

# BASIC INFORMATION

## On the Association of Certified Beer Sommeliers



The Austrian-based Association of Certified Beer Sommeliers (ACBS) was founded in June 2005. With currently more than 1,500 members, of which 16 percent are women and 84 percent men, the ACBS has developed into a strong and professional association.

The Association is supported and promoted by eleven supporting members as well as five partner associations from the industry:

### Supporting members of the ACBS:

- Joh. Barth & Sohn, Nuremberg/Germany
- Doemens Akademie, Gräfelfing/Germany
- GES Großeinkaufsring des Süßwaren- und Getränkehandels eG, Nuremberg/Germany
- Die Bierothek®, Bamberg/Germany
- Biersselect GmbH, Hamburg/Germany
- Kiesbye's Bierkulturhaus, Obertrum/Austria
- Marzek Etiketten+Packaging Gruppe, Traiskirchen/Austria
- NürnbergMesse GmbH, Nuremberg/Germany
- SAHM, Höhr-Grenzhausen/Germany
- Winterhalter, Meckenbeuren/Germany
- Bierbegeisterung, Bamberg/Germany

### Partner associations of the ACBS:

- Water Sommelier Union, Gräfelfing/Germany
- Bayerischer Brauer-Bund e.V., Munich/Germany
- GastroSuisse, Zurich/Switzerland
- Deutscher Brauer-Bund, Berlin/Germany
- Bundesverband für Schankanlagen- und Gastronomietechnik e.V., Duisburg/Germany

More than 4,000 beer sommeliers worldwide have been trained at the Doemens Academy in Gräfelfing as well as at the Kiesbye Academy near Salzburg or in other licensed training locations. The members share the common goal to promote the image of the beer culture and to put the professional image of the beer sommelier in the public eye. The association is headed by the managing director, as well as by the four-member managing board, which is elected by the general meeting on a regular basis.

In addition to the website as a central information tool with a beer sommelier search for consumers, companies, media and partners, the association offers the structure for a collegial exchange of experience at annual general meetings as well as in regional section meetings and with regular further education possibilities, the members have the opportunity to keep their knowledge up to date.

For further reading please visit the website: [www.biersommelier.org](http://www.biersommelier.org)