

It's been nearly six years since an updated CEP newsletter has been posted, but that does not mean that there have been no changes or progress in the program. The BJCP is continuing to grow as a worldwide organization with active judges in over twelve countries.

There have been changes in how sensory training kits are being ordered to insure that timely delivery is made. If you are an exam administrator with a scheduled judging exam, you can count on receiving an email about five months prior to your exam to determine if you need a sensory kit for your exam prep class. If you need a kit, please make sure that your address is current in the BJCP database, or provide the education director with the address of where you need it delivered. All orders, including discounted kit orders from the BJCP website, are combined at the end of each month into a single order and submitted to the Siebel Institute for processing and shipping. This means if you order your kit on the second day of the month, it will not be submitted to Siebel until the first day of the following month. This process was established due to Siebel requesting only one order per month from the BJCP.

If the person organizing the exam prep class is other than the exam administrator, a sensory kit will still be provided at no cost, but an email from the exam administrator is needed to confirm this.

Questions have also been received asking how to register an exam prep course as well as BREW and BICEP courses. There is no formal application process for these classes; the only requirement is to send the education director an email with a brief outline or description of your class. At the end of the course you need to send an email to the education director with a list of presenters and attendees, how many sessions were attended by each, and their BJCP membership number. CEP credit will then be entered into the database per the established point schedule. Only those who have a BJCP number will be permitted to receive CEP credit; this includes those who have recently taken the tasting exam but have not yet received a score or rank.

There have also been questions regarding the status of the vocabulary program. We understand the frustration from our membership regarding this project, but it is moving forward again. The main issue was finding a viable platform on which to host this information. We have received offers to start this project from scratch again, and although those offers are appreciated, the data from the previous projects still exists and we are currently in the process of conducting a final review to determine which terms are still relevant to our needs, or if others are needed. After this project is complete and the platform is tested, we will follow up with vocabulary projects specific to mead and cider.

We are also working on posting up-to-date "canned" BREW and BICEP courses to the website for everyone to use. Although we have accumulated several, more are needed. If you have a presentation that you are willing to allow others to use send it directly to the education director. Credit, of course, will be given to the author.

Lastly, we want to continue to increase the participation of our members and give you some ownership in the CEP program. Our membership is a very creative and innovative group, so if you have any ideas or educational concepts, please contact us directly at education_director@bjcp.org.

Your CEP team,

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