



WHY NOT HEMP? PREČO NIE KONOPE?

Ten years overview 1999-2009



PART 1

Creation - Reasons



- founded in 1998 as a non-investment fund
 - School of Finance, Matej Bel University, SK
 - founders: Mr Boris Bañas, Mr Peter Čabara
 - Michal Tőzsér joined in 2002 – wrote his Masters Thesis on the topic of Hemp Sector as a Challenge to SME
- all of us felt **BIG** business opportunity
- perspective of starting-up a new sector / visits of CannaBusiness, Hennef
- no persisting experience with hemp in Slovakia

Getting Sober



- Law no. 139/1998
 - growing of Cannabis plants in Slovakia forbidden
 - only possible based on exception of Ministry of **Health**
 - unreasonable partial permissions and documents needed
 - the same procedure as for opening a pharmacy
 - What to Do?
 - go into growing and become a pain-in-the-ass for the public servants...
 - start media and public awareness campaign

Public awareness



- translation rights for “Industrial Hemp” by John Roulac, USA
- first printed publication about industrial hemp in Slovakia
- printed on hemp paper
- 4000 prints published and given away
- financed by foundation EkoPolis

Pain, part 1



- first trial in 1999:
 - ▣ seeds from a Gene Bank, Slovak variety Rastislavicka
 - ▣ partner: Research Institute of Hillside Agriculture
 - ▣ plot 200 m²
 - ▣ calculated yield 3,5 ton/ha



Pain, part 2



- second growing, same location, 2000, 4 x 150m²
 - ▣ seeds imported from Hungary, Ukraine, France and Poland
 - ▣ flowers stolen by hemp fiends two days before announced harvest date



Pain, part 3 – Sad Movie



- time: October 2003
- place: community village Zajezova
- starring: Igor Chyra, (in memoriam)
- script: Boris Bañas
- director of photography: Michal Tózsér
- director: District Farmaceutical Officer
- director assistants: Cops

Pain, part 3 – Sad Movie



Pain, part 4 – SR joining EU



- ❑ MMM 2003
- ❑ MMM 2004
- ❑ mailing activities to MPs
- ❑ outcome: 0
- ❑ only 3 elected officials were able to reply or to speak to us
- ❑ vicious circle:
 - ❑ - Is there a business out there already for us?
 - ❑ - No.
 - ❑ - So why change the law?

In the Mean Time – NFRP/SEZ a.s.



- testing of hemp fiber/plastic composites in direct and injection moulding



In the Mean Time - konopa.sk



PREČO NIE KONOPA
CANNABIS SATIVA
EKOLÓGIA KONOPY
VYUŽITIE KONOPY
STAV KONOPÁRSTVA
LEGISLATÍVA SR
KONOPA A FONDY EU
2%
KONTAKT, LINKS

Prečo nie Konopa?

Zámery, ktoré nás viedli k tvorbe tejto www prezentácie a k myšlienke predstaviť a presadzovať konopu siatu a konopárstvo pre hospodárstvo SR vidíme v dvoch rovinách:

- 1.) globálnej
- 2.) regionálnej

V globálnej rovine upriamujeme našu pozornosť do budúcnosti a snažíme sa nájsť odpoveď na otázku či má ľudstvo budúcnosť?

Hlavným zdrojom znepokojenia odborníkov aj laikov je súčasný neudržateľný stav svetového hospodárstva, ktoré buduje svoju prosperitu primárne na neobnoviteľných surovínových zdrojoch. Zem disponuje obmedzenými, konečnými zásobami nerastných surovín a svetová ekonomika, pre svoju expanziu a rast spotrebúva stále viac a viac z ich konečných zásob. Preto stále nájstojivejšie počuť z úst ekológov a ľudí, ktorým nie je budúcnosť našej planéty ľahostajná, upozornenia , že je najvyšší čas začať budovať národné ekonomiky sveta na princípoch trvalo udržateľného rozvoja, pretože rastom svetovej ekonomiky, odkázanej na ropu a jej deriváty, vzrastá aj ekologická záťaž Zeme. Od tridsiatych rokov minulého storočia, keď petrochémia sľubovala ľudstvu krajšiu a veselšiu budúcnosť s umelými vláknami a plastom sme dnes dospeli k miestu, z ktorého cesta ďalej nevedie.

Dôkazov je viac: globálne otepľovanie, skleníkový efekt, zamorené moria a oceány, zamorený vzduch a pôda. Preto v záujme zachovania života na planéte Zem je nevyhnutné brať väčší ohľad na životné prostredie a správať sa k prírode šetrnejšie.

Z týchto záverov vychádza aj koncepcia trvalo udržateľného rozvoja a presadzovania prirodzene udržateľných a obnoviteľných zdrojov pre národné a svetovú ekonomiku.

Pain, part 5 – Solve It!



- since 2006 we co-ordinated with new hemp activities:
 - Cannabia/Slovacanna
 - Hempo
- we found a reliable link to Ministry of Agriculture
- joint preparation of a plea to EC (Solvit centrum) to scrutinize a compliance of Slovak law with EU practice
- letter from EC to several ministries
- MofA prepared exact wording of the new legislation
- passed on February 11, 2009, in force since April 1, 2009



PART 2

Programme of Rural Support

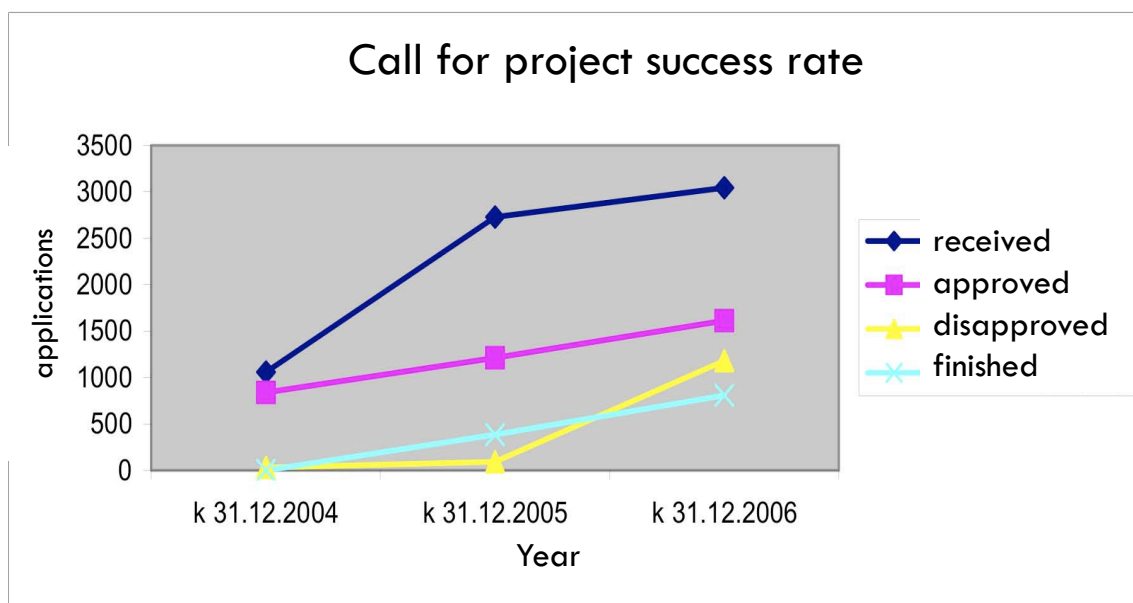


- agricultural land in Slovakia:
 - 2,5 mil. ha total
 - out of which 1.5 mil. ha are fields
- ownership structure
 - individual farmers (43.2 %)
 - companies/co-operatives (4.5 %)
 - state (4 %)
 - unknown (51.7 %)

Programme of Rural Support



Call for project success rate



Axis 1 Improvement of Competitiveness

Chapter 121 Modernization of Farms



- eligible grant amounts for one project application:
 - min. 10 000 €
 - max. 2 mil. €
- granted funding up to 50 %, 50% of equity or credit
- eligible costs:
 - long-term tangible assets
 - long-term intangible assets
 - studies, patents, licenses max 5% of total eligible costs

Axis 1 Improvement of Competitiveness

Chapter 121 Modernization of Farms



- construction, reconstruction and refurbishment of buildings for
 - primal after-harvest processing and storage of food and technical and energy crops
- purchasing and refurbishment of machinery for
 - primal after-harvest processing and storage of food and technical and energy crops
- use of renewable (biomass) energies if majority of such energy is consumed in-house

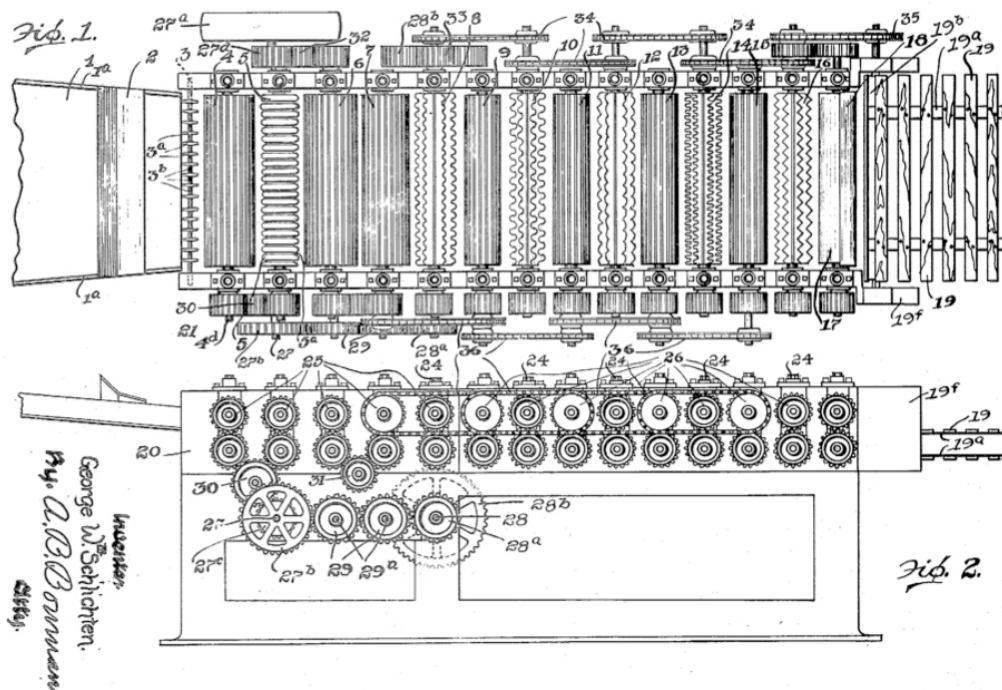
Investors welcome



- Why Not Hemp?, n.f. offers:
 - linking to potential growers and processors in Slovakia
 - preparation of application for EU/government grant schemes
 - project management and implementation
 - financial, industrial and marketing background
 - successful experience with grant applications/projects in both non-profit and business sectors

Current Fundraising

Schlichten decorticator revival (WNH?+Konopa.cz)



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