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Dear readers,

We present to you the first issue of *Brewing Studies* journal, which is the result of several years of work by a community of scientists who care deeply about the cultural heritage associated with beer and brewing.

The journal *Brewing Studies* is an international, open access, peer-reviewed annual. The journal focuses on a wide range of aspects of brewing and malting, from the perspectives of history, cultural history, archaeology, sociology, linguistics, technology and the role of beer and brewing in the modern world. The journal is also open to related topics, in particular wine and other spirits, anti-alcohol movements, prohibition, etc.

We welcome any initiative that supports our project. In the near future, we are planning a number of initiatives and expanding our editorial team to include individuals of recognised authority in the scientific world who are involved in the tradition and culture of beer and brewing. We would like the journal to become an important platform for discussion and the exchange of scientific ideas.

With deepest respect,
professor Sławomir Dryja