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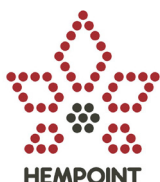
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ASIAN HEMP SUMMIT 2020

Jan. 31-Feb. 1, 2020 | Kathmandu



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Welcome to the 2nd Annual Asian Hemp Summit! As the hemp industry continues to expand around the world, we are honored to host the experts, companies and practitioners who are leading the global hemp revolution.

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With industrial hemp undergoing an unprecedented revival the world over, Asia, with its long historical and economic ties to the plant, will no doubt lead the revolution. The continent's vast and fast-moving industrial hemp sectors embody all of the promise hemp offers for healthier living, economic development and sustainability.

During this event you will get guidance from experts who represent decades of combined experience with industrial hemp, and learn from legacy players who have had challenges similar to those you may face.

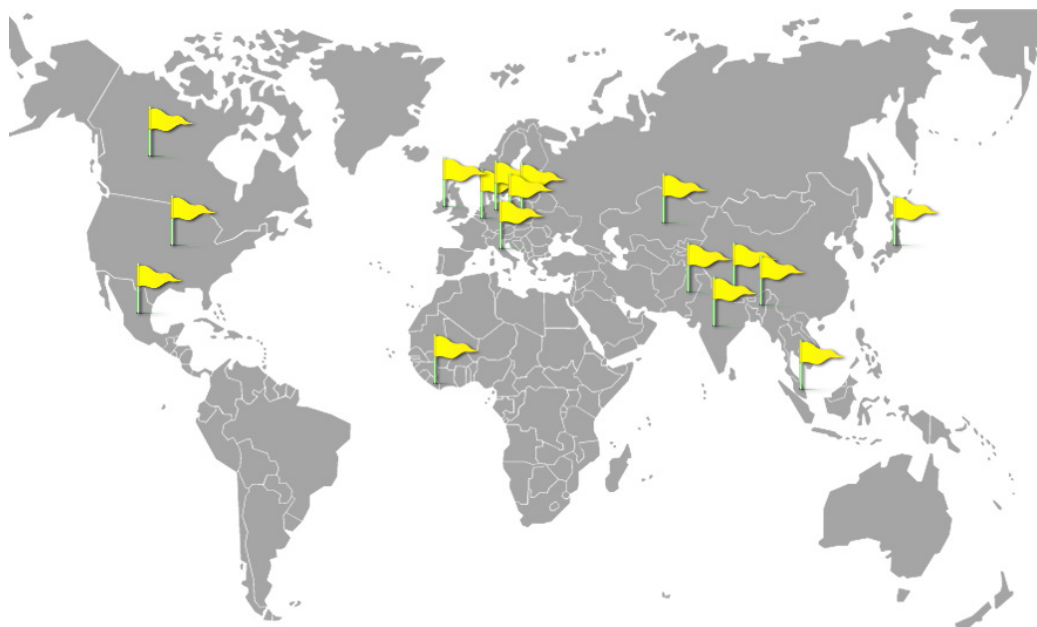
As a networking platform, the Asian Hemp Summit lets you meet – up close and personal – like-minded stakeholders with whom you can share ideas, intelligence and information for mutual benefit.

You'll also learn what hemp sectors and products are rising, and where there are gaps in the market that could spell opportunity for your enterprise, and get an overview of the machines and technology needed for the efficient cultivation and production of industrial hemp.

Whatever your interests and goals, we hope your experience at the Asian Hemp Summit 2020 will be fruitful and enjoyable one here in beautiful Nepal – at the top of the world!

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HempConsult GmbH offers guidance on everything from farming and organic certification to legal and tax issues. The consultancy also produces regularly updated market reports on a range of indicators, having been one of the first major industry players to begin to quantify the overall hemp sector when it started collecting worldwide market data in 2012. HempConsult has an extensive base of knowledge, network partners and experience all over the world.

High Grade Hemp Seed Inc. (HGH) focuses on developing scientifically proven hemp seeds and starts with an excellent track record of compliance, high feminization and germination rates, and high cannabinoid levels. At HGH we are inspired by the beauty and versatility of hemp. Our team of expert farmers is dedicated to producing the highest quality farm proven genetics. We pride ourselves on the best ecological practices with a focus on fair and sustainable partnerships with farmers and researchers. We see our work in the hemp industry as an opportunity to create positive change in the world and are humbled to be a part of a community full of talented farmers, scientists, geneticists, and more.

US Hemp Brokerage LLC (USHB) provides hemp farmers, processors and manufacturers of industrial hemp materials and products with the high-quality professional brokerage services they deserve. Since 2015, the leadership and associate team members of USHB have actively farmed hemp, developed hemp brands and marketed them to local, regional and national wholesale clients in the USA. Our ability to bring top-tier hemp brands to retail is second to none as we have very longstanding relationships that not only provide for successful placement, but also favorable outcomes for private label manufacturing for retail stores.

HempTrade strives to strengthen market connections and advance the trade of hemp products at the wholesale level for branded and unbranded finished goods, and for bulk raw commodities. Along the way, our goal is to bring more transparency to these markets. HempTrade is a part of the HempToday family of communications services which since 2014 has been helping stakeholders all over the world connect with each other, and to work together toward the common goal of a vibrant, well-functioning hemp industry.

Enterprise Hemp help entrepreneurs package their ideas for visionary investors who know that big things begin with small dreams; investors who understand the value of entrepreneurship, innovation and hard work. Specifically, we help you assemble business plans that clearly frame the vision for your hemp company – the key tool needed for your investor search. Engage with Enterprise Hemp to see where the world's hemp leaders are going, and how we might join forces to accelerate the development of your hemp business.

HempMongolia is the first and only company in Mongolia licensed and authorized to conduct hemp cultivation, production and export. The company is developing divisions for the food, health & beauty and construction sectors in Mongolia as it works to advance its vision for Mongolia as an Asian hemp corridor.



ASIAN HEMP SUMMIT 2020

Session start:

9:30

Day 1 Moderator:
KEHRT REYHER
HempToday

Day 1 | Friday

Global View

09:30 - 10:00

Kehrt Reyher, HempToday; "Industry Overview & Global Hemp Hotspots."

10:00 - 11:00

Daniel Kruse, Hempro Int. GmbH & Co. KG; HempConsult GmbH, Germany; "Key Markets, Key Indicators: Data for a Growing Industry" & "EIHA: Industry Voice for Europe & the World"

11:00 - 11:30

Sanford Stein, Lowis & Gellen LLP; Cannabis Law LLC, USA; "How to Achieve a Successful National Legislative, Compliance & Regulatory Program"

11:30 - 12:00

Coffee Break

12:00 - 12:30

Cheryl Shuman, Beverly Hills Cannabis Club, USA "Cannabis industry media"

12:30 - 13:00

Kehrt Reyher, Hemp Today, "Powering the Industry with Modern Media Tools"

Sustainable Solutions

13:00 - 13:30

Dhiraj K. Shah, Shah Hemp Inno-Ventures, Nepal: "Industrial Hemp's Promise for Developing Nations"

13:30 - 14:00

Quanuquane 'Q.' Karmue, Save More Kids, Inc., Liberia; "Hemp's Promise for Liberia and Sub-Saharan Africa"

14:00 - 15:00

Buffet Lunch

15:00 - 15:30

Hana Gabrielova, Hempoint, Czech Republic; "Hemp as an important tool for European Green Deal and SDG's"

15:30 - 16:00

Wolf Jordan, Wolf Jordan & Co., Belgium; "Hemp for Reinventing Agriculture, Our Economy and Our Lifestyle"

16:00 - 16:30

Robin Destiche, U.S. Hemp Brokerage LLC, USA; "Sourcing Asian Hemp Goods for Sectors Seeking Sustainability"

16:30 - 17:00

Day 1 Roundtable

18:00 -

DINNER & AWARDS PRESENTATION

10:00



Daniel Kruse

HempConsult GmbH;
& Hempro Int. GmbH, Germany

Daniel, who has been in the hemp industry since 1995, is a senior advisor to entrepreneurs, start-ups, investors and other industry stakeholders through HempConsult GmbH, an independent consulting firm. Hempro Int. GmbH is a vertically integrated Dusseldorf-based producer and wholesaler of hemp foods, bulk raw materials for food, textiles, accessories and cosmetics.

11:00



Sanford Stein

Lowis & Gellen LLP;
Cannabis Law LLC, USA

Sanford has broad and far reaching experience in every aspect of cannabis law and policy, environmental law, renewable energy, land use law, urban economic development, government relations and procurement. He is a leading authority in the regulated cannabis industry with emphasis in government regulations, legislation and business opportunities. Highly skilled in providing business solutions to government problems, permits and regulations. Legislative experience at every level of government. Appeared as lead counsel before at the United States Supreme Court.

11:30



COFFEE & pastries

12:00



Cheryl Shuman

Beverly Hills Cannabis Club
USA

Cheryl has worked extensively with media, celebrities, marketing and healthcare professionals in the USA to create a center of gravity where the cannabis industry intersects with entertainment. Named by U.S.-based Fortune magazine as one of the most powerful women in cannabis, Cheryl is an experienced investor with a comprehensive understanding of the financial markets and a strong capital markets relationship network. A cancer survivor and activist, she works with other cancer patients, and founded a mentoring program for women in cannabis. Cheryl speaks frequently about cannabis on U.S. television outlets CNN, Fox Business, CNBC and others. The New York Times Magazine named her the "Cannabis Queen of Beverly Hills" in recognition of her high profile on behalf of cannabis.

12:30



Kehrt Reyher
HempToday

Kehrt is founder of HempToday, and co-founder of the Poland-based Nakto Foundation, which supports environmental protection, entrepreneurship and green industry thought leadership globally; and historical preservation, economic development and tourism at the local level. Kehrt is founder and past President, CEO and Chairman of the Supervisory Board of VFP Communications, a Warsaw-based B2B media company. A former European Bureau Chief for Smart Grid Today, he previously worked in the USA at The Providence Journal, The Detroit News and USA Today.

13:00



Dhiraj K. Shah
Shah Hemp Inno-Ventures
Nepal

Dhiraj is a co-founder of Shah Hemp Inno-Ventures, Nepal. The company sources hemp "wild-crop" from locals for a growing range of applications and products in health & beauty and hemp construction along with textiles. SHIV also has completed several hemp construction projects for poor villagers and for public medical facilities.

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Quanuquanei 'Q.' Karmue
Save More Kids, Inc.
Liberia

Q. is Executive Director at Save More Kids, an NGO dedicated to providing the resources, education and action necessary to create a bright future for children who suffered as a result of the Liberian Civil War at the beginning of the century. Among other initiatives, Save More Kids has a goal to purchase up to 100,000 acres of land throughout Liberia over the next 3-5 years to sow hemp and empower local communities. Having fled war-torn Liberia as a child during the Civil War, Q. emigrated to the United States, where he eventually completed an undergraduate degree at Savannah College of Art & Design (SCAD), and a Masters of Fine Arts Degree at East Tennessee State University (ETSU). He is the author of "WITNESS: A Civil War Through The Eyes of A Child."

14:00



BUFFET LUNCH
Vegetarian dishes
offered

15:00



Hana Gabrielova
Hempoint
Czech Republic

Hana, founder and CEO at Hempoint, is one of Europe's pioneering and most innovative hemp entrepreneurs and activists. She is a widely recognized expert and consultant on everything from hemp farming to patient focused certification (PFC) for medical cannabis, through her affiliation with the Prague-based International Cannabis and Cannabinoids Institute. Hana's company advises farmers on hemp cultivation, and is an organic hemp food producer.

15:30



Wolf Jordan
Jordan & Co
Belgium

Wolf is one of Europe's leading experts in eco-construction and the production of high quality natural building materials. He is the founder of Wolf Jordan & Co., which operates out of Greenbizz, a Brussels-based incubator that backs growth of startups focused on sustainability. Wolf's company produces binder formulas for hempcrete construction, and natural oils and waxes for wood and stone. An old-world craftsman with more than 36 years' experience in natural materials, Wolf is also an educator and innovator who has worked on building projects all over the world.

16:00



Robin Destiche
U.S. Hemp Brokerage LLC
USA

Robin arrived at U.S. Hemp Brokerage after taking two years off following a decade in the hospitality industry. In addition to his role at U.S. Hemp Brokerage, Robin is working on an initiative to offer hemp-derived products to the \$570 billion dollar global hospitality industry. He found hemp while hiking in the Himalayas in India, and sees Asia as a major source for such products. Robin has a background in executive leadership, brand management, strategic planning, financial awareness and employee development — all of which he is applying to the hemp landscape.

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Day 1 Roundtable
Legalization of
hemp in Nepal

18:00



**GALA DINNER
& Awards Presentation:**

- Entrepreneurship Rewards
- Special Awards



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Session start:

9:00

Day 2 Moderator:

NIVEDITA BANSAL SHAH
Shah Hemp Inno-Ventures

Day 2 | Saturday

Machines & Technology

- 09:00 - 09:30** Daniel Kruse, Hempro Int. GmbH & Co. KG; HempConsult GmbH, Germany; "Solar Powered Hemp Factory & the MCHC 3400 Hemp Harvester"
- 09:30 - 10:00** Kehrt Reyher, HempToday; "The HurdMaster 1000 Hemp Micro-Decorticator & Henry's Hemp Harvester for Small & Mid-Size Farms"
- 10:00 - 10:30** Patryk Czech, Afori, sp. z. o.o, Poland; "Technology for Mastering the CBD Value Chain"
- 10:30 - 11:00** Nando Knodel, Monophases SRL, Germany; "A Hemp Commodity Trading Platform, and Modern Technologies Applied to the Hemp Supply Chain."

11:00 - 11:30 **Coffee break**

Hemp Nations

- 11:30 - 12:00** Mohamad Johan, MHIRA, Malaysia HempTech Industrial Research Association; "Malaysia's Effort Toward Linking UN's Sustainable Development Goals & Industrial Hemp"
- 12:00 - 12:30** Nivedita Bansal Shah, SHIV, India, Nepal; "Indian Hemp 2020: Country Overview & Update"
- 12:30 - 13:00** Thomas Kloepper, Pitchfork Farms, Japan (USA); "Hemp in Japan, Past, Present, Future: Research Report: Nepal"
- 13:00 - 14:00** Muhammed A Qayyum, Fytocina SL, Spain & Pakistan; "Cannabis in Pakistan: Historical and Legal Perspectives"

14:00 - 14:30 **Buffet Lunch**

- 14:30 - 15:00** Eline Verheul, Ceylon Hemp Effect, Sri Lanka "Country profile: Sri Lanka"
- 15:00 - 15:30** Sultan Kunadilov, Yessenov R&D Center, Kazakhstan: "Country overview and Kazakhstan's potential in hemp fiber production"

Entrepreneurship

- 15:30 - 16:00** Rustam Kazakhstan, Eurasia Hemp, LLP, "KazHemp Textile" project
- 16:00 - 16:30** **Coffee break**
- 16:30 - 17:00** Bilabh Shrestha, Cosmic Annunaki, Nepal, "Turning Hemp Stalks into Edible Charcoal" ENT AWARD WINNERS
- 17:00 - 17:30** Closing Roundtable & Farewell
- 18:00 -** **RAFFLE & AFTER PARTY (Cash bar)**

09:00



Daniel Kruse

HempConsult GmbH;
& Hempro Int. GmbH, Germany

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Patryk Czech

Afori, sp. z. o.o
Poland

Patryk is founder of Afori sp. z o.o., a hemp agricultural firm based in the Silesian city of Katowice, Poland. Afori this year put in hemp on 300 ha, of which 100 are organic-certified lands. His firm has its own land and has put together a consortium of farmers from whom it contracts additional fields where it deploys customized hemp harvesting technology. Patryk, who works works up and down the hemp value chain with farmers in Poland and Romania, is among an ambitious, creative

10:30



Nando Knodel

Monophases SRL
Germany

Nando is co-founder and CFO at Monophases, a green-tech startup working in hemp trading and the development of related cutting-edge technology the hemp industry needs to thrive. The tools being developed by Monophases aim to give the industrial hemp sectors long-term competitive advantages by placing hemp among the vital commodities of the future bio-economy. Based in Hamburg, Germany's leading trade & technology hub, Nando studied at the University of Hamburg and Kyoto University in Japan.

11:00**COFFEE & pastries****11:30****Mohamad Johan**

Malaysia HempTech Industrial Research Association

Mohamad is President & Founder at Malaysia HempTech Industrial Research Association (MHIRA), a sustainability-focused NGO that is supported by the Malaysian Ministry for Industrial Hemp Research. The organization is active in public education, consulting, research and development as it advances the application of hemp in building materials, biomass and biofuel, plastics, paper, agriculture, food, and health & nutrition. He formed MHIRA in 2010.

12:00**Nivedita Bansal Shah**

SHIV

Nivedita is a co-founder of Shah Hemp Inno-Ventures, Nepal. The company sources hemp "wild-crop" from locals for a growing range of applications and products in health & beauty and hemp construction along with the textiles. Through "hEmpowering Bottom Up," SHIV works to advance economic and social development among Nepalese women. SHIV also has completed several hemp construction projects for poor villagers and for public medical facilities.

12:30**Thomas Kloepper**Pitchfork Farms
Japan (USA)

Originally from Athens, Georgia, in the United States, Thomas operates Pitchfork Farms, a small-scale organic farm in Onomichi, Japan. He is currently a Ph.D candidate at Hiroshima University studying in the department of Development Policy, and focusing on environmental economics. Thomas' main research area concerns hemp farming in Japan and Nepal, and the potential opportunities for hemp and sustainable agriculture. When he is not researching, Thomas manages his farm, which provides providing organic food to his family and community.

13:00**Muhammed A Qayyum**Fytocina SL
Spain & Pakistan

Muhammed is a natural products specialist and innovator working in herbals and nutraceuticals. He has served as an officer in a number of professional groups in the pharmaceutical, nutraceutical and traditional medicine sectors. Muhammed served as a consultant to the World Health Organization in 2003 and 2005, advising on Good Manufacturing Practices, policy and regulatory framework for traditional medicines.

14:00**BUFFET LUNCH**

Vegetarian dishes offered

14:30**Eline Verheul**Ceylon Hemp Effect
Sri Lanka (Holland)

Company co-founder, creative consultant and fine artist, Eline has been engaged in social empowerment programs globally since 2006. Eline went to Sri Lanka in early 2014 as a project coordinator for international internships. She saw great potential to implement her creative skills for start-ups in Sri Lanka and continued her career as a creative consult. In more recent years Eline developed a strong interest for the green-label beverage industry and is currently engaged in an initiative to introduce High Pressure Processing to the Sri Lanka. Eline has extensive experience in business development, sales and marketing.

15:00**Sultan Kunadilov**Yessenov R&D Center
Kazakhstan

Sultan, Executive Director of the Yessenov R&D Center, is leading the development of full-cycle hemp fiber production in Kazakhstan based on best practices and new technologies from all over the world, and with a goal to develop the country's full potential for industrial hemp. Sultan, who holds a Ph.D in Computer Science, has led teams that established projects in education, science and sport.

15:30**Rustam Bekzhigitov**Eurasia Hemp LLP
Kazakhstan

Rustam is CEO at Eurasia Hemp, which specializes in full cycle fiber conversion and is a subsidiary of AMF Group. He is working on the development of the "KazHemp Textile" project, which plans to sow hemp on 500-700 hectares of land in 2020 for the production of yarn and fiber.

16:00**COFFEE & pastries****16:30****Entrepreneurship Presentations****Bilabh Shrestha**

Cosmic Annunaki, Nepal

Gohemp Agroventures

Gaurav Dixit, India

17:00**Closing Roundtable**

A tale of two Summits

By Andi Lucas

When I stepped off the plane on a crisp evening in Kathmandu, Nepal almost exactly one year ago, I had no idea of what the week ahead was going to bring me, or the exciting new course that my life was about to be set on.

In addition to the trip being my first visit to this astonishing part of the world – staying in an ancient city surrounded by the soaring peaks of the Himalayas – I was also on my way to the inaugural Asian Hemp Summit, feeling a little nervous and intrigued by both the location and the upcoming event.

After a decade in Colorado working incredibly demanding hours running a start-up business that was sold in late 2018, I committed to myself that the next chapter of my professional life would only be spent doing something that I was passionate about, working in a field where I felt I could have the greatest impact. Most importantly, I wanted to make a real contribution to things I am most worried about: mitigating the impacts of the climate crisis and creating clean, well-paying jobs with dignity to help address economic inequality.

Right thing to do

Everything I had seen or read about hemp – its use as a building material, textiles, food, medicine and more – led me to believe that finding a way to work with this plant was the right thing to do. A last-minute decision in January 2019 saw me booking my tickets and flights, and the Asian Hemp Summit became the first event I attended in the not-then-clearly-defined newly chosen career path. Really all I knew was that I wanted to play some part in advancing the use and exploring the properties of this seemingly magical plant.

With around 100 other attendees representing 25 countries, I felt privileged to hear the words of numerous industry leaders over both conference days. As fascinating and valuable as all of this information was – on topics as diverse as biocomposites, new developments with farming equipment, investment options, building techniques and materials, import and export advice and talking about extraction and processing technologies – the impact of the event was far deeper than simply listening to experts share their wisdom.

The true value of the Asian Hemp Summit event for me, as a complete newcomer to the industry, was that being in such a remote geographical location afforded intimate



The author with Belgian natural builder Wolf Jordan at the Asian Hemp Summit 2019

networking opportunities with key global stakeholders in a way I had never experienced before. The event was certainly not anything like the huge 90,000 person shows I used to attend in Las Vegas in my previous working life! After a week, I left Nepal feeling incredibly energized and engaged, with the beginnings of what is becoming a deep global network of contacts with leaders in the world of hemp. I also made some lovely new friendships and was given a chance to start my new career with some freelance writing opportunities for this magazine.

Globetrotting

Over the next twelve months, I travelled to sixteen cities in seven different countries, leaving Australia for the United States, and then on to England, Wales, Scotland, Japan, Costa Rica and finally Uruguay. During my travels, I had the opportunity to meet and interview many people who were both literally and metaphorically working in this incredibly diverse field. For this magazine, I wrote articles about a small start-up in Wisconsin navigating the still-murky legislative waters following the introduction of the US Farm Bill in 2018. I spent time with a master builder in Wales who had just completed the first commercially available property in his home nation using this incredible carbon-negative material. And I spoke with and learned more about an eyewear designer in Scotland using hemp bioplastics for some very funky sunglasses.

On to Latin America

I began research into a more detailed article about the groundbreaking work being done by the team manufacturing engineered HempWood in Kentucky, and continued to read and absorb as much as I could about all things hemp. The more I learned, the more excited and

certain I became that I am on exactly the right path. When I saw that the first Latin American and Caribbean Hemp Summit was being organised in Montevideo, Uruguay in November last year, I knew I should do whatever it took to get there (full disclosure that I was fortunate to be able to attend the event on a media pass as a contributor to this magazine).

Change agents

As with the Asian Hemp Summit in Kathmandu, this second HempToday-hosted event in South America was my first trip to a new region, and the days spent in Montevideo provided a pretty incredible bookend to what was an amazing year of learning and professional growth. Once again, the relatively intimate summit of around 100 attendees and speakers afforded the opportunity to meet highly influential key stakeholders, along with other entrepreneurs and change-agents from around the world, all keen to play their part in getting hemp and all of its potentially beneficial uses into partially or fully closed markets.

While I am sadly not able to attend the second Asian Hemp Summit which kicks off on the final day of this month due to commitments in a new role within the peak industry body here in my home state, and work that I am doing for the Australian Industrial Hemp Conference (a huge bi-annual national event happening in Fremantle, Western Australia at the end of February this year), I am so grateful that I was able to be in Kathmandu in 2019.

I feel sure that the cohort of attendees at the 2020 Asian Hemp Summit – once again representing a diverse group made up of key industry stakeholders, politicians, development agencies, private hemp enthusiasts, environmental groups and retailers – will gain as much for their time in Nepal next week as I did from the two hemp summits that I was lucky enough to participate in last year, and I look forward to being at the next event in 2021.

ABOUT THE AUTHOR

Freelancer Andi Lucas is the founder and owner of NSP Development. After a decade in Colorado, USA, Andi has returned to her native home of Tasmania, Australia where she is now heavily involved in all things hemp. In addition to writing, Andi is planning the build of four small hempcrete homes in coastal towns with an accompanying educational program and works with both the peak industry body in her home state and the national group who represent the interests of growers, makers and supporters of the hemp plant and its many uses.



Cheryl Shuman

Founder, Beverly Hills Cannabis Club, USA

Cheryl Shuman, Founder, Beverly Hills Cannabis Club, USA, was named by U.S.-based Fortune magazine as one of the most powerful women in cannabis. She is an investment advisor frequently featured on U.S. television outlets CNN, Fox Business, CNBC and others.

HT: What's your general advice to those who want to invest in the cannabis sectors?

CS: Investors need to truly understand what makes the cannabis and hemp industry "tick." Before there was an industry, this sector was a movement. When the first stocks were traded in the sector, it was fueled by the hunger of the movement to see the end of prohibition.

Soon the industry will consolidate and the green rush will be over. Those who invest wisely will make major profits. Those who are inexperienced without professional guidance are risking everything.

I urge those who want to invest in high risk stocks to look into private companies that no one has on their radar yet.

HT: What are the keys to making those investments in private companies work?

CS: Great investments are those where everyone genuinely respects and likes the teams they are working with and have the same vision. If not, it's likely to fail. It's important to research the companies well to assure a good "fit". This is still a very young

industry and not everyone is the expert that they claim to be. Finally, all investments should be properly vetted by a professional. Otherwise, it's buyer beware.

HT: Tell us about your company.

CS: We're a privately held company with a family office style investment strategy. Our company was founded in 1996 in Beverly Hills, California. Today we have holdings in 30 countries. We are currently in cultivation on approximately 7,000 acres throughout the U.S. In addition, we have real estate and investment holdings in emerging markets of Latin America, South America, Europe, Asia, Australia, New Zealand and more. We are preparing our expansion to Europe with our headquarters in Malta.

HT: Who are the participants in the cannabis fund that you are advising? What are they looking for?

CS: They include international sovereign funds, private equity, venture capitalists, legacy investors, family offices, angel investors, celebrities, high net worth individuals and corporations.

Most of our investors are interested in finding that big breakthrough company that will get them in early with founders shares before the general public knows there is even an opportunity to invest.

HT: What's your advice to cannabis start-ups and early-stage players?

CS: Your personal brand can be the key to success. When I survived cancer in 2007 and spoke publicly to the media about how I felt that CBD had saved my life, many laughed at me. Cannabis helps us to feel better in so many ways but proving it is the challenge.

What makes you great? What is your personal story and motive for being involved with the business you are building? I encourage entrepreneurs to share their personal stories as a branding strategy. Communities want to invest in brands and the people behind the companies. We say "your vibe attracts your tribe." I believe in this completely. Learn as much as you can and network.

HT: What do you see happening over the next few years with legalization in the States?

CS: Recreational cannabis is gaining traction as global attitudes change. The WHO recently proposed rescheduling cannabis in international law, for example, while Luxembourg is set to legalize cannabis by 2021, New Zealand is holding a referendum on it in 2020, and Australia's Capital Territory voted to legalize recreational cannabis. Cannabis is now legal for recreational use in 11 U.S. states, and in 33 states for medical use. We expect recreational cannabis to be legal in all 50 states by 2024.



Powered by the sun

Solar 'Hemp Factory' goes online thanks to Mother Nature

Hemp Factory, a fully solar-powered food processing facility, has gone online in Borken, Germany near the German-Dutch border. Hemp Factory is the biggest hemp food manufacturer in Central Europe.

Development of the facility was guided by HempConsult GmbH, the Düsseldorf-based hemp industry advisory. HempConsult founder and CEO Daniel Kruse is also interim CEO at Hemp Factory.

Doubling down

"We all know hemp food can contribute to environmentally friendly and healthy nutrition for the growing world population," said Kruse. "This highly efficient, clean-energy factory is our way of doubling down on our commitment to sustainability. It's intended as an example to the hemp industry that we can be the leaders in shrinking our

carbon footprint."

Hemp Factory produces hemp foodstuffs for the processing industry with a ratio of almost 100 % certified organic, and the remainder of conventional production.

Hemp Factory's facilities include systems for cleaning and sterilization to produce sterilized whole hemp seeds; hulling technology for hulled or shelled hemp seeds; and in addition a milling and sieving operation for hemp protein and dietary fiber.

Careful quality control

Another production line turns out fodder, concentrated feed stuffs and fodder oil for the animal feed industry, and supplies livestock businesses with high-quality feed concentrates from by-products such as oil, oil cake and coarse meal.

With careful quality control, Hemp Factory offers comprehensive analysis;

continuous improvement of production standards; and certification under Organic, Kosher, Halal, HACCP and GMP+ standards. The plant's quality management system is to be extended in the near future.

Impressive customer base

Hemp Factory's no-emissions, cost optimized complex features a solar roof that provides electrical power for all facilities, production and heating. The plant optimizes waste separation, and the enterprise is using electric forklifts and electric vehicles in its transportation fleet.

Hemp Factory's customers include well-known food and baked goods producers as well as leading wholesalers. The factory turns out a variety of bulk hemp food products for sister company Hempro International GmbH & Co. KG, which has been selling hemp foods for 16 years.

HempConsult



TECHNOLOGY



CEO Daniel Kruse of Hemp Factory.



Among products turned out at the new processing facility **Top**: Hemp seeds being cleaned and separated. **Middle**: Hulled hemp seeds. **Bottom**: Hemp protein powder.



Ground floor view of the Hemp Factory production line. The facility is the biggest hemp food processor in Central Europe.



Solar panels that power the facility



Hemp Factory is located at Borken, Germany near the Dutch border

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– Pamela, USA



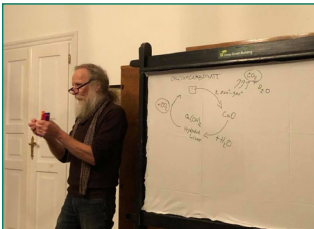
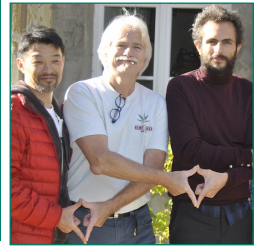
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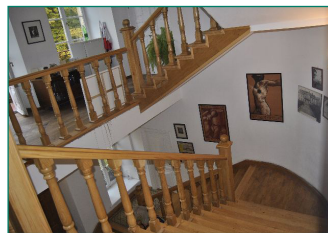


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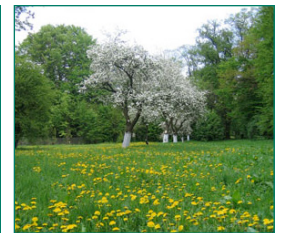
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The HurdMaster

An affordable hemp decorticator from Latvia

The HurdMaster Micro Decorticator, a small-scale fiber processing unit designed by Industrial Hemp Latvia (IHL) founder and entrepreneur Kristaps Eglitis, is now in production and may be ordered.

The machine is designed for small-scale flower and seed growers who want to monetize leftover stems from their harvests, Eglitis said. It is intended for farms of 2-5 hectares (about 6-10 acres).

"We're getting excellent hurds for hempcrete," Eglitis told attendees at the Summit before demonstrating the sleek, boxy, stainless-steel unit, which is small enough to fit in a car. "We processed some fiber for hempcrete to insulate my own house which we're now working on, and the hurds' performance in the mix was excellent," Eglitis said.

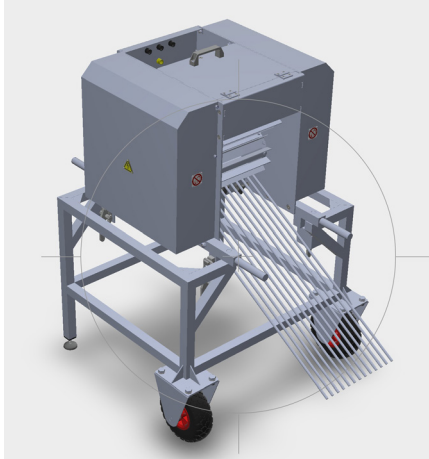
IHL said it will sell the first three machines from its initial production run to customers who purchase and donate a second machine to a worthy humanitarian project.

"We've identified some remarkable initiatives around the world where the HurdMaster can be of infinite value in providing shelter and jobs through hempcrete construction," said Kristaps Eglitis, founder at IHL.

Inspiration: The HurdMaster was inspired in part by Eglitis' research of a decorticator project started by Australian-Latvian Voldemars Cirulis, who built a much bigger machine while living in Australia in the early 2000s.

Eglitis designed the HurdMaster with help from a student at Latvian Technical University after intense research on decortication technology.

He eventually bought the machine from Cirulis and studied its components and how it functions – research he said was critical in the design process.



The machine is small enough to fit in an SUV or pickup truck.



Specifications

Supply-220V / 1500W
Capacity: ~50kg/hr
Dimensions: 80cm X 80cm X 60cm
(~31" X 31" X 23")
Weight: 150kg/330 lbs

Key features

Compact, simple design
Easy to operate
Chain driven
Durable parts; stainless steel rollers
Adjustable to handle all sizes stalk
Minimal maintenance

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Engineering collaboration: Eglitis, who designs and builds metal interior features such as staircases, has worked in metal construction for more than 20 years.

He is collaborating with Peruza, a leading manufacturer of machinery for fish processing, developing engineering enhancements that will reduce the HurdMaster's weight while boosting efficiency. While Eglitis is satisfied with hurd quality turned out by the machine, planned adjustments to improve the quality of technical fiber output are still being worked out, he said. Plans are in the works to build a bigger model decorticator as well, Eglitis said.

Just last month, Eglitis secured an EU grant he'll use to build an engineering building, he said.

While Eglitis has now lost contact with Cirulis, 96, who is blind and infirm, he knows the old inventor would be proud. "Voldemars would be happy to see that his work has inspired me to move forward," Eglitis said.

Next-generation upgrades after 4 successful years in the field

After four successful harvest seasons in the field, Germany-based HANF FARM's revolutionary hemp combine, the MC HC 3400, has been enhanced with an additional cutting unit on the truck. The latest improvement lets the harvester precisely chop the raw material on its way into the bin, thereby making better use of bin capacity. It also results in a significant efficiency gain in the drying of the raw material. A simple mechanism controls engagement of the cutter, which can be disengaged for other operations such as seed harvesting.



MultiCombine HC 3400

Key features:

- Carrier vehicle based on Hydro-Trac technology
- Ground clearance adjustable from 1.20 to 1.60 m
- Cutting width/header: 600 cm
- A powerful Deutz engine
- Hydraulic drive: 150 L/max. 200 bar
- Maximum cutting height: 3.40 meters
- Minimum cutting height: 20 cm
- Working speed: 10-12 km/h
- Wheels: 380/90 R50; Width 38 cm; Height 195 cm
- Bunker capacity 20m³
- Comfort cab
- GPS/Live camera system

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A close-up photograph showing a pile of dark, textured hemp seeds on the left and fresh green hemp leaves on the right, partially contained within a wooden bowl.

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A close-up photograph of a large quantity of dark, textured hemp seeds.

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Henry's Hemp Harvester

A new machine for small and mid-size farms

After four years in development, German entrepreneur Heinrich Wieker is now taking orders for a harvester designed specifically for outdoor hemp fields producing flowers for CBD, food and other niche products.

Designed with small and medium-sized farms in mind, Henry's Hemp Harvester (HHHarvester) gently strips the plant's flowers and severs the stems in one pass, employing a patented stripping mechanism. The flowers can be collected in a bag or container, while the hemp stalks are left in the field for retting. Depending on plant maturity at the time of harvesting, it's also possible to shake out the seeds, completing a triple yield, Wieker said.

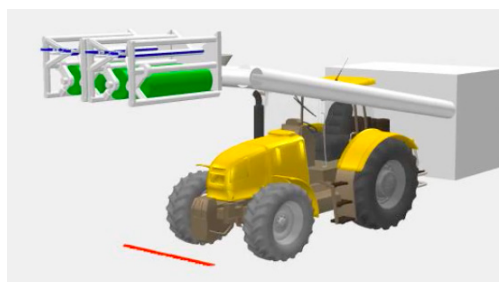
Modular, adaptable

A dual-unit header configuration of the harvester, designed to be front mounted to a small tractor with hydraulic lift, is priced at €50,000 (\$55,400). Additional units to expand the harvesting width, and specialty add-ons are extra, Wieker said.

An electrical engineer by profession, Wieker has 25 years experience designing and implementing processing solutions for the automotive, chemical, pharmaceutical and nutrition industries. He was initially inspired to build the HHHarvester after observing the laborious and expensive process of harvesting hemp fields by hand.

21st Century harvesting

"I watched all these people in the field,



A small tractor with hydraulic lift can handle the harvesting units.



Four-unit configuration. The front-mounted units can be expanded to 6 across.

and while there was something romantic about it, it is obviously not an efficient way to harvest in the 21st century," Wieker said.

The standard 2-unit HHHarvester is designed to be efficient for conventionally planted outdoor hemp fields as small as 5 hectares (12.3 acres). Wieker said tests with the machine proved it can harvest 4-5 hectares (9.8-12.3 acres) per day. But the harvesting ensemble is modular, expandable up to six units that proportionally increase the harvest area.

Affordable alternative

The HHHarvester is an alternative to massive hemp-specific combines that can cost as much as €600,000 (\$665,000). Wieker, who self-financed the technology through its four years in development, is focusing first on sales in Europe.

"Our strategy is to engage closely with our customers and make them feel they have a stake in the technology," said Wieker, who plans a workshop in

Hannover in March 2020 to present the technology in detail, and to work individually with committed customers designing configurations most suitable for their specific needs.

More technology coming

He'll also begin to look for engineering and manufacturing partners in North America and other parts of the world over the next 12 months, Wieker said.

Specialist engineering firm Eilhauer, based in Langenhagen, Germany, which has long-term experience in the design and construction of customized technology solutions, is building the HHHarvester under contract.

Wieber also has developed an electrically-driven hemp bud stripper that can be used stationary in a barn or be transported on a trailer for operations in the field. That technology is not expected to hit the market until the second half of 2020.

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Mohamed Johan

President, Malaysia HempTech Industrial Research Association



Mohamad Johan is President & Founder of the Malaysia HempTech Industrial Research Association (MHIRA), a sustainability-focused NGO. He formed an environmental waste NGO in 2010 and then formed MHIRA in 2015, and since that time has empowered more than 100,000 Malaysian students through a nationwide zero waste campaign. Empowering communities has been his passion since he graduated from a local college in 2006, after which he taught refugees and local students in Malaysia.

HempToday: Which hemp sectors do you think have the potential to develop most quickly in Malaysia?

Mohamad Johan: We have a half-year plan to introduce and kickstart an agriculture initiative based on raw stalk and fiber in four Malaysian states, with potential to produce 100 tons per month. That's where we see the first possibilities. And soon we will be introducing medical hemp and other end products from hemp.

HT: What does the investment picture look like in Malaysia? Are there local investors looking into industrial hemp? Is there interest among foreign investors?

MJ: Both local and foreign investors are looking at Borneo and West Malaysia with high interest. Our climate will enable us to produce multiple crops each year. We are still doing research and will be introducing new seeds for a variety of products and industries where hemp fits in.

HT: How would you describe the level of support the Malaysian government provides to the hemp sector?

MJ: The interest is high due to neighboring countries showing actual implementation, but there's still the necessity to create more awareness and education. We bring the expertise and knowhow to assist our government in such endeavors.

HT: How do the UN's Sustainable Development Goals (UNSDGs) guide the mission of MHIRA?

MJ: MHIRA has a clear environmental and social vision in identifying and aligning with one or more of the UNSDGs in everything we do. And we're encouraging community and stakeholders to contribute directly or indirectly to achieving the SDGs. With collaboration and cooperation having been identified as the key ingredients, MHIRA has taken up the vital role of positively influencing corporate and industrial sectors to tackle the root causes of poverty and unite us to make a positive change for both people and planet.

We are leveraging MHIRA's strengths to galvanize collaboration, particularly with non-traditional stakeholders, encouraging them to incorporate the SDGs into all facets of their operations.

In practice this could see, for example, the introduction of industrial hemp programs to support, enhance and recognize various professionals in the hemp industry. We also see great potential to empower farmers in the context of the SDGs.

HT: What is an example of the kind of R&D MHIRA is engaging in?

MJ: We are looking into land rehabilitation in some areas. Some parts of Borneo especially exhibit high acidity levels. We are working under an agreement with a government owned company to start lab work to study this problem.

HT: Tell us about the nationwide zero waste campaign that you organized.

MJ: After one year of setting up a local NGO in Malaysia, I began a waste management and education campaign known as "Ke Arah Sisa Sifar" or Towards Zero Waste Campaign in 2011. Me and my team of about 10 volunteers started cleaning and picking up trash using our friend's lorry and managed to collect more than 2 tons of trash along a 5-kilometer stretch of roadside. After eight months we noticed most areas were cleared up by the local contractors and local council – a very positive outcome. After one year, our work was getting attention and support from a foundation, and we started educating 20 schools on proper waste management, recycling and helping students to understand the importance of waste reduction.



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Gohemp Agroventures
India

Gohemp aims to develop hempcrete solutions to contribute to India's goal of providing houses to 11.2 million Indian families by 2022, the 75th anniversary of India's independence. Gohemp has already been recognized as a Top 10 entrant in the government's Global Housing Technology Challenge which recognizes viable technologies for adaptation to the Indian market.

Green Cube Solutions
Poland

Green Cube is a start-up that is developing a suite of artificial intelligence tools dedicated to crop monitoring, yield optimization and management of outdoor hemp fields. The integrated end-to-end platform supports soil preparation through harvest and up to product distribution.

Hemptech Asia Trading
Malaysia

Hemptech Asia Trading (HAT), which is working to develop a hemp fiber industry in North Borneo and the Malaysian state of Sarawak, with the potential to produce as much as 50,000 tons of raw hemp beginning May 2020. HAT also is establishing a women's business corporation for the fashion and makeup industries, and is creating an app that will give farmers and other stakeholders news, prices and live feeds of hemp plantations.

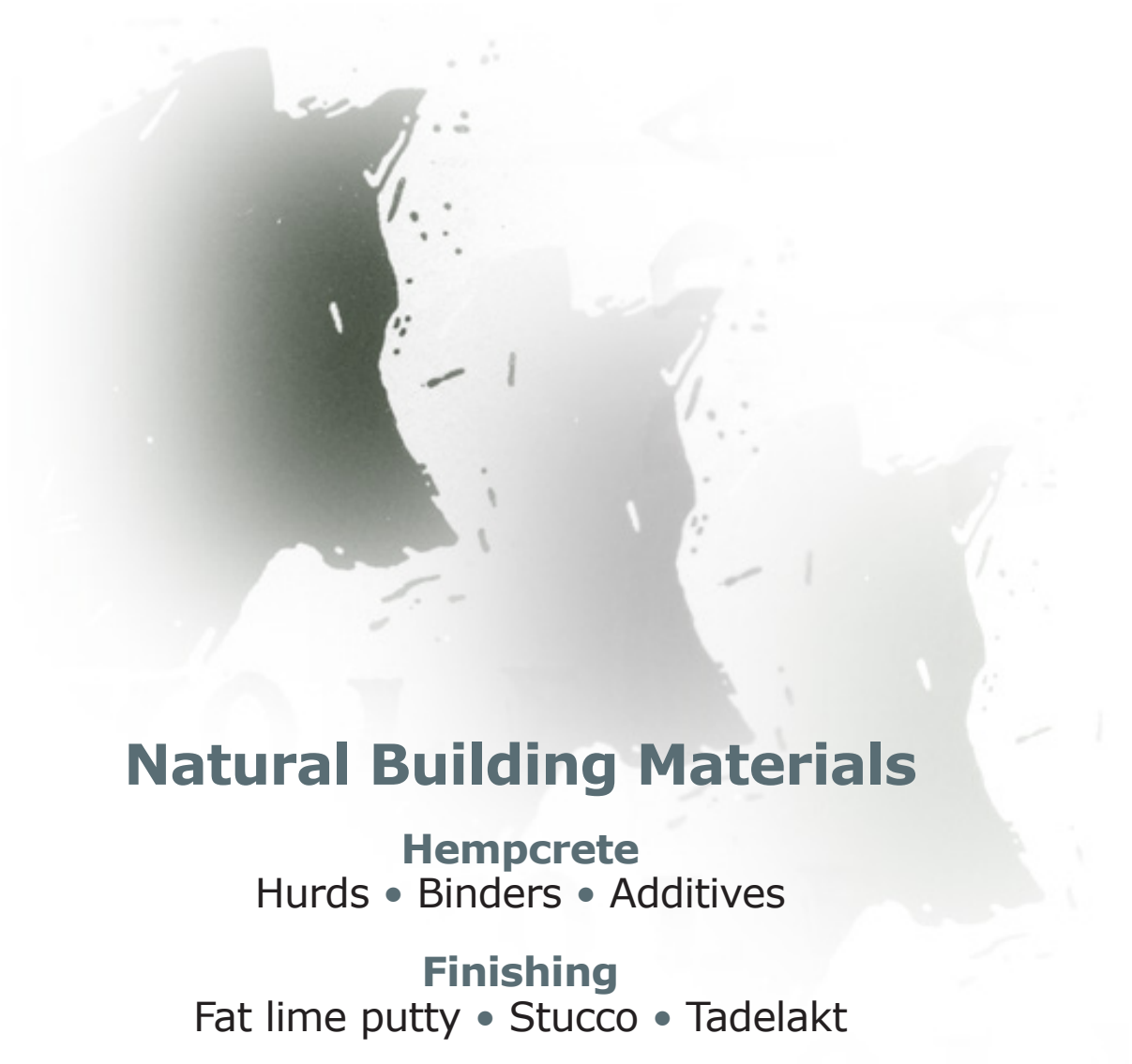
Mycroft Gin
United Kingdom

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