

VEREINIGUNG EHEMALIGER VLBER e.V. / BREWERS OF BERLIN

VLB ALUMNI ASSOCIATION FOR GRADUATES OF THE INSTITUT FÜR GÄRUNGSGERWERBE UND BIOTECHNOLOGIE ZU BERLIN



Brewing Education in Berlin

Professional brewing education in Berlin has a 140-year history. The first „VLB Summer Course“ started in 1888, followed in 1903 by a „Brewing Engineer“ course in cooperation with the Royal Agricultural University of Berlin. In 1925, the first of nearly 100 brewmaster courses was held at the VLB Brewing School. This educational tradition has continued seamlessly to the present day, interrupted only by the war years. Today, with the active support of the VLB, the Technical University of Berlin offers the Bachelor/Master of Science in Brewing and Beverage Technology and the Bachelor of Engineering in Brewing. In addition, the VLB offers numerous training and continuing education programs in the brewing, spirits and beverage industries - both nationally and internationally.

In total, it is estimated that more than 6000 brewers have completed the various training courses in Berlin over the past 140 years, and a large number of other professionals have attended our training seminars.

The „ehem. VLBer“ (VLB Alumni Association)

From the very beginning, there were numerous initiatives to bring together both current and former students of the VLB. These culminated in 1951 in the founding of the Vereinigung ehem. VLBer e.V. (VLB alumni association) as an association of former students under the umbrella of the Institut für Gärungsgewerbe und Biotechnologie zu Berlin (IfGB) in Berlin. Initially based in Dortmund, the ehem. VLBer have been located at the VLB in Berlin since 1975.

In order to better address our international graduates, the name of the association was changed to „Vereinigung ehem. VLBer / Brewers of Berlin“ in 2023.

Objective: To promote our community

The purpose of the association is to promote the closer union of all VLB alumni and all other graduates of the brewing and biotechnology-oriented studies in Berlin. In our statutes these goals are defined:

1. the maintenance of relations with the Institute
2. the exchange of experiences and the cultivation of fellowship and social networking
3. the professional networking
4. the promotion of young academics and science

How do we achieve these goals?

Our members maintain regular contact with each other. District groups organize trips to breweries and lectures. For our international alumni, we organize meetings at international brewing conventions or trade shows around the world. As an annual meeting place for all our members, we support the VLB Summer Party, which attracts hundreds of guests to Seestraße 13 every year in June/July. This is also where our annual General Assembly is usually held.

Since the summer of 2023, our District Group/Chapter Berlin, which emerged from the former Berlin Brewers Guild, has also been in charge of the Guild House on the VLB campus, which has become a popular meeting place for students, friends and alumni of the VLB in recent years.

As we do not publish a separate newsletter, international members receive two copies of the English edition of our journal „Brauerei Forum“ free of charge.

Last but not least, ehem. VLBer also support their alma mater with the purchase of equipment or the modernization of laboratories or lecture halls. In this way, we make an active and continuous contribution to improving the educational conditions at Seestraße 13.

Support us and become a member!

Membership does not cost the earth for the individual - but in the aggregate it has a great effect! Our organization is very lean and our board is volunteer.

This means that the income we save through membership fees is almost entirely available for the goals of our association.

Therefore, we ask for your support – become a member!

You will find an application form on the back of this information sheet or at www.vlb-berlin.org/ehemvlber.

We look forward to receiving your application!

Either by filling in the form on the back or online:
<https://www.vlb-berlin.org/en/ehemvlber/membership>

The Chairmen of the Administrative Board

Klaus Niemsch and Jan Biering



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Founding Year	1951	Address:	Vereinigung ehem. VLBer e.V. c/o Versuchs- und Lehranstalt fuer Brauerei in Berlin (VLB) e.V. Seestrassse 13, 13353 Berlin, Germany
Legal Form	Registered Association (e.V.) Registration No VR 5368 at Amtsgericht Berlin-Charlottenburg		ehemvlber@vlb-berlin.org fon: + 49 30 450 80-237 fax: + 49 30 453 60 69
Administrative Board (as of July 2024)		Membership Fee	minimum 15 € per year or optionally 120 € for 10 years (for new members)
1 st Chairman	Dipl.-Ing. Klaus Niemsch, Planegg	Method of payment	Wire transfer, direct debit or PayPal. Payment details will be provided together with the confirmation of your registration.
2 nd Chairman	Dipl.-Ing. Jan Biering, Berlin (Managing Director)		
Cash Management	VLB Berlin, Accounting		
Auditors	Manfred Staruß, Berlin Jürgen Solkowski, Potsdam		
Members	round about 400		
Internet:	www.vlb-berlin.org/en/vlb/vlbalumni		

Application for admission

Online registration: <https://www.vlb-berlin.org/en/ehemvlber/membership>



First Name: _____ **Last Name:** _____

Address: Street: _____

Postcode/City: _____

Country: _____ **State:** _____

Email: _____

Were You Student at TU Berlin Participant of a VLB master course Graduate int. VLB Courses

Course: _____

Degree: _____

Study Period: _____

I will pay the annual membership fee of (min. 15 €) _____ €

I will pay the reduced membership fee for 10 years (currently 120 €)

Payment by wire transfer **or** PayPal

In case of German bank account we would prefer direct debit. Payment details will be provided by our office.

Place/Date: _____ **Signature:** _____

Your acceptance as a member is not complete until we have received your first membership fee. The minimum membership fee for one year is currently € 15.00, must be paid by you at the beginning of the calendar year without any further payment reminder (no invoicing by the association!). We would be very pleased if you – like the majority of our members – participate in the direct debit system (German bank account only). This is easy for you and makes our work much easier. Since in July 2024, we will also offer an optional long-term membership for new members. The duration of this membership is 10 years. The membership fee for this period is 10 times the regular annual fee minus a discount of 20%. At the end of this period, the membership can be extended under the then-current conditions. According to the current statutes, membership ends by resignation, which must be notified to the board in writing, by exclusion or by death. Contributions are to be paid in full for the year in which the resignation takes place.