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Results of the first Brussels Beer Challenge are unveiled!

The competition took place in Brussels from November 2 to 4, 2012.

500 beers came under the scrutiny of the judges. The results are now out and the 2012 award winners of the Brussels Beer Challenge have been announced (130 in total).

40 international judges split into 7 panels convened for two days of tastings at the Radisson Blu hotel for the maiden event in Belgium.

500 beers were entered, equating to 35 beers tasted daily by each panel.

16 countries took part: Germany, Belgium, Brazil, Canada, Denmark, the United States, Estonia, France, Greece, Italy, Japan, the Principality of Monaco, the Netherlands, Portugal, the Czech Republic and the United Kingdom.

Belgium VS United States... and the winner is ...

Belgium and United States win gold!

The overall placings show that Belgium was vindicated as competition favourite alongside the United States:

151 beers were entered by Belgian breweries, with 42 award-winning breweries including 11 gold medals.

United States won 43 medals, including 13 gold medals out of a total 159 entries.

Other major achievements include :

Germany with its 3 gold medals

Italy, Denmark and England which leave with 2 gold medals

Holland, France, Greece and the Czech Republic: one gold medal

For more information about the results : www.brusselsbeerchallenge.com

Overall placings:

COUNTRY	PRESENTED SAMPLES/COUNTRY	MEDALS/COUNTRY	Gold	Silver	Bronze	Honor
<i>Belgium</i>	151	42	11	11	13	7
<i>Brazil</i>	3	0	0	0	0	0
<i>Canada</i>	9	1	0	0	1	0
<i>Czech Republic</i>	8	4	1	3	0	0
<i>Denmark</i>	12	3	2	0	1	0
<i>Estonia</i>	4	0	0	0	0	0
<i>France</i>	23	5	1	0	2	2
<i>Germany</i>	24	8	3	2	3	0
<i>Greece</i>	6	1	1	0	0	0
<i>Italy</i>	55	11	2	4	3	2
<i>Japan</i>	5	2	0	1	1	0
<i>Monaco</i>	2	0	0	0	0	0
<i>Netherlands</i>	16	4	1	2	0	1
<i>Portugal</i>	3	1	0	1	0	0
<i>United Kingdom</i>	15	5	2	1	2	0
<i>United States</i>	159	43	13	11	13	6

A successful Brussels Beer Challenge: the success of this maiden event confirms that Belgium now boasts its own international beer competition.

The initiative, which arose as part of Brusselicious, is clearly the start of a long history in the world of beer. For a country so enamoured with the timeless, unbeaten tradition of brewing, the writing was on the wall.

See you next year!

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