



IBD Africa Section Newsletter 2007 Convention Lagos, Nigeria

The convention and exhibition held from 25 to 28 February 2007 brought together the IBD President and Director with delegates, sponsors and exhibitors from Africa, Europe, India and Australasia to enjoyed the excellent hospitality at the Eko Hotel & Suites in Lagos, Nigeria. The Convention hosts also organised the major evening events that were sponsored by the four Nigerian brewing companies and the exhibition that was very well supported by many companies. The Convention Committee was chaired by Greg Udeh, assisted by Patrick Olowokere, James van der Watt, Hamilton Iyogbon and Vikas Kaushal, all of whom work for different organisations, that in the market place are highly competitive, but in the company of their colleagues they represent the friendships that categorises our brewing and distilling industries around the world.

The winners of the Dave Fraser Award for 2005 and 2006 which is bestowed on the candidates of the IBD Diploma Brewer examination from the Africa Section that achieve the highest marks in all the three modules taken in the same year were:

- For 2005: Mr. Solomon Sila Ogu
- For 2006: Mr. Dominic Milazi (picture below)



At the final dinner certificates were presented to examination candidates, Dave Fraser Award winners and to the Convention Committee for their outstanding work.

IBD Africa Section Younger Members

IBD Younger Members of the Africa Section now take a centre stage in taking this section into the future. James van der Watt is elected to Vice Chairman and Ajiboye Adediran represents the Younger Members on the main IBD Younger Members Committee and on the Africa Section Committee.



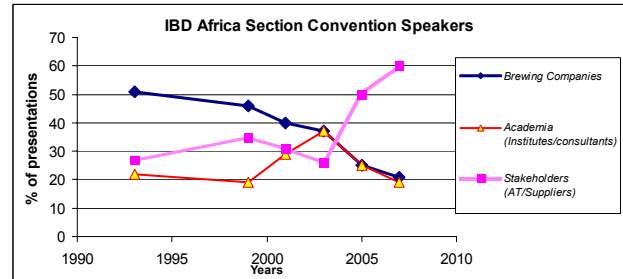
James van der Watt. Ajiboye Adediran. Dominic Milazi

The IBD Younger Members Award that is organised by IBD London, offers these members exciting prizes as they demonstrate outstanding leadership through active participation in the industry. Details of this award can be found on the IBD website; www.ibd.org.uk.

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 can be found on the IBD Africa Section website: www.ibdafrica.co.za. This award will be judged by Prof. Graham Stewart for the IBD, Weinhstefan University and GEA Group.

Convention Technical Programme

The contribution by speakers at this year's convention technical programme has been specifically noted by many of the delegates as a great learning experience. The trend that we have been tracking in the graph below from 1993 shows a significant shift from a predominance of speakers from brewing or distilling companies to the current situation where our stakeholders, previously termed Allied Traders or Suppliers, are contributing in a very significant manner to the on going scientific and technological research that is shared with our industries in venues such as our 2007 convention.



The IBD will always seek presentations at the conventions from both industry and academia, as these partnerships have existed over the years in defining educational standards and carrying out import research and development in both the sciences and technology. In more recent years stakeholders have entered this important field of research and development in the sciences, technology and skills development and they now offer key learnings that must be shared on the podiums of our conventions as we see in the above graph

Obituary for Professor Jean-Pierre Dufour – who passed away during the 2007 Convention

We regret to advise of the sudden passing of Professor Jean-Pierre Dufour on Monday 26 February 2007. He was the head of the Food Science Department at the University of Otago, Dunedin in New Zealand since 1995. Jean-Pierre was born in Tournai, Belgium, and studied at the Catholic University of Louvain between 1970 and 1975. He focused on food science, then later yeast. He worked at Johns Hopkins University and back at his old university in Louvain where he established a Master in Brewing Science and Technology degree. His expertise was in malting & brewing and the science of flavour. He had a great passion for beer. He had published more than 70 scientific papers and was a regular attendee at IBD conventions. There is a long list of his many academic accolades, all of which were hard earned and well deserved. He had an interest in sorghum beer brewing and had spent considerable time working in Ghana on a UN project researching larger-scale sorghum beer brewing. He willingly passed on not only his knowledge but also his passion for the brewing process and industry to all members of the brewing industry. We thank him for all the hours he spent tasting and Judging beers at BrewNZ, where in 2006 he received the life time Achievement Award. He will be sadly missed by the brewing fraternity and we would like to extend our deepest sympathy to all his Family. (Extract from IBD Newsletter 12 March 2007; Obituary from IBD Asia Pacific Section)

Chairman: IBD Africa Section.