote knowledge transfer from other industries.

### 3. DUTIES

- 3.1 To report to EBC annually, after each meeting, by means of an Executive Summary.
- 3.2 To regularly review the Terms of Reference, membership and activities of the Group and to recommend any changes for the approval of the EBC Executive Committee.
- 3.3 To, upon request, provide scientific support to the Issue Management Teams of BoE which deal with beer safety, environmental issues and ingredients.

### 4. MODE OF OPERATION

- 4.1 To hold biennial Technical Meetings to provide a forum for presenting and discussing scientific and technical work by group members and their colleagues. The Technical Meeting is held in years alternate to EBC Congresses.  
Abstracts of papers presented at the Technical Meetings will be circulated to the members of the EBC Brewing Science Group on a confidential basis.  
At these Technical Meetings, and with the permission of the Chairman, participating colleagues of members, international speakers and in particular young scientists are welcomed within the constraints of the programme and at no cost to EBC.

The Technical Meetings are either hosted by alternating group members with the support of local enterprises, or are held at the BoE House in Brussels, Belgium.

- 4.2 Practical matters are decided at business meetings held at each EBC Congress and at the Technical Meetings. Members are expected to attend these meetings.
- 4.3 Subgroups, preferably of limited duration, to explore specialist interests or to execute well-defined tasks can be proposed by members of the Brewing Science Group for approval by the EBC Executive Committee. If a subgroup is formed, the subgroup chairman is elected by Brewing Science Group members. Subgroup chairmen report on activities at the business meetings.

## **5. STATUS AND MEMBERSHIP**

- 5.1 Members should be established workers in brewing research or quality control and they should be prepared to contribute actively to the affairs of the Group at no cost to EBC.  
Members are expected to be able to reflect general views in their own interest groups (companies, institutes, etc.) in addition to their own opinions.
- 5.2 It is considered that an overall membership of 50 is the maximum for effective contribution and liaison.  
The members should preferably be from the brewing industry supply chain, brewery related institutes or universities. Preferably about half of the members should represent the industry and half the research institutes and universities.  
Membership should be reviewed following non-attendance at 2 consecutive Technical Meetings.  
It is the responsibility of the Chairman to advise the EBC Executive Committee on this matter (see 5.5).
- 5.3 The Chairman and Vice Chairman of the EBC Brewing Science Group are elected by the members for a four-year period. There should be a two-year overlap between the terms of office of the Chairman and the Vice Chairman.  
The Chairman cannot be re-elected as Chairman.  
The Vice Chairman can be elected Chairman, but this is not intended to be the standard practice.
- 5.4 Subgroup chairmen should be member of the Brewing Science Group.
- 5.5 Members are proposed by other members and approved by the EBC Executive Committee after consultation with the Brewing Science Group.
- 5.6 Membership of subgroups is open to non-members of the BSG and also to specialists working in relevant areas outside the brewing industry. However, the majority of members must fulfil the criteria given in 5.1.

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