### Oxford Brookes University

Institute of Brewing & Distilling

# The National Brewing Library at Oxford Brookes University

## Scope of the Collection and Acquisitions Policy

**Scope**

The National Brewing Library is a collection relating to brewing, distilling, beer, whisky and other alcoholic beverages and dependent trades, mainly in the English language. The collection aims to be the primary and most comprehensive source of information in the UK, on the scientific, technological, historical and social aspects of the above. In addition, the NBL also houses the archives of the Institute of Brewing & Distilling.

Core areas are (within the context of brewing and distilling):

* Historical English language books
* Raw materials – barley & other cereals, malt, hops, sugar, water
* Yeast
* Fermentation
* Microbiology
* Technology, engineering & production
* Product quality
* Sensory / flavour analysis
* Customs & Excise
* Company histories
* Licensed trade, including histories of public houses, guides & inn signs
* Social customs related to drink / drinking

Related areas are (within the context of brewing and distilling):

* Ancillary and support industries – cooperage, transport, suppliers, packaging
* Other alcoholic beverages – cider, perry, wine, RTDs (ready to drinks), alcopops, etc
* Licencing law
* Core science eg “Methods of analysis”
* Marketing, advertising
* Alcohol and health
* The temperance movement

Publications from relevant, specialist, scientific, professional & trade organisations:

* Complete runs of journals published by The Institute of Brewing & Distilling and its forbears.
* Information to members, published by British Beer & Pub Association and its forbears.
* All books and journals published by the Brewery History Society
* Complete runs of other major UK beer, brewing, distilling and trade journals.
* European Brewing Convention publications.
* Conference proceedings.
* Selected publications of other worldwide brewing organisations.

Other materials

* Company reports: The NBL recognises the role of the University of Warwick Library and local record offices in maintaining archives and current sets of company reports. The policy regarding company reports, within the scope of the Collection, is that these will not actively be sought. However, any reports obtained, will be added to the NBL.
* Patents: The NBL hold an incomplete archive set of British patents relating to brewing, donated in 2003 from the Carlsberg Tetley technical library at Burton-upon-Trent. The policy is that this set will not be systematically added to.

**Acquisitions strategy**

* To aim to obtain all newly published English language books in the core areas above.
* To obtain selectively newly published English language books in the related areas above.
* To aim to obtain all current English language journals in the areas of brewing and distilling.
* To identify gaps in historical coverage (both books and journals) and aim to fill these

**Acquisitions policy**

Acquisition of material for the collection is by donation, deposit, or purchase.

Donation:

* All publications of the IBD come to the NBL.
* The publishers of relevant books are contacted, at the time of publication, and asked if they would donate a copy to the NBL.
* The publishers of English language journals in the areas of brewing and distilling are asked to donate each current issue to the NBL.
* Other donations of material, which fall within the scope of the collection, are welcomed.

Purchase:

* A limited budget may be available to purchase specific items.

The primary group responsible for acquisition of all materials is the Institute of Brewing & Distilling Library and Archive Group.

National Brewing Library Management Committee

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