

MEBAK® Annual Report of the Mitteleuropäische Brautechnische Analysenkommission (MEBAK® e. V.) 2017

MEBAK held two plenary sessions in 2017:

The 89th MEBAK plenary session was held from April 27th to 29th at the invitation of the Paulaner Brewery GmbH & Co. KGaA (Dr. Stephan Lustig) and the Bayerischer Brauerbund (Dr. Lothar Ebbertz) in Munich. Attendees met in rooms provided by the Bayerischer Brauerbund e.V., Oskar-von-Miller-Ring 1, 80333 Munich, Germany. The autumn meeting marked the 90th MEBAK plenary session. It took place from October 5th to 7th 2017 at the invitation of Brau Union Österreich AG (Helmut Klein), Poschacherstraße 35, 4021 Linz, Austria. The meeting convened in the administration building at the brewery.

MEBAK's financial situation is satisfactory at the moment, with expenses and income by and large equal. An internal review of the finances has shown no discrepancies. The treasurer was commended for his work by the general assembly.

Dr. Andreas Ludwig, formerly of the Radeberger Gruppe, has changed industries and is leaving the organization to comply with MEBAK by-laws. The executive board and those members in attendance at the plenary session thanked Andreas Ludwig for his contributions to the field and wished him all the best for the future.

Dr. Wolfgang Stempf retired from Doemens in 2017, thereby leaving active service. The executive board and those in attendance at the plenary session voted unanimously to name Dr. Wolfgang Stempf an honorary member of MEBAK. Prior to his retirement, he was a member for more than 30 years. The organization extends a special note of gratitude to Dr. Stempf for his dedication and contribution to MEBAK over the years.

In addition, three new guests were welcomed in 2017:

- ! Dipl.-Ing. Marcus Jentsch, Institut Romeis Bad Kissingen GmbH
- ! Madeleine Adolf, government-certified food chemist, Radeberger Gruppe
- ! Dr. Werner Gloßner, Doemens e. V.

The general assembly decided to have the most essential parts of the homepage translated into English.

The English-language MEBAK volume "Microbreweries" was finalized in the first quarter of 2017 and is now available for purchase. In the third quarter of 2017, the MEBAK Filtration Guideline was finished and is also available in print.

Working Group: MEBAK-Methoden Online (Dr. Bender)

This working group met twice in 2017. The meetings were held in Munich and Freising. Dr. Bender is in the process of establishing the basic tenets of a contract with Fachverlag Hans Carl. The goal is to offer the MEBAK methods online in the future. Since this is a new endeavor for MEBAK, rapid implementation of this project is not possible.

Working Group: Mikrobiologie (Dr. Hutzler)

The volume *Mikrobiologie* (Microbiology) was not completed as planned in 2017, but it should be finalized in 2018. Compiling the analyses proved to be a more involved process than expected.

Working Group: Rohstoffe (Prof. Rath)

The volume *Rohstoffe* (Raw Materials) is being translated and edited. It is expected to be printed in the second or third quarter of 2018 and will be available for purchase shortly thereafter.

Working Group: Sudhaus (Prof. Jacob)

The activities of this working group were purposely put on hold while awaiting the results of the DIN committee so that the MEBAK guideline *Sudhaus* (Brewhouse Operations) could be modified accordingly. The DIN committee has now finished and the MEBAK working group will begin meeting again in 2018 to continue their work.

Working Group: Wasser (Dr. Ahrens)

Revisions of the MEBAK volume *Wasser* (Water) are progressing. Additional experts have been invited to join the group to update this set of analyses.

Working Group: WüBiBiMi (Dr. Reil)

The working group *WüBiBiMi* (Wort, Beer and Beer-based Beverages) met twice in 2017 in order to revise the analysis methods in this volume. After reviewing the methods, it was determined that a much more comprehensive approach would be necessary. For this reason, the projected timeline for adopting the guidelines directly into MEBAK Online has been extended.

Prof. Dr. Frank-Jürgen Methner

Helmut Klein

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