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Summary:

This deliverable described the current organisational structure, bye laws and procedures of the Academy and its local hubs. This document is to be read in combination with D63 on the joint EU-SEA-ABT Academy web platform as well as D6.4, the related Business Plan.

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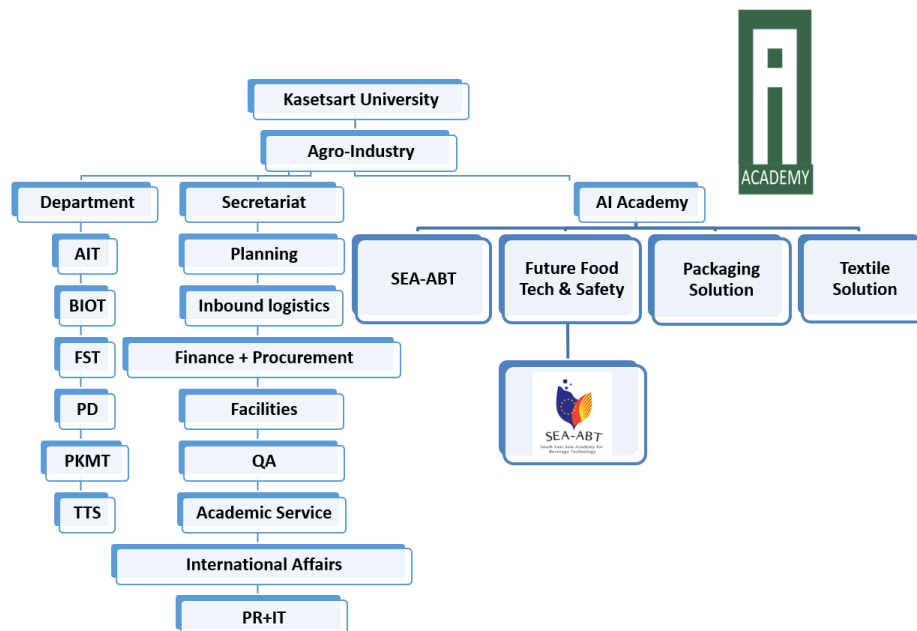
1 Aim of the SEA-ABT Academy

The overall aim of setting up an academy structure is to set an organizational, operational frame for sustaining achieved project outcomes, offering developed trainings and further services, developing new trainings material and extending the network to local and regional partners. The described structure and approach displays the current status and the current best option for successful implementation of the SEA-ABT academy. The structure will be further developed and adapted during the implementation of the academy to ensure long lasting performance.

2 SEA-ABT Academy Structure

2.1 Overall structure

Originally, an allocation of the SEA-ABT Academy under KU-FIRST (Kasetsart University Food Innovation Research and Services in Thailand) was planned. In the frame of the project, a new opportunity arose, allocating under an even better fitting umbrella, the Agro-Industry Academy at Kasetsart University. This Academy covers several thematic areas and was looking for possibilities in the food sector. With this opportunity, an interlink between SEA-ABT Academy and the Extension service of the Agro-Industry (AI) Academy. A structure of the AI is displayed below as well as the allocation of the SEA-ABT academy.

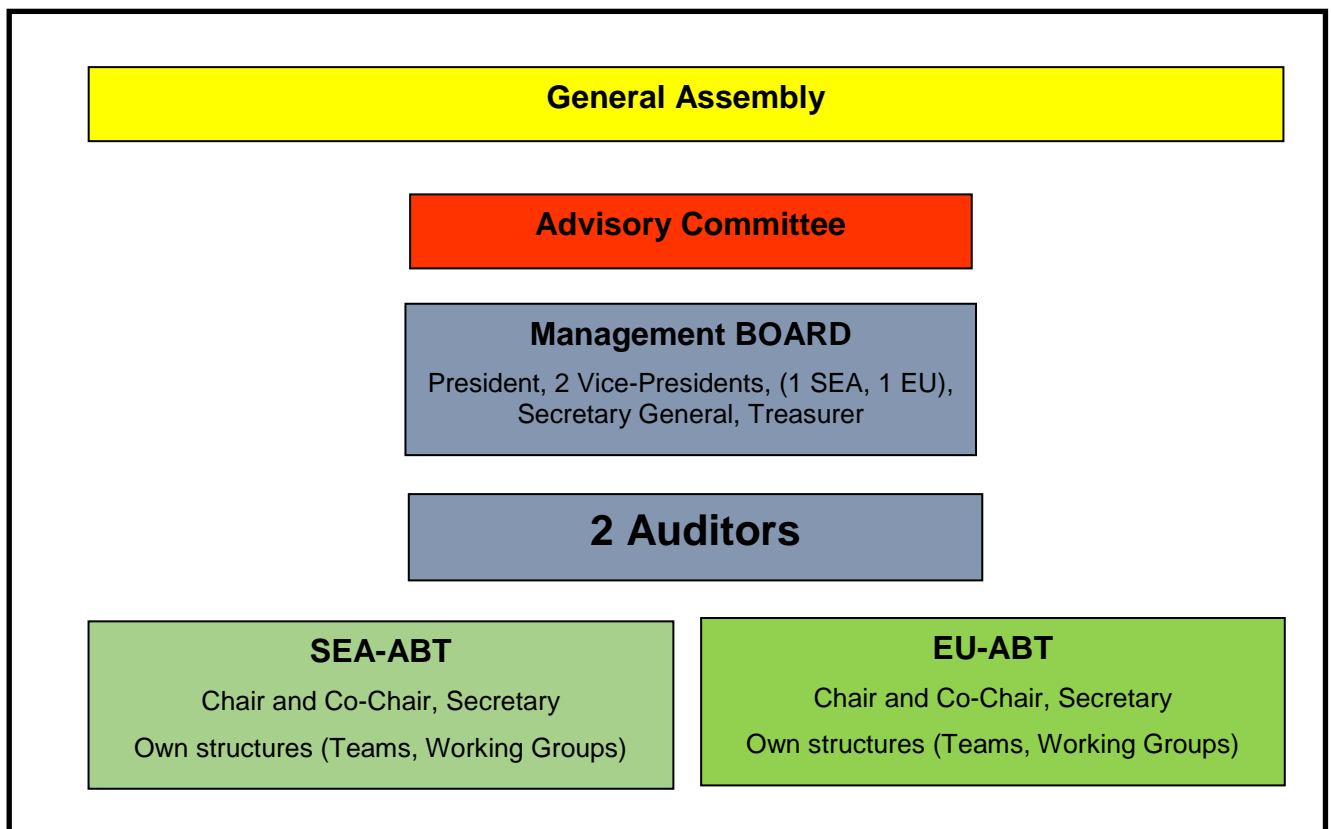


Sasitorn Tongchitpakdee from Kasetsart University will be involved in the Management Board of the AI-Academy and will represent the SEA-ABT Academy there. She will be the official

representative of the SEA-ABT Academy Management Board and communicating the decisions reached by this board (see below).

2.2 Management Structure

EU-SEA-Academy of Beverage Technology (EU-SEA ABT)



1. MEMBERS

- Regular (ordinary) members
- Associated members
- Honorary members: Project Partners

Depending on the category some aspects may change: membership acceptance procedure, rights/duties, prices for services and products

2. BOARD

1. President: Prof. Dr. Gerhard Schleining (BOKU)
2. Vice-President SEA: Ass. Prof. Dr. Sasitorn (KU)
3. Vice-President EU: Prof. Dr. Paola Pittia (UNITE)
4. Secretary General: Rainer Svacinka

5. Treasurer: Anita Habershuber (IFA)

3. Financial Auditors

Auditor 1: to be confirmed

Auditor 2: to be confirmed

4. Advisory committee

Chair: to be nominated

Member: Patkol, Singha, Chung,

5. SEA-ABT HUB

Chair SEA-BA: Sasitorn Tongchitpakdee (KU)

Co-Chair SEA-BA: Chaleeda Borompichaichartkul (CU)

Secretary SEA-BA: Taweepol Suesut (KMITL)

6. EU-ABT HUB

Chair EU-BA: Gerhard Schleining (ISEKI)

Co-Chair EU-BA: Rainer Svacinka (Boku/sumo Technologies)

Secretary EU-BA: Anita Habershuber (Iseki)

2.3 Description of Roles:

The SEA-ABT Academy Management Board

The Board is the management body of the academy, discusses and decides on the regular topics concerning the academy. It consists of the president, the 2 Vice-presidents (the representatives of the European and the Thai/SEA Hub) as well as the secretary general and the treasurer. It is chaired by the president. The Board meets on a bi-monthly basis (every 2 months). Each of the members of the board can call for additional meetings if required. The meetings will be held as online meetings. Decisions can only be reached if at least 4 representatives are present. Voting can be done directly or digitally. (For further details, please see Bye-Laws).

The general Assembly

The general Assembly consists of 1 representative/partner. It will be called once a year. The meeting will be performed as online meeting. The assembly is informed about any issues related to the academy and votes on strategic topics. At least 50% of the members must reach quorum. Decisions must be reached simple majority. (For further details, please see Bye-Laws).

Advisory Committee

The advisory Committee will give feedback and input on strategic as well as topic related issues.

The Hubs:

Two hubs were established, one representing Europe and the European partners and one representing the partners from South East Asia (currently specific from Thailand). One hub will be situated in Bangkok at KU, the other one in Vienna at the Iseki office.

The hubs are chaired by the respective Chairs, supported by the Co-Chairs and the secretary. The roles are allocated for 1 year. Confirmations and changes must be approved by the Management Board.

The hubs responsibilities and activities consist of:

- **Regional dissemination of the academy, its services and products**
This includes dissemination activities (such as described in the SEA-ABT dissemination strategy) including attending of regional events, printing and distributing of flyers and other dissemination material, newsletters, presentations, update of the SEA-ABT Academy website and facebook page, Communication in local language is a specific aspect of the hubs. As such, the hubs will support the translation of relevant dissemination material.
- **Close and permanent contact to national stakeholders (companies of the beverage sector, associations and the academia sector)** (specifically for the SEA-Hub, with strong support from the EU-Hub).
- **Extend and updated the collection of needs/demand of companies of the beverage sector** (specifically for the SEA-Hub, with strong support from the EU-Hub).
- **Support the update of developed trainings material:**
Through internal experts or with the help of external experts and trainers
- **Initiate and/or support the development of new trainings material based on demand identified**
- **Organised and/or support the organisation of trainings (physical and online)**

2.4 General IPR Rules:

The IP of the material developed within the project stays with the project partners. The IP rules agreed in the partnership agreement apply. In addition, the IPR template will be used for material created after the project end in the frame of the academy work.

3 BY-LAWS of the European-South East Asia Academy for Beverage Technology (EU-SEA ABT)

Preamble

The activities of the EU-SEA ABT will be regulated by the following By-laws, to ensure good management of the Academy. The structure of the Bye-laws must be accepted by the General Assembly. Amendments may be developed by and must be approved by the Board.

Art. 1: Name, Location and Scope of Activity

- 1) The name of this non-profit organisation is the "EUROPEAN-SOUTH EAST ASIA ACADEMY FOR BEVEREAGE TECHNOLOGY (EU-SEA-ABT)". It is hereinafter referred to in these By-laws as the "Academy".
- 2) The Academy shall have two headquarters corresponding to its two Sections:
 - a) the European section shall be located in Vienna, Austria, at the University of Natural Resources and Applied Life Sciences (BOKU), Department of Food Science and Technology
 - b) the South East Asia section will be located in Bangkok, Thailand, at the Kasetsart University, Faculty of Agro-Industry.
- 3) The activities of the Academy shall be targeted to European and South East Asian countries.

Art. 2: Purposes of the Academy

The Academy shall have the following purposes:

- 1) Establishment and maintenance of an European-South East Asia network between universities and companies in the beverage sector, to enable and support national and international co-operations and knowledge exchange between members of the Academy.
- 2) Improvement of Education and CPD in the beverage sector in South East Asia regarding its relevance for the labour market, by:
 - a) Promoting the convergence with EU standards in higher education and Life Long Learning (LLL) and working towards quality assurance in education and training.
 - b) Developing and implementing best practise approaches for the establishment of LLL structures in SEA and EU.
 - c) Involving Industry in the Educational process.
 - d) Developing teaching materials and methods.
 - e) Establishing a framework of agreements among members, fostering the mobility of students and staff.
 - f) Stimulating the development of further related projects

Art. 3: Means for the Achievement of the Purposes of the Academy

The Academy shall seek to achieve its purposes by:

- 1) Material means:

- a) membership and subscription fees, the amount of which shall be determined upon application by the General Assembly
 - b) proceeds from events organised by the association
 - c) donations, subsidies, collections, legacies, allowances and grants
 - d) publication of technical books, brochures, journals, teaching materials etc.
 - e) income from Quality Assurance services offered by the Academy
 - f) preparation of expert advice and carrying out of technical assignments
- 2) Ideal means:
- a) lectures and meetings
 - b) publication of a newsletter
 - c) design and maintenance of a website (internet platform)

Art. 4: Membership

- 1) The Academy shall be composed of:
 - a) regular (ordinary) members
 - b) associated members
 - c) honorary members
- 2) Regular (ordinary) members shall be members who participate actively in the activities of the Academy. They can be either individuals or legal entities; members shall be accepted by the Board of the Academy. They have to pay a fee, which is set by the GA. Legal entities can nominate 5 individuals. With regard to the fees there will be institutional (governmental schools, universities and governmental research institutes) and company members.
- 3) Associated members may be either individuals or legal entities, such as institutions, universities, associations and companies interested in the activities of the Academy and promoting its activities especially by donations. They shall be accepted by the Board.
- 4) Persons who have given outstanding service to the aims of the Academy or the Academy itself may be appointed honorary members by the General Assembly upon the recommendation of the Board.
- 5) Against a refusal of the Board to accept ordinary or extraordinary members a complaint to the next ordinary General Assembly may be filed with the Board within 14 days after receipt of the written refusal. The decision made by the General Assembly on this complaint shall be final.

Art. 5: Rights of Members

- 1) All members shall have the right to participate in all meetings and events of the Academy, to use the services of the Association and to make motions.
- 2) Only the ordinary members shall be entitled to vote in the General Assembly.

Art. 6: Duties of members

- 1) All members shall have the duty to promote the interests of the Academy to the best of their ability. They shall observe the By-laws and decisions made by the bodies of the Academy. Regular and associated members shall have the duty to pay their membership fees or donations on time.
- 2) Honorary members shall not be obliged to pay fees.

Art. 7: Termination of membership

Membership shall be terminated:

- a) in case of natural persons with their death
- b) in case of legal persons with the termination of the status as legal entity
- c) in case of natural and legal persons by way of written notice of termination of membership not later than three months before the end of a calendar year
- d) by way of exclusion by the Board in case of damage caused to the interests of the Academy. In case a complaint is made against the exclusion within one month (by registered letter, date of postmark) after notification by the board (by registered letter) to the General Assembly, the membership shall be terminated only by the affirmative decision of the General Assembly.

Art. 8: Structure of the Academy

The Academy shall have the following organs:

- a) the General Assembly
- b) the Board
- c) the Advisory Committee
- d) the Academy Sections
- e) Auditors

Art. 9: The General Assembly

- 1) The General Assembly is the formal decision making body of the Academy, and has final authority with respect to all matters of the Academy.
- 2) An ordinary General Assembly shall be held at least every three years and shall be chaired by the President, or in his absence by the Vice President. The General Assembly shall be convened by the Board.
- 3) An extraordinary General Assembly shall be convened by decision of the Board or the ordinary General Assembly, furthermore upon a written request stating appropriate reasons by at least one tenth of the regular members or by demand of the auditors and must be held on a date within a maximum of eight weeks after the decision or receipt of the request.
- 4) All members shall be invited in writing to ordinary and extraordinary General Assemblies at least six weeks (date of postmark) before the date appointed for the meeting with indication of the agenda.
- 5) Additional motions (items on the agenda) for the General Assembly shall be made in writing to the Board at least three weeks (date of receipt) before the date of the assembly; afterwards the members shall be notified accordingly.
- 6) With the exception of decisions on a motion to convene an extraordinary General Assembly valid decisions shall be made pertaining to the items on the agenda only.
- 7) All members shall be entitled to participate in the General Assembly. Only the regular members shall have the right to vote. The nominated individuals of Institutional and company members will have 1 vote each. Each member shall have one vote. A member unable to attend a meeting shall be entitled to nominate another member as deputy by a written power of attorney who shall exercise the right to vote on behalf of that member. Such representation shall not be permitted in the case of decisions pertaining to an amendment of the statutes or the winding-up of the Association. Legal entities shall notify the Board in writing of the names of their representatives.
- 8) The General Assembly shall have a quorum if at least one half of all members entitled to vote are present or represented by deputies. If the General Assembly does not have a quorum at the appointed time, the General Assembly shall meet 15 minutes later with the same agenda and shall be deemed to have a quorum irrespective of the number of members present.
- 9) As a rule votes and decisions of the General Assembly shall require a simple majority of all valid votes cast, unless otherwise stipulated in these Statutes. In case of a tie the chairman shall have the casting vote. Decisions to amend the statutes or to terminate the Association shall be made by a two-thirds majority of all valid votes cast.
- 10) Virtual general assemblies shall also be possible according to the technical possibilities available.

Art. 10: Tasks of the General Assembly

The following tasks shall be reserved to the General Assembly:

- a) receive and approve the report and statement of account
- b) formal approval of the actions of the Board
- c) elect, appoint and dismiss the members of the Board, advisory committee(s) and the auditors
- d) determination of the membership fees and subscription fees for regular and associated members
- e) determination of allowances for officials (members of the Board, the auditor, committee members and other officials)
- f) award and deprivation of honorary membership
- g) decide upon complaints against the refusal of acceptance as member of the Academy or against an exclusion from the Academy by the Board
- h) decide upon the voluntary winding-up of the Academy and the disposal of the assets of the association in case of a voluntary winding-up
- i) deliberate and decide upon any other items on the agenda
- j) approval of the by-laws for the Academy and decide upon its amendments

Art. 11: The Board

- 1) The Board of the Academy shall be composed in total of five members: the President, two Vice Presidents (the chairs of the two sections), the Secretary General and the Treasurer. It shall also be possible for the Board to co-opt additional members in an advisory function in order to ensure the representation of important areas. The co-opted members shall participate in the meetings and have no vote. The Board shall be the executive organ in accordance with the Associations Act 2002.
The Board shall be elected for a three-year-term with the possibility of re-election. The term of office shall last in any case until the election of a new Board. Candidates for election shall be proposed in writing to the Board not later than three weeks before the date fixed for the General Assembly. Members participating in person may also be proposed for election into the Board during the General Assembly.
In case of the premature retirement of a member of the Board by way of death, resignation, exclusion or removal from office, the Board may co-opt a member of the Board as substitute until the end of the term of office. The resignation shall be made in writing to the Board and shall become effective only with the nomination of co-opting of a successor.
- 2) The President, or in case of his absence the Vice-Presidents or the Secretary General, shall represent the Academy in relation to third parties and official bodies. They shall have the status of a statutory agent.
- 3) The Board shall handle all matters of the Academy not expressly assigned to another body of the Academy. In particular it shall have the following tasks:
 - a) to manage the current activities and transactions of the Academy and to manage the Academy's assets
 - b) to prepare the annual report (statement of account)
 - c) to prepare and approve the budget
 - d) to convene the General Assembly
 - e) to make proposals for the nomination of honorary members
 - f) acceptance of members and exclusion of members
 - g) to implement special events and tasks of the Academy, e.g. symposia, exhibitions, publications, etc.
 - h) proposal for the appointment of one or more advisory committees
- 4) The Board shall have a quorum only after due invitation of all members. Members shall be notified not later than one week before a meeting, unless all members waive the observance of this minimum period of notice. The Board shall have a quorum if four members are present. Decisions shall be made by simple majority, in case of a tie the President, or in his absence a Vice President or the Secretary General, shall have the casting

vote. Abstention from voting in the Board meeting shall not be allowed. Meetings of the Board may also be held virtually (telephone conferences, web meetings or as video conferences). The board shall be chaired by the President or a Vice President or the Secretary General.

- 5) The Board members execute their function on an honorary basis. Representation allowances or reimbursements of costs incurred shall be permitted.
- 6) For the handling of technical matters of all kinds, in particular for the preparation of meetings, the Board may include the chairman of the Advisory Committee or other members of the Academy into extended meetings of the Board in an advisory capacity.
- 7) The Board shall issue by-laws for its activities to be approved by the General Assembly.

Art. 12: The Advisory Committee(s)

- 1) The General Assembly shall appoint one or more Advisory Committee(s) following a recommendation of the Board. The composition of the Advisory Committee(s) and in particular the number of members will be decided by the General Assembly.
- 2) Only persons who have promoted the activities of the Academy in a special way or are willing to promote it and who have excelled in the field of food science and technology can be proposed and appointed as members of the Advisory Committee(s).
- 3) The appointment of the members of the Advisory Committee(s) shall be made for a three-year term. Re-election shall be possible for an unlimited number of terms.
- 4) The members of the Advisory Committee(s) shall elect a chairman from their midst.
- 5) The Advisory Committee(s) may be consulted by and on behalf of the Board regarding any scientific issues or any other matters, in particular the preparation or examination of statements recommendations published by the Association. The Board shall be responsible for assigning tasks to the Advisory Committee(s).
- 6) Decisions by the Advisory Committee(s) shall be made by a simple majority. In case of a tie the chairman shall have the casting vote.
- 7) The Advisory Committee(s) shall have the right to issue rules of procedure for their activity.

Art. 12: The Academy Sections

- 1) The Academy shall have two sections: the European Beverage Academy and the SEA Beverage Academy.
- 2) The European Beverage Academy will be located in Vienna, Austria, at the University of Natural Resources and Applied Life Sciences (BOKU), Department of Food Science and Technology/Iseki office.
- 3) The SEA Beverage Academy will be located in Bangkok, Thailand, at the Kasetsart University, Faculty of Agro-Industry.
- 4) The aims and activities of the sections correspond to the aims and activities of the Academy, applied at regional level.
- 5) Both sections will foster collaboration with each other in order to achieve the Academy purposes.
- 6) The officers of each section are the Chair, Co-Chair and a Secretary.
- 7) Members of the Academy will have to be appointed to one of its sections.

Art. 13: Arbitration Committee

- 1) Decisions in all disputes arising within the Academy shall rest with the Arbitration Committee. It is not a court of arbitration but a mediation institution.
- 2) The Arbitration Committee shall be composed of five regular members of the Academy. It shall be formed by each party to a dispute notifying the Board within a period of two weeks of the names of two members appointed as arbitrators, who in turn shall elect a chairman of the Arbitration Committee by a majority of votes. If the parties fail to nominate arbitrators in due time they will be appointed by the President. In case of

a tie the decision shall be made by drawing lots among the persons proposed. Meetings of the Arbitration Committee may also be held virtually or as video conference.

- 3) The Arbitration Committee shall make its decisions in the presence of all its members by simple majority. They shall make their decisions to the best of their knowledge and ability. Their decisions shall be final within the Academy. Abstention from voting shall not be possible

Art. 14: Officers

- 1) The officers of the Academy shall be the President, Vice Presidents (President-Elect), Secretary General, Past President, Treasurer, Chairs of Sections, Co-Chairs, Secretaries of Sections and Auditors.
- 2) The President shall be elected by the Board for a three-year term (by a simple majority of the Board members present at the time); re-election is possible.
 - a) the President shall officially represent the Academy in its dealings with other bodies and third parties
 - b) the President shall be responsible for Liaison with National, Regional and/or International Organisations and other official bodies
 - c) the President shall chair the General Assembly, according to the Statutes, and shall be responsible for carrying out its decisions
 - d) together with the Secretary General, she/he shall confirm decisions and sign any documents which commit the Academy in any way
 - e) the President is responsible for all other tasks of the Academy which are not specifically mentioned in the Bye-Laws
- 3) Apart from the President, the Board shall elect the 2 Vice-Presidents for a three-year-term. She/he shall support the President in carrying out her/his duties, and shall represent the Academy in cases where the President is unable to fulfil his/her duties.

- 4) The Secretary General together with the headquarters of the European Beverage Academy shall be located in Vienna, Austria, at the University of Natural Resources and Applied Life Sciences (BOKU), Department of Food Science and Technology (DLWT). The Secretary General will be assisted by the infrastructure of the ISEKI-Food Association.

The Academy shall have a dedicated banking account in Austria and another in Thailand. The signatories of the account in Austria shall be the President, Secretary General, Chair of the European Section and the accountant assigned to the Section. The signatories of the account in Thailand shall be the President, Secretary General, Chair of the Thai Section and the accountant assigned to the Section.

The Secretary General shall have the following tasks and duties:

- a) to assist the Board Members in the fulfilment of their duties and provide all necessary information
 - b) to prepare the draft budget and the annual financial report
 - c) to manage the funds of the Academy in line with the approved budget
 - d) to make all necessary documents available to the Auditors to ensure appropriate verification of the finances of the Academy
 - e) to have the right to recruit the staff required to establish and run the office of the Secretariat General, within the range of the approved budget
 - f) to be entitled to reimburse expenses and payments for work done on behalf of the Academy, with the agreement of the Board
 - g) to be responsible for general correspondence with all members (membership notes included) and all mailings of the Academy
 - h) to coordinate all publishing activities
 - i) to inform the Austrian authorities relating to any changes concerning the composition of the Board within 3 months after the General Assembly
 - j) to establish and maintain an internet platform according to §3 of the By-laws, assisted by the Board Members, the President and the Academy Sections
- 5) If the Secretary General is unable to fulfil her/his duties, the treasurer shall take over her/his responsibilities.

- 6) The treasurer shall be nominated by the Board for a three-year-term, and elected by a simple majority of the Board members present at the time; re-election is possible. The Treasurer shall have the following responsibilities:
 - a) assist the Secretary General in tasks 4 b), c) and d) and If the Secretary General is unable to fulfil her/his duties as of 4 b), c) and d), the treasurer shall take over her/his responsibilities
 - b) collect budget requirements for budget forecast (in agreement with team-leaders, chairs of SIGS, etc.)
 - c) organize accounting
- 7) The Chairs of sections shall officially represent the Academy in its dealings with other bodies and third parties in their respective sections. They will be elected by the Board for a three-year term.
- 8) Apart from the Chair, the Board shall elect the Co-Chair for a three-year-term. She/he shall support the Chair in carrying out her/his duties, and shall represent the Academy in cases where the Chair is unable to fulfil his/her duties.
- 9) The General Assembly shall elect two auditors for a three-year-term with the possibility of re-election. There shall be one auditor per Section. The auditors shall have the following responsibilities.
 - a) The auditors shall be responsible for the supervision of the ongoing (business) activities and the examination of the statement of account. The auditors shall ensure that financial issues are according the statutes of the association. They shall report to the General Assembly on the result of their examination.
 - b) The auditors must not be members of a body (with the exception of the General Assembly), the activities of which are subject to examination by the auditors.
 - c) The fiscal year is equal to the calendar year.

Art. 15: Termination of the Academy

- 1) The voluntary termination of the Academy shall be decided upon by an extraordinary General Assembly specifically convened for this purpose. The decision shall be made by a two-thirds majority of all valid votes cast.
- 2) The General Assembly shall decide upon the disposal of the remaining assets of the Academy after voluntary termination or after omission of the hitherto existing purposes. If possible and permitted, they shall be given to an organisation pursuing the same or similar aims as the Academy.
- 3) The last President of the Academy shall notify the responsible authorities in writing of the voluntary termination of the Association within four weeks after the decision has been made and publish this information in an official Austrian gazette.

4 Membership application/Rights and Duties

SEA-ABT Academy Membership

The Erasmus+ Capacity Building project **SEA-ABT** established an independent "**Academy for Beverage Technology**" as an organisational frame for a structured and sustainable collaboration between universities and the beverage industry.

Partners from Companies as well as the Educational Sector are invited to join the network, support the activities and directly benefit from the developments.

Membership is FREE of charge!

New members of the SEA-ABT Academy will NOT receive any EU-funding from the project. Due to the Erasmus+ funding rules, costs of additional partners cannot be covered.

What SEA-ABT Academy Membership can offer you:

- Access to our project intranet and thus to most recent deliverables
- Access to database on collected needs for education from the food industry
- Contribute to shaping the developed trainings with us according to your needs
- Attend project meetings (virtual and physical)
- Become part of a network of Companies and Universities

What we expect from you:

- Dissemination of the project and its activities
- Advertise the membership to further partners
- Contribution to our survey on needs collection
- Brief yearly report of activities and plans for next year

For any further questions, please get in contact with us at: office@sea-abt.eu

5 Welcome letter to applications for SEA-ABT Academy members

Dear,

We have recently received your application to become a member of the SEA-ABT Academy and we highly appreciate your interest in our project and we are happy to inform you that the Board of the SEA-ABT Academy has accepted your application.

As you may know, the SEA-ABT Academy aims to be an organisational frame for a structured and sustainable collaboration between universities and the beverage industry. The SEA-ABT Academy intends to create an active network between Academia and Industry, where all the partners will be able to benefit from the outcomes of the project. To that end, a web platform is being developed consisting of a series of interactive tools:

- **Information collection system** listing the results of online surveys collecting information about the existing curriculum at Thai universities; the competences and needs in the Thai beverage industry; and existing expertise (of HE and CPD) within the consortium.
- **Brokerage System** – will be a contact base for graduates and the Thai beverage industry consisting of (a) a database with job opportunities in the Thai beverage sector, and (2) a job applications database where skilled graduates can present their expertise in the beverage industry.
- **Digital library** – a multilingual database with a collection of online training and digital materials (webinars, powerpoints, videos, online courses, podcases, etc.):
<https://db.iseki-food.net/node/add/digitallibrary>
- **E-learning** – a selection of the developed courses will be available as elearning courses on <https://moodle.iseki-food.net/>
- **International Student Competition – BEVERAGE-4-US** (to be launched soon on <https://www.sea-abt.eu/>) - is an international competition for teams of students in food science and technology to work on a pre-defined project. During the duration of the competition, the student teams will receive instructions, attend workshops and webinars as well as advise and support.

With these developments, it is our intention that Academy members will on the one hand make use of the tools in their own network, and on the other hand contribute to shaping these tools according to the current needs of the Thai beverage sector.

The SEA-ABT Academy membership is free until the end of the project, which means end of 2018, then all members will be asked if they want to continue their membership with an annual payment of membership fees.



We will shortly activate your personal log in to the SEA-ABT website where you will have access to more data than normal visitors of the SEA-ABT website. Furthermore you will be allowed to attend project meetings, either virtual or physical (costs cannot be covered by the project).

In return to your benefits from the Academy we expect from the Academy members the dissemination of the project and its outcomes and that you advertise the SEA-ABT Academy membership within your network.

So welcome to the SEA-ABT Academy, we really do look forward a great collaboration.

Should you have any questions, just let us know.

Best regards

SEA-ABT Secretariat

Anita Habershuber