



## IBD Africa Section Newsletter

As our section has reached the significant 25 year milestone, we want to review and share some of the more important achievements of which we have all been part and contributed to over time. The 21<sup>st</sup> Anniversary Newsletter that we published in 2003 also gives a comprehensive record of our past activities. Copies of this can be obtained from the Africa Section.

As IBD members we can all be very proud of the 25 years achievements of this Section by our contributions and participation at many of our meetings, conventions, symposia and examinations. Whether we are in one of the 17 countries in operational positions or management at any of the 18 brewing or distilling companies in Africa, academia or as stakeholders in the supply chain, we greatly appreciate your dedication to the Africa Section without which our proud history could not have been possible. We trust that you will continue to give your support to ensure we progress into the next phase of our growth.

Companies in the clear beer and distilling industries have been operating in Africa well over 100 years and the IBD has been part of this history as our members have been active in the technical development and management of many of these operations. We therefore like to believe, that through the fellowship that characterises membership of the IBD, we have also contributed in some way to the socio-political development and unity of the people in Africa.

### **Skills Development of members**

The IBD now offers a wide range of examinations to the members to ensure they can select their learning pathway as part of their career development plan. This list was communicated by the IBD President at the 2007 Convention in Lagos, Nigeria and has some important additions to the original portfolio of examinations.

### **IBD examinations**

- Fundamentals of Brewing and Packaging
- General Certificate in Brewing (GCB)\*
- General Certificate in Packaging (GCP)\*
- General Certificate in Distilling (GCDi)\*
- Diploma in Brewing (Dipl.Brew)\*
- Diploma in Beverage Packaging (live in 2007)
- Diploma in Distilling (Dipl.Distil)\*
- Master Brewer (M.Brew.)

\*Externally accredited by City & Guilds

The Africa Section has collaborated with Food Bev SETA and with the South African brewing industry to successfully accredit the SAQA (South African Qualification Authority) qualification that includes the IBD Diploma Brewer examination. As a direct result of the work undertaken by the Africa Section, IBD qualifications are now starting to apply the principles used by SAQA in candidates' assessments of knowledge (through examinations), work skills and Recognition of Prior Learning in the current and future examination frameworks.

The Food Bev SETA has accredited the Africa Section as the Service Provider and Assessor of two SAQA accredited brewing qualifications at NQF level 6 & 3. Due to the work carried out on skills development in South Africa, Food Bev SETA has certified the IBD as an Institute of Sectoral and Occupational Excellence to promote partnerships with tertiary institutions.

### **Africa Section members with IBD examination qualifications: Certificate, Diploma and Master Brewer.**

The IBD statistics for 2006 show that the three main brewing companies that operate within the Africa Section (Diageo, Heineken and SABMiller) have the most members with IBD qualifications across the world. This reflects the continued importance that is given by these companies to skills development and applying the IBD examinations as an integrated part of the competency standard required from their technical personnel.

## **MBAA and IBD partnership.**

The March 2007 edition of The Brewer & Distiller International reports on the recent signing of the partnership between the Master Brewers Association of the Americas and the Institute of Brewing and Distilling. This represents a significant development for both organisations that will foster working on key areas of education and development of their members in the science and practice of brewing and encourages the MBAA members to sit the IBD examinations.

## **Conventions & Symposia**

Since 1985 we have held 11 conventions & exhibitions and 8 symposia across Africa in Kenya, South Africa, Nigeria, Zambia and Zimbabwe where we have welcomed delegates from all over Africa and overseas. This has resulted in a very significant platform for learning by all our members, at the same time as it has offered valued networking by all delegates that have attended these events and in some cases given our guests the opportunity to extend their visits and explore the beauty and charm that is Africa.

These events have addressed themes that are of scientific and technical importance to our members and stakeholders. The presenters have shared with us topics on new research and important operational achievements and the 2007 Convention Newsletter that is available from the Africa Section website shows some interesting trends in the presentations at these conventions by authors from industry, academia and stakeholders.

Our Section was been in the forefront of addressing what has become a world crisis, namely the **Sustainability of the Environment**, ahead of the current focus on this subject.

### ***IOB Central & Southern Africa Section "Maintenance Symposium", Johannesburg, South Africa, May 1990.***

*Professor T. C. Partridge addressed the global concern of rapid increase in atmospheric trace gases that lead to concomitant changes in the weather patterns and how these can impact the pollution of water bodies, soil erosion and drought cycles on agricultural land.*

### ***IBD Africa Section 10th Convention & Exhibition, "Raising our Game with the Environment", Sun City, South Africa, March 2005***

*Maurice Egan; Manufacturing Director SAB Ltd*

- *Stressed the relevance of Zero Impact on the environment by the brewing industry*
- *Warned that Africa was drying up and predicted water shortages in the future.*
- *Demonstrated positive steps in applying projects linked to Carbon Credits as defined in the Kyoto Protocol.*

*Other papers addressed topics such as "brewery environmental management", "waste water treatment, "energy from spent grains" to "environmental trends in cleaning and sanitizing chemicals".*

The IBD Weekly News of 19 March 2007 communicated the following that demonstrates the commitment by the IBD to the sustainability of the environment and recognises the Africa Section's contribution to this project.

### **IBD 'Environment Matters' Framework.**

The IBD will be creating an advice framework on how to manage Environmental Issues and Sustainable Development. We will be creating a space on the web site dedicated to these crucial issues. The first entry will be the link below which will take you to an Environmental audit area within the BRi Web site. The establishment of this area was funded by a grant from the IBD Grant Fund. As part of this initiative we will be establishing a small 'working group' to help design the framework. The starting point for the design has already been mapped out by the Africa Section and they have already nominated a delegate. Members who wish to be involved in this group are invited to contact Simon Jackson at IBD HQ.

### **Environmental Protocols for the Brewing & Distilling Industries.**

Here is a link to a website which provides protocols for the Auditing of Water and Energy Usage and Waste Management in the Brewing & Distilling Industries. Prepared in 2006 (draft 1) by Brewing Research International with the support of the Grants Committee of the Institute of Brewing & Distilling.

[www.brewingresearch.co.uk/EN/Index.html](http://www.brewingresearch.co.uk/EN/Index.html)

## IBD Younger Members Network and the Africa Section

The IBD has recognised the importance of Younger Members Network in defining the manner in which our Institute manages the future and also wants to reward those members for their contributions in their work environments. An IBD Younger Members Network Committee has been set up with representatives from each of the Sections around the world. Details of the Younger Members Network, the Section representatives and the reward programme can be found by going to the IBD website: [www.ibd.org.uk](http://www.ibd.org.uk)

At the AGM of the Africa Section held on 26 February 2007 during the 2007 Convention in Lagos, Nigeria, some important steps were taken to bring Younger Members in to the Committee to ensure that our vision and plans are totally aligned with the needs and expectations of these members. This information that is also captured in the 2007 Convention Newsletter confirms that the Committee voted in James van der Watt as Vice Chairman, in the place of Doug Nicholls who had tendered his resignation as Vice Chairman due to pressure of work. The Committee also nominated Ajiboye Adediran on to the Africa Section Committee as he also represents the Younger Members on the main IBD Younger Members Network Committee. The Africa Section Committee now has two members that will ensure the next phase of our development is closely aligned with the needs of those starting their career paths in the brewing or distilling industries.

Aligned with the IBD Younger Member Network initiative, the GEA Group of Germany is sponsoring the GEA Brewery Award for IBD Africa Section Younger Members for projects in **Process Technology**. Details of this award are attached with this communication and can be found on the IBD Africa Section website: [www.ibdafrica.co.za](http://www.ibdafrica.co.za). This award will be judged by Professor G.G. Stewart representing IBD, Weihnstefan University and GEA Group.

We thank you for the time given to reading this communication and we trust you will all feel the same sense of pride we feel for the members and stakeholders that have contributed so much over the years. If you are in a position to encourage continued membership and participation in our events, please continue giving us all your support. If you have recently joined the IBD, please use

our membership and examinations as an important part of your learning pathway and career development. We hope you will obtain the value many of us have enjoyed over the years as members of the IBD.

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