

WHO IS BILL RUZICKA, WHAT IS THE MITEGONE™ METHOD, AND HOW CAN IT BENEFIT YOU?

Bill Ruzicka is native of former Czechoslovakia born before WWII and educated as an aircraft mechanic and engineer. He served in the air force as a pilot. In 1968, Bill finished his university degree in Analytic Engineering with a specialty in aircraft and tooling and left Czechoslovakia in 1968 after the Russian invasion. He lived in Austria, Italy, and Argentina where he worked as a tool and die designer. He and his wife arrived in Canada in 1970. After various jobs and schooling to improve his English, Bill worked for 15 years as a design engineer for Western Star trucks a division of White Motor



Corporation. In 1980 Bill bought an outfit of 100 hives and converted his property into a bee farm. In 1986 he retired from Western Star and became a Bee Breeder and Pollinator operating 500 hives in the Okanagan Valley British Columbia. With the introduction of mites to North America, he began researching bee treatments. This led to Bill patenting a biological control of the Varroa with fungus (patent number US 6.277.371B1) the project was passed to the USDA in Westlaco and led to the discovery of other funguses. Unfortunately, this discovery and its commercial viability is still a work in progress.

As a backup solution, Bill researched all existing information about formic acid, and developed the Design Criteria (see Print Literature) for the MiteGone pad and method (US patent number 6837770B2). Since making MiteGone, the commercial product, he has provided and taught many seminars on the use of formic acid: 30 in New Zealand and over 60 throughout the US and Canada, 5 in Europe and 7 in Argentina. (Visit www.mitegone.com seminars link). Each year since 1992, during the years of research, Bill has spent 3-4 months in the USA (Florida and other states) acquiring substantial knowledge of the US beekeeping industry and its problems.

At the age of 67 Bill is still running a 280 hive bee breeding operation and keeping “Vernon bee” stock and supplies 500 super nucs to Alberta each year.

MiteGone pad and method is a low dose continuous release principle treatment, which does not have negative side effects. Up until now “the good lord has been with us” we have been able to solve all problems associated with other formic acid methods. MiteGone eliminated weather and hive size dependence by cutting the pads in many different ways. Using the pads to improve screen bottom efficacy and possibly deter hive beetles. The product is under

PCT International Patent Protection with patents in the USA, New Zealand, and Argentina already issued. Australia and European countries are currently in the process.

MiteGone Enterprises Incorporated would not exist if the provincial apiculturist technician John Gates did not pursue my daughter Susanne to go ahead with the project. She owns 90% of the company in common shares. My answer to John was that I am 60 years old and I do not need another headache but when my daughter Susanne approached me I became the president holding 10% in voting shares. Susanne was the CEO of the company doing a lot of the work while working as a full time Career Counselor and teacher at a local high school. She is authorized to run the company if I am not available. As she was recently married I am now a one man operation. To help me I have one part time secretary and 5 shipping warehouses in Kelowna, Canada, in Rotterdam and Prague for Europe distribution, and one in the USA.

We have manufactures under license in China, USA, Australia and Argentina but stock must be prepaid and the lead-time is over 40 days so please think and pay ahead so you save.

Our dry dispenser product is currently used under licensing in New Zealand, Argentina, Spain, Portugal, and Czech Republic. Prospective licensing and testing is in process in Mexico, Turkey, Iran, Italy and Slovenia. Canada, USA, Europe, and the rest of the world are supplied directly by us through our shipping warehouses.

We are looking for prospective licensees in all beekeeping countries of the world and for someone to take over the whole business so I can retire and concentrate on research.

Let me know if you are interested.