

Welcome to the Propolis People Newsletter

Dear All,

October has come and gone, exhibitions are over and apologies for not being able to send a newsletter – I was just too busy. November turned out not to be much better time wise, but the newsletter will be just in time to wish all of you a happy festive season and a healthy and prosperous 2007.

LAUNCH OF WWW.APITHERAPY.CO.ZA

The website is up and running and we wish to promote all the bee- loving people using honeybee products. Write to us and tell us what you think. We welcome and value all your suggestions and comments.

LAUNCH OF PROPOLIS GEL

New propolis gel in a user-friendly packaging was launched at the Natural and Organic expo. Propolis, bees' own anti germ protection has been incorporated into this water-based, non-oily gel easily absorbed into the skin.

Daily use helps create an antiseptic environment diminishing the onset of bacterial, viral and fungal infection. A healing therapeutic gel for areas prone to infection. Propolis will alleviate pain and reduce swelling. Fragrance-free formulation makes sure that it will not interfere with your daily used toiletries.

Best bee-health in 2007,

Dana

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Happy Festive Seasons and best wishes for the new 2007

Bringing you news about Healing and
Nutrition with honeybee products

Visitors' comments

Dear Dana,

Thank you for this original product and it really tasted different from the honey I used to buy in some shops. The different flavours made it just a winner in my opinion. Thank you for educating us about your honey product.

Joyce

Good afternoon Dana,

Many thanks for your e-mail! I have been using the propolis and the healing ointment you sold me is FANTASTIC! My mom has also been using the propolis and the aniseed honey and she is much better also. I look forward to chatting with you soon and I will definitely be buying more of your products in the future.

Linda

Customers comments

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Thank you for visiting us at the
Natural and Organic Show
and Saitex 2006

We are
dedicated to supplying only the best in
locally produced honeybee products to you



Propolis Shows 'Excellent' Antifungal Activity

Antifungal Activity of Propolis Extract Against
Yeasts Isolated from

Onychomycosis Lesions

Mem Inst Oswaldo Cruz, 2006 Aug;101(5):493-7

The aim of this study was to determine the in vitro activity of propolis extract against 67 yeasts isolated from onychomycosis in patients attending at the Teaching and Research Laboratory of Clinical Analysis of the State University of Maringa...

The yeasts tested were: Candida parapsilosis 35%, C. tropicalis 23%, C. albicans 13%, and other species 29%. The propolis extract showed excellent performance regarding its antifungal activity: the concentration capable of inhibiting the all of the yeasts was 5×10^{-2} mg/ml of flavonoids and 2×10^{-2} mg/ml of flavonoids stimulated their cellular death...

In view of the fact that propolis is a natural, low cost, nontoxic product with proven antifungal activity, it should be considered as another option in the onychomycosis treatment.

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Propolis extraction Methods:

- 1. The selection of the solvent depends on the final use of the extract and on technical feasibilities.**
- 2. Most active ingredients seem to be soluble in propylene glycol and ethanol.**
- 3. Fewer ingredients are soluble in water, but even water extracts show at least some bactericidal and fungicidal effects, as well as wound healing properties.**
- 4. Acetone extracts have been used for production of shampoos and lotions.**
- 5. Once the specific chemicals or chemical groups and their biological effects are better understood, better and more specific extracts can be prepared for equally specific applications.**

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Extract taken from the lecture at Apimeditica, Greece 2006

Photo of Christina taken by Dana in October 2003 in Havana, Cuba

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Eating Honey Moral, Environmentally Sound Choice

Buzz On Honey Tastes Sweet

LAURA RANCE, Winnipeg Free Press, 11/11/2006

Lower transportation and energy costs, the potential for a direct connection with the producer and the ability to monitor production processes -- are all facets that have growing appeal to consumers.

Industry analysts are consistently finding that a rising proportion of consumers are willing to pay more for foods that coincide with specific values. This is good news for honey.

A report on the Canadian Honey Council website cites a Life Cycle Analysis of sweeteners, a calculation of the amount of energy consumed from their production, processing through to the consumers' mouth,

The exception is locally produced honey. Bees actually contribute to the environment by pollinating, which is a natural productivity enhancer, as they move among annual crops and wildflowers during the summer months.

Extracting the honey from hives costs a fraction of what it takes to make corn sugar (fructose syrup) from a wet milling process. In fact, there is very little processing involved.

Honey is also typically transported shorter distances than sugar. "Canadians buying domestic honey support a beekeeper who owns their own business and who abides by numerous health and safety regulations. Canadian honey has less impact on the environment, conforms to ethical labour practices and keeps our rural communities vibrant," the report says.

Yet, Canadian honey often loses out in the grocer's when ethically minded consumers get fooled into thinking organic cane sugar is the moral option...

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