



IBD Africa Section news item for IBD Weekly News

Food Bev SETA and IBD Africa Section have extended the ISOE (Institute of Sectoral and Operational Excellence) contracted programme that fosters the partnerships with tertiary institutions to benefit students in educational programmes that are aligned to the IBD qualifications. In 2006, ten students from the University of Pretoria sat the IBD Diploma Brewing examinations and in 2008, six students from the University of Witwatersrand are sitting the same examinations. As the IBD Diploma Brewing examination is integrated into the syllabus of the SAQA “National Diploma: Clear Fermented Beverage Processing: Brewing”, students can be assessed for both knowledge and work place skills by means of a Portfolio of Evidence.

This partnership with the University of Pretoria is now looking at possibly including sorghum malting and brewing into the IBD General Certificate of Brewing as an Elective to the GCB examination, by applying the syllabus of the qualification that Professor John Taylor of the University of Pretoria had developed some years back for the Opaque (Sorghum) Brewing industry. As sorghum beer is a staple diet in many parts of Africa at both industrial and home brewing scale, the potential of this qualification in partnership with the University of Pretoria is seen as an exciting project for the future.

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