## **Competition Results**

## **2014 Australian International Beer Awards**

The Brewers Association Export Development Program (EDP) members participated in the 2014 Australian International Beer Awards competition.

Presented annually by the Royal Agricultural Society (RASV) in partnership with Federation University Australia the AIBA is the largest competition for the beer industry in the Asia Pacific region.

This year, the AIBA received a record 1,560 entries from more than 294 brewers in 31 countries and a total of 25 Champion and Major Trophies were presented.

Winners of the 2014 Australian International Beer Awards (AIBA) and the US craft beer industry performed well, winning a total of 136 awards in 43 different categories, including one champion trophy and six major trophies.

The winner Champion International Beer was Deschutes Brewery from Oregon in the United States for its Obsidian Stout.

Congratulations to the following BA Export Development Program member winning the following seven trophies:

## **CHAMPION TROPHIES**

THE BARGO EVENTS TROPHY FOR CHAMPION INTERNATIONAL BEER OBSIDIAN STOUT: DESCHUTES BREWERY, OREGON, UNITED STATES

## **MAJOR TROPHIES**

THE CITY OF BALLARAT TROPHY FOR BEST AMBER / DARK LAGER ROGUE FARMS ROGUENBIER RYE: ROGUE ALES, OREGON, UNITED STATES

THE BREWERS GUILD OF NEW ZEALAND TROPHY FOR BEST INTERNATIONAL PALE ALE

ORGANIC IPX SINGLE HOP ALE - CHINOOK: HOPWORKS URBAN BREWERY, OREGON, UNITED STATES

THE KEGSTAR TROPHY FOR BEST STOUT

OBSIDIAN STOUT: DESCHUTES BREWERY, OREGON, UNITED STATES

THE WEYERMANN SPECIALTY MALTS TROPHY FOR BEST BELGIAN & FRENCH STYLE ALE LONG STRANGE TRIPEL: BOULEVARD BREWING CO. MISSOURI, UNITED STATES

Results from the AIBA competition represent a significant achievement for the EDP. Over 48 US craft breweries entered the competition, sending over 238 different brands, enabling the US industry to have far greater representation than ever before. Now in its 22nd year, the AIBA continues to attract a remarkable number of high caliber entries from Australian and international breweries, with a record 1,480 brews entered from around the world from more than 230 brewers in 35 countries. A total of 658 medals were awarded overall, including 57 gold, 190 silver and 411 bronze medals. Supported by 42 judges representing the best of the industry, the Australian International Beer Awards set industry benchmarks and forge industry reputations. Brewers Association Chuck Skypeck represented the USA as one of the judges.

The AIBA is the pre-eminent showcase for premium beer and brewing excellence in the Asia Pacific Region. Held in Melbourne each year, the AIBA, Australia's most prestigious beer event, has become firmly established on the international brewing calendar as a renowned and recognized barometer of diversity in beer brewing across the world. For a complete list of award winners go to: 2014 Australian International Beer Awards.