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Versuchs- und Lehranstalt für Brauerei in Berlin e.V.

110. International Brewing and Engineering Conference

24 to 26 March 2026, Erding Town Hall, conference languages: German and English

- + Process optimization in the brewing and beverage industry part 1: Bottle cleaning & data mining
- + Alcohol – alcohol-free – Alternatives: Challenges and opportunities for the brewing industry
- + Process optimization in the brewing and beverage industry part 2: Preservation – maintenance – beer wort
- + Security of supply in the brewing and beverage industry: Energy – Water – Hops and malt – Next generation of leaders
- + Technical visits to Erdinger Weißbräu and Hüll Hop Research Center

– with accompanying trade exhibition –

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 VENUE: STADTHALLE ERDING





TUESDAY, 24 MARCH 2026

10.00 bis 15.45	Meeting of the Technical Scientific Committee <i>(TSC members only)</i> <i>Hotel Kastanienhof and Stadthalle Erding</i>
from 15.00	Start of registration for the Brewing and Engineering Conference <i>Stadthalle Erding</i>
from 16.00	Buses depart from Stadthalle Erding (optional):
16.00	Departure for tour of Hüll Hop Research Center (max. 100 people, return no later than 7:45 p.m.)
16.00 and 16.45	Departure for tours of Erdinger Weißbräu (max. 35 people, return around 6:00 p.m.))
18.00 to 23.00	Get-together with beer/buffet



WEDNESDAY, 25 MARCH 2026

PROCESS OPTIMIZATION IN THE BREWING AND BEVERAGE INDUSTRY PART 1: BOTTLE CLEANING & DATA MINING

Chair	Dr. Björn Klotzbücher (VLB Berlin)
8.30	Welcome and introduction <i>Dr. Björn Klotzbücher (VLB Berlin)</i>
8.40	Lavasonic HI – The next generation bottle cleaning machine / Practical experience at the Coca-Cola site in Lüneburg <i>Tanja Redemsky-Meyer (KRONES) / Matthias Hickstein (Coca-Cola Europacific Partners)</i>
9.25	Digital advantage for breweries – Turning data into solutions <i>Laura Grotenhoff (Ziemann Holvrieka)</i>

ALCOHOL – ALCOHOL-FREE – ALTERNATIVES: CHALLENGES AND OPPORTUNITIES FOR THE BREWING INDUSTRY

Chair	Dr. Stefan Kreisz (Privatbrauerei Erdinger Weißbräu)
10.00	Introduction <i>Dr. Stefan Kreisz (Privatbrauerei Erdinger Weißbräu)</i>
10.05	The current state of alcohol-free beers, with ERDINGER serving as a case study <i>Philipp Herold / Dr. Stefan Kreisz (Erdinger Weißbräu private brewery)</i>
10.40	Coffee break with trade exhibition
11.10	Fermented worldwide – Global sources of starch for alcohol-free beer alternatives <i>Dr. Christian Schubert (VLB Berlin)</i>
11.45	Beyond beer – Circular systems for breweries of the future <i>Dr. Mark Schneeberger (EatBeer)</i>





12.20 Ingredients from yeast – ProteinDistillery, an example of opening up new business areas for the brewing industry

Prof. Dr.-Ing. Tomas Kurz (ProteinDistillery)

12.55 Lunch break with trade exhibition

14.00 Alcoholic beverages in public debate: Reflections on politics, media, and NGOs

Julia Busse (German Brewers Association)

14.20 Is every drop really a risk? Facts and fake news about moderate alcohol consumption

Prof. Dr. Nicolai Worm (Munich)

15.15 End of lecture program

SUPPORTING PROGRAM

from 15.15 **Departure of buses for company tours**
(optional:)

15.15 **Hüll Hop Research Center**
(return no later than 19:30)

15.30 and
16.15 **Erdinger Weißbräu**
(return around 5:15 p.m.)

19.30 **Welcome evening at the Erdinger Weißbräu restaurant**

23.30 **End of conference day**

THURSDAY, 26 MARCH 2026

PROCESS OPTIMIZATION IN THE BREWING AND BEVERAGE INDUSTRY PART 2: PRESERVATION – MAINTENANCE – BEER WORT

Chair N.N.

8.30 Welcome and introduction

8.35 Robotics in maintenance – from vision to reality

Tobias Saxler (Gerolsteiner Brunnen) / Ulrich Rust (Gerolsteiner Brunnen)

9.10 Non-thermal sterilization of alcohol-free beverages using high-pressure processing (HPP): technology, current applications, and outlook

Dr. Jasna Ivanovic (Uhde High Pressure Technologies GmbH) / Florian Schrickel (VLB Berlin)

9.45 Zinc content in wort – tackling the problem at its root?

Michel Werner (VLB Berlin)

10.20 Coffee break & trade exhibition

SECURITY OF SUPPLY IN THE BREWING AND BEVERAGE INDUSTRY: ENERGY – WATER – HOPS AND MALT – NEXT GENERATION OF LEADERS

Chair: N.N.

11.00 Welcome and introduction
N.N.

11.05 Brewing and beverage technology at TU Berlin: Between tradition, innovation, and progress

Prof. Dr.-Ing. Philip Wietstock (TU Berlin)

11.40 Status Quo of the Energy Transition
Prof. Dr. Katharina Herkendell (TU Berlin)

12.15 Current developments in the hop and malt market from the perspective of the brewing industry

*Walter König
(Bavarian Brewers Association)*

12.50 The challenge of water supply: monitoring and risk management for raw water

Dr. Alfons Ahrens (VLB Berlin)

13.25 Closing refreshments & trade exhibition

14.00 End of event

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GENERAL INFORMATION

Venue:

Stadthalle Erding, Alois-Schießl-Platz 1, 85435 Erding
Gasthaus zum ERDINGER Weißbräu in Erding, Lange Zeile 1+3,
85435 Erding

Conference languages: German and English

Hotel rooms: Information on hotel rooms can be found at
www.vlb-berlin.org/erding2026

Trade exhibition: Information and registration at
www.vlb-berlin.org/erding2026/fachausstellung

Participation fees

	Breweries, Beverage manufacturers, Malsters	all others
Full conference ticket	1090* €	1480* €
Day ticket Wednesday	870* €	1090* €
Day ticket Thursday	720* €	930* €

* 10 % discount for VLB members / all prices subject to statutory VAT.

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