



VLB
BERLIN

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

1ST VLB DRAFT BEER CONFERENCE

– CLEANING, FILLING & TAPPING –

31 August to 2 September 2026, Bergamo, Italy

Topics

- + Keg filling and cleaning technology
- + HACCP and hygiene management
- + Process monitoring and quality assurance
- + Dispense systems and draft beer quality
- + Handling of different beer types, including non-alcoholic beers

With Evening Event & Technical Visits

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Monday, 31 August 2026

14:00 *Registration & exhibition set up*

TECHNICAL VISIT AND WELCOME EVENING

16:30 *Bus departure from Hotel*

17:00 *Welcome at Comac and safety rules*

17:30 *Plant tour*

18:30 to 21:00 *Get-together*

Tuesday, 1 September 2026

8:15 *Registration*

WELCOME & INTRODUCTION, SESSION 1

Chair: *Ingo Pankoke (VLB Berlin)*

8:45 **Welcome**

Martin Dubrowsky (VLB Berlin)

9:05 **Introduction**

Dr. Björn Ch. Klotzbücher (VLB Berlin)

9:25 **High speed keg lines 1000Keg/h and more, train system**

Andreas Thomke (Comac)

9:55 **Radeberger Gruppe – 40 years of experience in cask filling of alcohol free beer**

Rasmus Hunke-Ewers (Radeberger Gruppe)

10:25 **Managing keg beer quality – considerations from 35 years of managing keg beer quality**

Tim Holmes (BBT Consultancy)

10:55 *Coffee break & visiting exhibition area*

SESSION 2

Chair: *Daniele Gotti (Comac)*

11:40 **Getting 0.0% Draft Right**

Francesca Quaglietti (Micro Matic)

12:10 **Deduction of iron-pick up rate of beer in kegs**

Ingo Pankoke (VLB Berlin)

12:40 **Carlsberg DraughtMaster(TM) – Freshly Pressed Beer**

Jürgen Kübrich (Carlsberg)

13:10 *Lunch break & visting the exhibtion*



SESSION 3

Chair: *Martin Dubrowsky (VLB Berlin)*

13:55 **Keg cleaning today: Methods, challenges, and emerging trends**

Jan Fischer (VLB Berlin)

14:25 **tba**

Stefan Schuhriemen (KHS)

14:55 **Introduction of brewery Comun Nuovo, technical setup of the Keg line**

Chiara Tacconi (Heineken Comun Nuovo)

TECHNICAL VISIT TO HEINEKEN

15:40 *Bus departure to Heineken*

16:25 *Technical Visit Heineken*

17:55 *Get-together*

18:55 *Bus departure to hotel*



Wednesday, 2 September 2026

SESSION 4

Chair: *Martin Dubrowsky (VLB Berlin)*

9:00 **Welcome**

Martin Dubrowsky (VLB Berlin)

9:05 **Safety issues with kegs**

Rita Grimaldi (Heineken Comun Nuovo)

9:35 **Traceability of beer in kegs using transponder technology**

Ingo Pankoke (VLB Berlin)

10:05 **Advanced Hygienic Solutions for Keg Lines (e.g. NAB Filling)**

Andrea Gambirasio (Comac)

10:35 *Coffee break & visit the expo*

SESSION 5

Chair: *Tim Holmes (BBT Consultancy)*

11:15 **Elevate Draft Quality**

Alexander Brand (SaniBeer)

11:45 **tba**

Jan Fischer (VLB Berlin)

12:15 **The impact of automation and process control on quality and hygiene in PolyKeg kegs**

Mattia Franzoni (PolyKeg)

12:45 *Lunch break & visit the expo*

TECHNICAL VISIT TO POLYKEG

13:35 *Bus departure from the hotel to PolyKeg*

14:15 *Visitor registration and brief introduction to PolyKeg and the visit*

14:45 *Production facility tour, including the valve production department, bag production department, keg production area, and warehouse.*

15:45 *Refreshments and networking*

16:30 *Return bus to Bergamo*

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