

### Brewing Education in Berlin

Professional brewing education in Berlin can look back on a 140-year history. The first three-month „Summer Course“ started at the VLB in 1888, followed in 1903 by a course of study to become a „Brewing Engineer“ in cooperation with the „Königlich Landwirtschaftlichen Hochschule Berlin“ (Agricultural University of Berlin). In 1925 the first of almost 100 Brewmaster Courses of the VLB Brewing School was held. This educational tradition has been seamlessly continued to this day – interrupted only by the war years.

Today, the courses of study at Technische Universität Berlin to Bachelor/Master of Science „Brewing and Beverage Technology“ and the Bachelor of Engineering in Brewing are being carried out with the active support of the VLB. In addition, the VLB offers numerous programmes for training and further education in the fields of brewing, spirits and the beverage industry – nationally and internationally.

In total, it is estimated that over the 140 years more than 6000 brewers have completed the various training courses in Berlin 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 both the active and former students of the VLB together. 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 at the VLB in Berlin since 1975.

### 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 biotechnological oriented studies in Berlin. In our statutes these aims are defined as follows:

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. Excursions are organised by the district groups to visit breweries and specialist lectures are given. For our international alumni we organise meetings worldwide in the context of international brewing congresses or trade fairs. As an annual meeting place for all our members, we support the VLB's 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.

As we do not publish a separate newsletter, members receive four copies of the trade journal „Brauerei Forum“ free of charge, in which a special section reports on our association.

And – last but not least – the ehem. VLBer also support their alma mater with the purchase of equipment or the modernisation of laboratories or lecture halls. In this way, we make an active and continuous contribution to promoting the training conditions at Seestraße 13.

### Support us and become a member!

Membership does not cost the earth for the individual – but in total it has a great effect! Our organisation is very lean and our board works on a voluntary basis.

This means that our income saved through membership fees is almost fully available for our association's goals.

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

You can find an application form on the back of this information sheet or at [www.vlb-berlin.org/ehemvlber](http://www.vlb-berlin.org/ehemvlber).

We look forward to 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*



# VEREINIGUNG EHEMALIGER VLBER E.V.

<b>Founding Year</b>	1951	<b>Address:</b>	Vereinigung ehem. VLBer e.V. c/o Versuchs- und Lehranstalt für Brauerei in Berlin (VLB) e.V. Seestraße 13, D-13353 Berlin, Germany ehemvlber@vlb-berlin.org FON.: + 49 30 450 80-292 Fax: + 49 30 453 60 69
<b>Legal Form</b>	Registered Association (e.V.) at the Register of Associations at Amtsgericht Berlin-Charlot- tenburg under number 24043 Nz.		
<b>Administrative Board</b> (as of July 2022)		<b>Bank Details/PayPal</b>	Postbank IBAN: DE91 1001 0010 0234 4451 01 Swift Code (BIC): PBNKDEFF <i>Paypal is coming soon</i>
1 <sup>st</sup> Chairman	Dipl.-Ing. Klaus Niemsch, Planegg		
2 <sup>nd</sup> Chairman (Managing Director)	Dipl.-Ing. Jan Biering, Berlin		
Cash Management	VLB Berlin, Accounting		
Auditors	Manfred Staruß, Berlin Jürgen Solkowski, Potsdam		
<b>Members</b>	round about 400	<b>Membership Fee</b>	minimum 15 € per year
<b>Internet:</b>	www.vlb-berlin.org/en/vlb/vlbalumni		

## Application for admission to the Vereinigung ehem. VLB e.V. (VLB Alumni Association)

(Vereinigung ehem. Studierender am Institut für Gärungsgewerbe Berlin)

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:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Participation in direct debit:**                      yes    0                      no    0

Please book the annual membership fee of (min. 15 €) \_\_\_\_\_ from my following account:

*(only in case of German bank account; PayPal option will follow soon)*

**Bank:** \_\_\_\_\_ **IBAN/BIC:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Place/Date:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Signature:** \_\_\_\_\_

We ask for your understanding that we can only confirm your acceptance as a member when your first membership fee has been received in our postal giro account. 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. This is easy for you and makes our work much easier. 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.