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# Our main goals



### Research

We offer our research facilities and experience in all types of studies into live bees in the laboratory and into honeybee colonies in apiaries. We also study the physicochemical characteristics, pollen spectrum and antimicrobial properties of honeys.

#### Education

We educate people about the essential role of bees in our ecosystem. We organise workshops for beekeepers and young people about bees and their diseases.



# **Education**

We offer interactive lectures, seminars, workshops, and tutorials about honeybees, wild pollinators and their role in our ecosystem.

Pro-ecological action
Green Week in Lublin: Air, Earth
and Water – a walk through elements.

# Research



#### Main achievements

New theraupeutics for the treatment of nosemosis and other bee diseases.

#### I. Microbes should match bees' microbiome

Using our probiotic bacterial strains, dedicated to honeybees (Patent PL233794):

- improves the condition of bee colonies, extends bee lifespan
- inhibits the growth of Paenibacillus larvae the major honeybee pathogen
- supports microflora in bees.

### II. Eleutherosides benefit honeybees

The main advantages of our preparations based on adaptogenic plant extracts (Patent PL232685):

- natural constituents
- · high effectiveness against the Nosema-infection
- improved bees' immunity owing to an increase in the activity of phenoloxidase (the enzyme taking part in the bee immune response)
- no side effects.

### III. Porphyrins inactivate Nosema spores

Our preparations based on the heterocyclic organic compounds decrease levels of *Nosema*-infection (Nature Scientific Reports 2018; Patent PL231692).

### IV. Cannabinoids protect honeybees from pesticides

 Our preparations based on Cannabis extracts protect honeybees against the harmful effects of neonicotinoids and prolong honeybee lifespan (Patent applications No. P.433702, P.433703).

## **Awards**



- Award of the Polish Minister of Science and Higher Education.<sup>1</sup>
- Silver medal awarded on the 70th International Fair "Ideas, Inventions, New Products" iENA<sup>2</sup> in Nuremberg for patent application No. P.415155.
- Winner of the 9th national competition "Innovation is a Woman" organised by the Polish Women's Foundation, aimed at selecting innovative solutions.
- International EIFFEL Prize<sup>3</sup> awarded by the French Federation of Inventors at the 117th International Fair of Inventions, CONCOURS LÉPINE 2018 in Paris for patent application No. P.423363.
- Gold Medal awarded by World Invention Intellectual Property Associations (WIIPA) at the Euroinvent European Exhibition of Creativity and Invention in lasi, Romania, for patent application No. P.423363.

