

Dear Friends,

You are cordially invited to XXIX INTERNATIONAL BEER FESTIVAL 2019 to participate in the tasting competitions for the award of the **GOLD BREWER'S SEAL 2019** and the **WORLD BEER SEAL 2019**.

XXIX INTERNATIONAL BEER FESTIVAL 2019 will be held from **11**<sup>th</sup> – **16**<sup>th</sup> **February 2019** at the Exhibition Grounds in České Budějovice.

**INTERNATIONAL BEER FESTIVAL** is one of the largest events of its kind in Czech Republic. Measured by the number of participating breweries the festival has gradually become one of the largest events of its kind in Europe. České Budějovice (Budweis) is the metropolis of South Bohemia. Beer has a great tradition and a large fan base there.

The growing importance, international popularity and respect for our "brewing championship" are evident in the following figures. In 2018, **245 breweries from 20 countries** entered our challenging test of quality - THE GOLD BREWER'S SEAL. The countries were as follows: the Czech Republic, Slovakia, Germany, Austria, Great Britain, Spain, Kazakhstan, Belgium, the Netherlands, Russia, Belarus, Poland, Hungary, Ukraine, Israel, Ireland, the USA, Japan, Mexico and Chile. The tasters assessed the quality of more than 1,112 products. More than 90 prizes were awarded. The traditional part of the festival was tasting competition for the award of the **BOHEMIAN GOLDEN SPRING** in 2 categories and for the award **WORLD CIDER SEAL** in 2 categories.

THE GOLD BREWER'S SEAL 2019 will be awarded in **34 specialized categories**. The winners will compete for WORLD BEER SEAL.

The professional tastings will be carried out with the participation of experts in the areas of brewing, food and quality certification (Bureau Veritas, TÜV SÜD, 3EC, Czech Agriculture and Food Inspection Authority). The **degustations** will take place at **Hall R2** at the Exhibition Grounds in České Budějovice from **11**<sup>th</sup> - **15**<sup>th</sup> **February 2019**.

INTERNATIONAL BEER FESTIVAL also provides the producers with an opportunity to present and offer their products to all their visitors. This will take place in place at **Hall Z** at the Exhibition Grounds, where the **public part** of the festival will be held from 14th – 16th February 2019. Last year 80 breweries from 15 countries were present for the excited beer lovers who could sample more than 350 of their products.

It will be our pleasure to welcome you as our guests to the festival. We will be delighted if you enter your products into some of our tasting competitions or just simply offer them for sampling to more than five thousand visitors attending the festival during the four days.

XXIX INTERNATIONAL BEER FESTIVAL 2019 will be held under the auspices of the Ministry of Agriculture of the Czech Republic, the Ministry of Industry and Trade, the Statutory City of České Budějovice, the Region of South Bohemia, Agrarian Chamber of the Czech Republic and Chamber of Commerce of the Czech Republic. University of South Bohemia in České Budějovice, Czech University of Life Sciences Prague, University of Chemistry and Technology Prague, Institute of Technology and Business in České Budějovice will participate in a professional way.

If you are interested in participating, please find attached the basic information.

Yours sincerely,

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