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Theo Cherbuliez, MD, the AAS Vice-President, has kept bees for over 40 years in NY and Maine where he now lives. As an active apitherapist for twenty years, he was President of AAS, and is now the President of the Apitherapy Commission of Apimondia. He travels and lectures extensively, interacting with apitherapists worldwide.

Donald Downs has been a beekeeper for over 45 years in Ohio, practicing apitherapy for nearly 30 years. He has been a member of AAS for 19 years and is currently on the Board. He is known for treating people with unusual health conditions. He prides himself in practicing beekeeping without the use of pesticides or herbicides. Don also makes products from his hives including propolis tincture and multiple beeswax handcreams.

Michael I. Gurevich, MD is a holistically-minded Medical Doctor who is Board Certified in Psychiatry, Addiction and Holistic Medicine. He is trained in acupuncture, guided imagery and energetic medicine. For more than a decade he has been recognized yearly as among the best Psychiatrists in the New York Metropolitan Area by prestigious Castle Connolly publication. He is one of the few psychiatrists in the country who has experience in stabilizing difficult psychiatric patients by getting them off medication. Dr. Gurevich has been using injectable honey bee venom injections for over ten years and he has witnessed a great response to this treatment modality. He has clinic experience treating multiple psychiatric and medical conditions.

Jim Higgins, an AAS Board member and beekeeper in Ohio, has worked for at least thirty

years to promote apitherapy. Jim practices apitherapy, has trained others, and lectures on apitherapy throughout the US and Canada. He has also authored articles on the subject.

Frederique Keller, DOM,L.Ac, the current President of the AAS, Frederique holds a Master of Science in Oriental Medicine and is a Licensed Acupuncturist, as well as a Medical Herbalist in Long Island, NY, where she has also been a beekeeper for 20 years. She utilizes bee venom therapy for a variety of disorders and incorporates the products of the hive in her treatment protocols. She has traveled extensively and has done post graduate studies in China and India in the fields of Traditional Chinese Medicine and Classical Homeopathy.

Chris Kleronomos, FNP-BC, DAOM-L.Ac. is currently in practice at Salem Hospital's Comprehensive Pain Center in Oregon, and is the Clinical Director of the Multi-Disciplinary Pain Rehabilitation Program, which specialized in the treatment of non-responsive chronic pain conditions. His clinical focus is the diagnosis and treatment of fibromyalgia, myofascial, and neuropathic pain syndromes. He is one of the only providers utilizing Bee Venom Therapy, in a fully integrated hospital setting. Dr. Kleronomos studied for his master's degree in Oriental Medicine, at the Midwest College of Oriental Medicine, and completed a doctoral program focusing on oncology, chronic disease and pain management at Bastyr University. With his strong belief in Integrated Medicine, he continued his education to become an Advanced Practice Nurse Practitioner at Seattle University. He is triple board certified in Family



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Practice, Pain Management and Acupuncture, and is a Professionally Registered Herbalist. He has been featured on radio shows and several times, on the TV show “*The Doctors*.”

Andrew Kochan, MD, practices medicine near Los Angeles, CA, and is the Past President of the AAS. He has been using bee venom in his chronic pain practice for 19 years. He is involved in doing clinical research on the uses of bee venom therapy. He has presented his findings of successful treatment of several types of neuropathic pain with bee venom at national medical meetings. He also uses honey, pollen, propolis and royal jelly in his medical practice.

Kate McWiggins, secretary of the AAS board, lives near Seattle, WA. She is a botanist who has worked for over twenty years as an environmental consultant and teaches plant identification. Kate has practiced natural beekeeping for twenty years and is an avid gardener. She uses apitherapy as well as making several healing beeswax creams to treat people in the Seattle area.

Glenn Perry is an AAS Board member, beekeeper, apitherapy practitioner and lecturer, and owner of GlenHeaven Propolis in Ojai, California. He has been recognized internationally for pioneering a method to produce water-soluble propolis, and has also lectured world wide on propolis and its applications for human and animal health.

Eric Yarnell, ND, graduated from Bastyr University in 1996. After his residency, he was chair of the department of botanical medicine at the Southwest College of Naturopathic Medicine. He is now assistant professor in the department of botanical medicine at Bastyr University, and supervisor at the Bastyr Center for Natural Health. Dr. Yarnell has NIH

funding to complete a basic certificate in clinical research at the University of Washington, on research in men with prostate cancer. He is staff physician at the Bastyr Integrative Oncology Research Center working with patients with prostate, bladder, and kidney cancers. Dr. Yarnell has lectured widely, published, and authored several textbooks including a textbook on Pharmacognosy. His most recent texts are *Clinical Botanical Medicine 2nd ed* which he co-authored, and *Naturopathic Urology and Men's Health*, the only textbook of its kind.

Frank Yurasek, PhD, Lac., left a 22-year career in marketing in 1985 to begin the study and practice of Eastern Medicine after his wife experienced miraculous pain relief following her first acupuncture treatment. Beginning with a preceptorship in acupuncture and Tui Na with Dr. Yin Lun Han, TCM for 18 months, Frank then continued on at the Midwest College of Oriental Medicine, where he received a MS in Oriental Medicine, and his PhD in 2002. He was also a Professor of Tui Na there, and a clinic supervisor since 1996. Frank has interned in China and Japan, and lectured and taught at schools and conferences throughout the US. Dr. Yurasek is currently Chair and Chief Clinician of Acupuncture and Oriental Medicine at National University of Health Sciences near Chicago, Illinois.

Frank also has a Masters of Science in Herbal Medicine from The Midwest College of Oriental Medicine, where he also teaches Tui Na and supervises the Student Clinic. He is the first American inducted into the Japanese Oriental Medical Society and trained in Japanese Herbal Medicine as well as Western Herbs. He has also been studying and practicing Tai Qi and Qi Gong since 1985.