

Candidate Statement for James Foster, Latin America BJCP  
Representative



Dear fellow BJCP judges,

My name is James Foster, Master ranked and with Mead endorsement. I have lived and worked in Buenos Aires, Argentina for the last 14 years. I owned and ran my own nano-brewery, Boudicca, for 12 years. Before that I lived in Italy for 6 years, and Ireland for 3. I am British by birth. I have brewed beer, made wine and fermented various concoctions since I was 16!

I joined the BJCP as a beer judge in 2011. I moved through the ranks, judging in competitions all over Argentina, in Chile, Peru and Brazil. I have been Judge Director in competitions and was responsible for organizing, and running, the first National Mead Cup.

I have been very active in the BJCP program, grading exams since 2015, proctoring since 2016 and administering exams since 2020.

I am running for this position because I believe I have a lot to give to the program and am in a unique position to represent you, as Latam members of the BJCP, in the organisation. I have a large network of contacts, friends and colleagues in many countries here and also in the rest of the world and with my languages and mix of cultures can form bridges within the BJCP. Specifically I will continue to push forward the opportunities for members to have access to exams (Tasting, Written, Mead and Cider) within the region. I would like to cut the waiting times for results of the exams back down to a maximum of 6 months, instead of the current 12.

Me postulo para este puesto porque creo que tengo mucho que aportar al programa y estoy en una posición clave para representar a todos los miembros latinoamericanos de la BJCP en la organización. Tengo una amplia red de contactos, amigos y colegas en muchos países aquí y también en el resto del mundo y con mis habilidades de comunicación en diferentes idiomas y mi mezcla de culturas puedo formar puentes culturales dentro de la BJCP. Específicamente, continuaré impulsando las oportunidades para que los miembros tengan acceso a los exámenes (degustación, escrito, hidromiel y sidra) dentro de la región. Me gustaría reducir los tiempos de espera para los resultados de los exámenes a un máximo de 6 meses, en lugar de los 12 actuales.

Estou concorrendo ao cargo de Representante da América Latina porque acredito que tenho muito a dar ao programa e estou em uma posição chave para representar todos os membros latino-americanos do BJCP na organização. Tenho uma grande rede de contatos, amigos e colegas em muitos países aqui e também no resto do mundo e, com meu domínio de idiomas e conhecimento de diferentes culturas, posso formar pontes dentro do BJCP. Especificamente, continuarei a impulsionar oportunidades para que os membros tenham acesso a exames (Degustação, Escrito, Hidromel e Cidra) na região. Gostaria de reduzir o tempo de espera pelos resultados dos exames para um máximo de 6 meses, em vez dos atuais 12.