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Introduction to the 5th English edition of "Technology Brewing and Malting"



In 2012, around 1.95 billion hectolitres of beer were brewed and drunk in the five continents of the world, and the trend is increasing. Descriptions of the production of beer can be traced back 5000 years. This means that beer is a cultural asset, which has found friends the world over and as a connective element, provides vitality and enjoyment. At the same time, beer is beneficial to mind and body. Medical research has in the meantime irrevocably proven that moderate beer consumption has a positive impact on human health.

All of this means that we brewers have the duty to place high demands on the quality of raw materials, plants, processes, and last but not least, the qualifications of the employees. In Germany, with its approximate 1300 breweries and 5000 beer brands, brewing science and brewing education have always been very important. Brewing specific research and development – *inter alia* at the universities of Weihenstephan and Berlin – has led to significant progress. And last but not least, the German Reinheitsgebot restricting the ingredients to natural raw materials, water, hops, malt and yeast, has inspired the creativity of our brewers and engineers.

The resulting extensive knowledge is summarised in the current volume of "Technol-

ogy Brewing and Malting". Since the first edition in 1961, about 55 000 copies have been sold. With translations into Hungarian, Polish, English, Serbo-Croatian, Chinese, Russian and Spanish, the original German edition has become integral to the practice of brewing the world over.

Knowledge is dynamic. Research and development occur continuously, in the brewing industry too of course. This is reflected in the new 5th English edition of "Technology Brewing and Malting" which has been revised in a lot of details and has been upgraded with a new and modern layout.

With numerous diagrams and his inimitable didactic style, the author has again succeeded in presenting complex processes in a clear manner. This latest edition thus demonstrates the reputation of "Technology Brewing and Malting" as the globally leading standard work for professional brewers and maltsters.

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This book was originally conceived as a textbook for the training of brewers and maltsters and has served this aim well for decades. It has in the meantime become an important source of information and object of study for a considerably larger market. Since the publication of the first edition of this book in 1961, more than a half a century has passed. During this time there have been revolutionary changes in technical expertise and technology in beer and malt production. This is expressed in the many editions of this book in many languages that have appeared over the years.

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