Members
(annually general meeting)

Voting Members
a) Breweries/brewing groups and beverage manufacturers
b) Maltings

Nonvoting Members („Supporting Members")
all natural and legal persons and entities of the economy, the state and science

elects (every 4 years)

Business Management Committee
Chairman: Michael Seip

1 Seat

Administrative Board
President: Ulrich Rust

1 Seat

Technical Scientific Committee
Chairman: Dr. Stefan Kreisz

appoints (up to 5 years)

Managing Directors
Dr.-Ing. Björn Ch. Klotzbücher (CEO)
Gerhard Andreas Schreiber (CFO)

PR- and Publishing Department
Dipl.-Ing. Olaf Hendel

Executive Department Brand Ambassador
Dr.-Ing. Josef Fontaine

Facility Management
Dipl.-Ing. Michael Sack

Executive Department International Sales
Martin Dubrowsky

Executive Department IfGB Event Management Spirits
Wiebke Künnemann, M.A.

Quality Management
Dipl.-Brewmaster Jens Strohmeyer

Human Resources
Dana-Samira Beck

Information Technology
Sebastian Zimmermann

Finance and Accounting
Elke Hilpert

Research Management / Transfer
Dr.-Ing. Martin Senz
Dr. Maja Schuster
Jeanette Fessen

Research Institute for Beer and Beverage Production (FIBGP)
Dipl.-Ing. Jan Biering

Research and Development
Dipl.-Ing. Jan Biering

Fields of work
- **Production Technology**
  Dipl.-Ing. Jan Biering
- **Brewing Technology**
  Dipl.-Ing. Jan Biering
- **Pilot Brewery**
  Dipl.-Braumeister Kurt Marshall
- **Filling and Packaging Technology**
  Dr.-Ing. Georg Wenk[1]
- **Beverage Technology**
  Dipl.-Ing. Jan Fischer
- **Education and Training**
  Dipl.-Ing. Burghard Meyer

Research Institute for Biotechnology and Water (FIBW)
Dr.-Ing. Martin Hageböck

Research and Development
Dr.-Ing. Martin Hageböck

Accredited fields
- **Water:**
  Dipl.-Ing. Stefan Reimann (incl. sampling)
- **Microbiology and Brewing Biology:**
  Dipl.-Ing. Sandra Dounia

Departments of FIBW
- **Water Quality, Management and Technology**
  Dr. Alfons Ahrens[1]
- **Bioprocess Engineering and Applied Microbiology**
  Dr.-Ing. Martin Hageböck

Research Institute for Raw Materials and Beverage Analysis (FIRGA)
Dr.-Ing. Nils Rettberg[1]

Special Analysis / Research
Dr. Sarah Thörner

Beverage Analysis
Dipl.-Ing. Ludmila Linke
Dr. M. Sc., M. Eng. Christian Schubert

Raw Material Analysis
Dipl.-Ing. Gustav Creydt

Fields of work
- **Metabolomics**
  Dipl.-Ing. Laura Knoke
- **Aroma Analysis**
  Dipl.-Ing. Laura Knoke
- **Commercial Special Analysis**
  Dr. M. Sc., M. Eng. Christian Schubert
- **Customer Service / Pilot Malting**
  Dipl.-Brewmaster Markus Wildegans
- **Education and Training**
  Dr.-Ing. Nils Rettberg[1]

Accredited fields
- **Beverage Analysis**
  Dipl.-Ing. Ludmila Linke
- **Spirit Analysis**
  Dr. M. Sc., M. Eng. Christian Schubert
- **Special Analysis**
  Dr. Sarah Thörner
- **Raw Material Analysis**
  Dipl.-Ing. Gustav Creydt
- **Sensory Analysis**
  M. Eng. Patricia Diniz Fischer

Research Institute for Management and Beverage Logistics (FIM)
Dipl.-Ing. Norbert Heyer
Dipl.-Ing. Ingo Pankoke

Research and Development
Dipl.-Ing. Norbert Heyer
Dipl.-Ing. Ingo Pankoke

Accredited fields
- **Testing Laboratory for Packaging**
  Dipl.-Ing. Ingo Pankoke
  Laboratory manager: M. Sc. Florian Heukäufer

Fields of work
- **Beverage Logistics, Load Safety**
  Dipl.-Ing. Norbert Heyer
- **Research for returnable systems, packaging and RTI management**
  Dipl.-Ing. Ingo Pankoke
- **Organisation / FIN Database**
  Dipl.-Ing. Alexander Scharlach
- **Further Education / Event Management**
  Dipl.-Ing. Norbert Heyer

Research Institute for Sustainability, Energy Supply and Optimization and Artificial Intelligence (FINEK)
Dr.-Ing. Björn Ch. Klotzbücher

CEO – Chief Executive Officer
CFO – Chief Financial Officer

[1] ***Lectureship** TU Berlin*

Further VLB Divisions

Axel-Simon-Library
Michaela Knör

VLB-LaboTech GmbH
Dr.-Ing. Björn Ch. Klotzbücher

Version: 02/2026