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The Bund Österreichischer Braumeister und Brauereitechniker (Austrian Association of Brewmasters and Brewing Technologists) congratulates MEBAK® on its 40th Anniversary

On November 19th 1971, MEBAK® (Mittleuropäische Brautechnische Analysenkommission or the Central European Commission for Brewing Analysis) held its first meeting in the “Old Library” at the Versuchs- und Lehranstalt für Brauereien (VLB) in Berlin. This association, which was originally called the Deutsche Brautechnische Analysenkommission (DBAK), recently celebrated its 40th “birthday”.

As the name implies – commonly referred to its short form MEBAK® – the association includes members of Central European countries who share the same or similar analytical and technological concerns. These include research in the field of analysis and brewing technology, the promotion of raw materials and beverages, as well as the standardization of conventional and innovative methods in order to make these methods more accessible. Since its inception, MEBAK® has continued to be committed to improving the analytical capabilities of small and medium-sized breweries. One of the objectives most important to MEBAK® continues to be compiling and providing students with information on analytical methods in organized reference works, in order to aid in their educational and vocational training. These methods are all documented in a multiple volume collection called Brautechnische Analysenmethoden (Brewing Analysis Methods), which is now considered a standard reference work. Work began in 2008 to translate selected volumes in the collection into English. Constant revisions and updates expedite progress in the brewing industry. The content, accumulated over time and organized into individual volumes, covers topics such as water, other raw materials, wort, beer, beer-based beverages, technical processing aids, cleaning and disinfection agents, product containers and packaging materials and much more. Guidelines for monitoring brewhouse operations, for inspection of CIP systems and for beverage dispensing systems round out the collection, with new chapters being added all the time.

In light of such outstanding work, the Bund Österreichischer Braumeister und Brauereitechniker (Austrian Association of Brewmasters and Brewing Technologists) would like to express our congratulations. The brewing industry is grateful for the standardized analysis and evaluation methods established by MEBAK®. This kind of organization enables us to have productive discussions on a technical level – and only by these means can there be progress in a systematic and coordinated manner. May MEBAK® – even in these times of globalization – look forward to a bright future, one in which scientists and technologists apply their expertise to work closely together and who share a strong sense of responsibility. This is what we wish for MEBAK® and its members under the leadership of Dr. F. Jacob of the Weihenstephan Research Center for Brewing and Food Quality Weihenstephan (TUM) and Dr. G. Bender of the Karlsberg Brewery in Homburg – and of course for all of our breweries, brewmasters and brewers.

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