

As the representative of Weihenstephan alumni and in the name of all brewers among the VeW members, I am honored to congratulate MEBAK® e.V. on the 40th anniversary of its founding.

When I began my brewing career as an apprentice 25 years ago, the “blue books” accompanied me on my scholastic and career paths, as they do for every brewer. The MEBAK® volumes and guidelines are collected, categorized, structured, revised and constantly updated by recognized specialists in their respective fields of expertise. As such, this collection of indispensable methods comprises a unique set of analyses covering every aspect of the brewing and beverage industry. MEBAK® guidelines provide technicians with valuable guidelines of good practice for constructing and monitoring brewing systems. Today, the “blue books” are an essential tool in the daily lives of students, lab technicians and brewers. They are everywhere in microbreweries and also in large-scale breweries throughout Central Europe (and beyond). Without these standardized methods, practices in the brewing and beverage industry would be chaotic and lacking in uniformity.

The unmatched success of MEBAK®, successor to DBAK, can mostly be attributed to the volunteers, whose professional expertise and untiring dedication was instrumental in editing these works. Therefore, I wish to take the opportunity on this anniversary occasion and in the name of the Weihenstephan alumni, to also thank all those who have assisted MEBAK® in creating and updating the collection of methods and guidelines to ensure that they are always current. The Verband ehemaliger Weihenstephaner e.V. (Weihenstephan Alumni Association) congratulates MEBAK e.V. on its 40th anniversary and wishes a future at least as successful as it has experienced over the past four decades since its founding.

Dr. Michael Zepf, Chairman of VeW