



BJCP Northeast Region Representative Candidate Statement for:

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Hi everyone!

My name is Diego Setti, and I'm writing from Argentina.

I live in Buenos Aires but on the last years I've been travelling all over the country and some Latin American cities on beer contests, training judges and aspirants, speaking at festivals, teaching and, of course judging beer.

I've been lucky to live in Würzburg, Germany, where besides to travel to most of the historical brewing-cities and taste there all of the European styles in its place of origin, had the opportunity of homebrew some beers with local homebrewers, like an IPA Argenta with Argentinian hops that I took to Germany.

I took the Tasting Exam for the very first time on 2013 in Buenos Aires, again in Sao Paulo, Brazil on 2015 and again in Buenos Aires on 2016, where I scored 87 points that allowed me to take the Written exam on 2017 in Montevideo, Uruguay, where I reached the National rank. Now I want to retake it focused on advance to Master.

I graded almost 100 exams since 2016 and I administered 3 exams in Argentina (5 counting 2019) and I helped almost 100 judges successfully pass the online and tasting exam and many more that still couldn't take it.

On December of 2017, I was proposed to join as Associate Director, which greatly honored me and I accepted. It became official in mid-2018 and since then I assume the tasks entailed by my position with the greatest responsibility and respect that I can.

I work mostly training judges and aspirants on continuous improvement on sensory analysis and beer styles knowledge. My dedication to this matter is full time.

In 2018 I travelled more than 45.000 km (almost 28,000 miles) to train brewers, judges, speak at conferences, contests and learned with brewers and trainings.

I've been a member of the board of the Asociación Civil Somos Cerveceros, which is an argentine non-profit organization that looks for widespread the brewing culture. It has the most important spanish-speaking virtual community of the world, among other things. I actively participate in many activities developed by Somos Cerveceros, like organizing the Brewer of the Year championship, consisting in a series of three homebrewers contests a year. Of course, the best homebrewer on the three contests gets the prize.

I would like to represent the Northeast Region. I consider myself a capable guy, responsible, with good communicational skills for helping the program continue to grow in Latin America, taking the great job did with a closer support as resident and counting with the help of many mentors and regional leaders that supported me on my BJCP career.

I speak Spanish, English and Portuguese.

Latin America has many judges, but a lot of them just take the Tasting Exam once. The Written Exam has been taken only occasionally and I would like to change that to get a full integration with the entire program.

I'm excited for give my best to support the regional BJCP evolution.