



Den Skandinaviske Bryggerhøjskole The Scandinavian School of Brewing

Introduction

The Scandinavian School of Brewing – Copenhagen: History and ownership

The Scandinavian School of Brewing (SSB) was founded in 1925 by the Danish Brewers' Association, the Norwegian Brewers' Association and the Swedish Brewers' Association jointly. In 1993 the Finnish Brewers' Association became a co-owner.

The school is a private and independent institution located in Copenhagen close to the Carlsberg Brewery. It is today owned by the four Nordic Brewers' Associations, which run it without state subsidies. Unlike other brewing schools in Europe the SSB is independent upon any university or technical institution.

The Board of the Scandinavian School of Brewing consists of members from Denmark, Norway, Sweden and Finland. The board members are appointed by the respective Brewers' Associations and thus reflect the ownership. In addition, an Advisory Board of senior managers from the brewing industry advises the SSB and the board with respect to ensuring, that quality of education, lecturers and courses offered rises to the highest possible level

The Brewing School has a permanent academic staff (a director and a training manager), and the real strength of the school is its fortune to be able to draw on a further staff of more than 60 external lecturers who combine a theoretical knowledge of brewing science with the practical experience of a Master Brewer. The teachers come from the Carlsberg Group, Alecia Brew, Royal Unibrew, other breweries, companies and institutions throughout Scandinavia and the United Kingdom and the rest of Europe.

The original and main purpose of the school was to set up and implement the syllabus which leads to the Diploma for Master Brewers. Over the years, however, a number of additional and related activities have been undertaken. These include a one week Brewing course, Diploma Brewer (diplombrygger) and Professional Updates, which change themes according to demand. From 2009 SSB offers a new course: Certificate in Brewing & Packaging. In addition, the school also teaches tailor-made courses for individual breweries, soft drinks plants and malting plants.

International: Origin of students

Today the Scandinavian School of Brewing operates internationally, as it accepts qualified students from outside the Nordic countries.

664 Master Brewers have since 1925 obtained their Diploma from the Scandinavian School of Brewing. Beyond the Nordic countries, the students came from Canada, China, Estonia, Hungary, Iceland, Israel, Italy, Kazakhstan, Latvia, Lebanon, Lithuania, Malawi, Malaysia, Nepal, Paraguay, Russia, Spain, Sri Lanka, Thailand, Turkey, Ukraine, United Kingdom and Vietnam.