

A GUIDE TO THE BENEFITS OF THE CANNABIS PLANT - TALKING POINTS

Some basic points to investigate and chat with people about regarding the many benefits of the Cannabis plant, and to address any concerns you may have about the current legalisation process. S.A.C.C.R.A. IS lobbying for legislative change (**removal of the plant from the schedules**) to ensure **free and fair access to responsible use of the Cannabis plant and related industries for all South African people** via local, affiliated Cannabis Community Associations.



SOCIO-ECONOMIC BENEFITS

- Cannabis grows easily and abundantly in S.A.
- The plant fibres and pulp are used to manufacture twine, rope, paper, plastic, clothing, bio-fuels, even bricks
- As such it is perfect for small, medium and large enterprises, and will offer many self-employment opportunities, even for the aged and disabled, as well as co-operative or community ventures
- Cannabis production is a business which generates no waste as virtually every part of the plant can be used and what little remains after processing can be used for mulch/compost
- Cannabis can be used to make bricks which are fire retardant and which are cheap and easy to build with, durable and strong as well as being eco-friendly

- The Cannabis industry is a major factor in future job creation and economic stability and will level the playing field for previously disadvantaged people of all nations.



HEALTH BENEFITS

- Cannabis has been called the least toxic plant on the planet by researchers in the U.S.A. and was introduced into International Drug Laws in America for political reasons
- Current research shows that Cannabis can indeed be used to successfully treat a wide range of diseases and disorders from Cancer; AIDS wasting disease, epilepsy to diabetic ulcers, migraines and depression, as well as adding tremendous value to the lives of people with untreatable, incurable disorders such as Cerebral Palsy or people undergoing chemotherapy.
- There are a very few minor side effects to using Cannabis, depending on the form used e.g. a temporary dry mouth if smoked, an increased appetite, possible paranoia or anxiety, and a dose dependent feeling of euphoria, none of which are lasting
- Cannabis has been called the safest substance on Earth by U.S. Researchers
- Cannabis preparations are relatively easy to understand and make
- The seeds are edible and when crushed finely make excellent protein and Omega Fatty Acid supplements



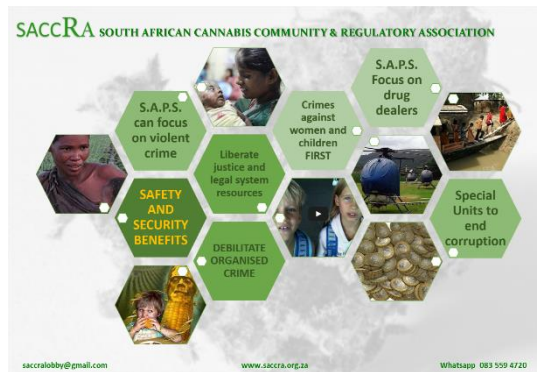
AGRICULTURAL BENEFITS

- Cannabis has the potential to replace the forestry, cotton and petro-chemical industries.
- As a genetically pure indigenous plant (at this stage) it needs no artificial fertilisers, fungicides or pesticides when grown outdoors, as it attracts predators which control pest populations
- Bees are attracted to the sticky secretions on the plant and so pollination of other plants in the area is encouraged
- Cannabis is also a nitrogen fixing plant and makes an excellent mulch plant which helps to restore the soil – an excellent companion plant for organic gardens



ECOLOGICAL BENEFITS

- Massive reduction of global carbon footprint by using hemp plastic, paper and bio-fuel
- Japanese agrologists have shown that Cannabis removes radioactivity from contaminated soil
- Cannabis grows much faster than trees and needs much less space to produce equal quantities of pulp making it more beneficial to the environment
- <http://www.internafrica.org/2014/09/growing-our-way-out-of-climate-change.html>



SAFETY AND SECURITY BENEFITS

- Removing the policing of Cannabis from the mandate of the SAPS by legitimising its cultivation, the production of goods and use will relieve the SAPS and the justice system of a massive amount of pointless and unnecessary work, and liberate them and their resources to face and resolve actual crime i.e. Violent crime, crime against women and children, corruption, and drug dealing.



LEGAL, JUSTICE AND POLITICAL BENEFITS

- Aligning legislative law with the principles and ethos of the constitution of South Africa which protects every citizens rights, particularly the rights to life, dignity, and equality before the law which ensures our capacity to live as free human beings.

ADDRESSING CONCERNS

Addiction: In her response to an Application in High Court concerning Cannabis Dr. Joey Gouws, Registrar of Medicines, of the Medicines Control Council, which is responsible for keeping Cannabis as a Schedule 7 drug i.e. no medical benefit and very tightly controlled, says:



“The most common (negative) side-effects of occasional cannabis use are anxiety and panic reactions. These side effects may be reported by naïve users and they are a common reason for discontinuation of use; more experienced users occasionally report these effects after receiving a much larger than usual dose of THC.”

Nothing is mentioned of addiction, simply because Cannabis is not addictive, which even sugar and coffee are. The most that addiction specialists have been able to say is that it may be psychologically dependence forming, and no more so than chocolate, shopping, T.V. or any other “feel good”, with no chemical dependence ever having been found.

What these experts fail to mention is that people keep coming back to Cannabis because of its vast range of benefits!!

Does Cannabis cure cancer?



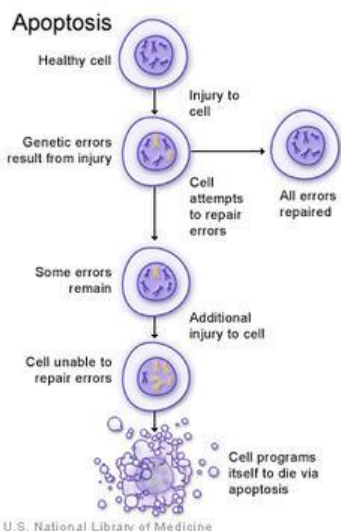
The medicinally active compounds in Cannabis oil are called **phyto-cannabinoids** and are exact replicas in function of the compounds called **endo-cannabinoids**, produced in our bodies under normal, healthy circumstances. Illness is a result of these compounds not being produced endogenously i.e. within our own bodies. This causes systems to malfunction.

An example of this is **apoptosis** – the **bio-chemical mechanism** by which our bodies inform aging or mutated cells to die so they can be eliminated. Without apoptosis, tumours form from the mutated cells and with nothing to kill them off, we experience cancer.

THC – the most prolific compound in Cannabis has been shown to cause **apoptosis** in tumour cells. Thus it chemically re-activates the body’s natural means to handle cancer. The much maligned “high” or “euphoria” is precisely the same effect as produced by **annandamide**, the “bliss” chemical, in our own bodies which elicits the sensations of joy, or happiness. This is how come dosage makes a massive difference.

There is no point in doing this if our lifestyle is one that creates an environment in our bodies that is perfect for cancer to thrive i.e. our bodies are acid, nutrient deprived, oxygen deprived, dehydrated and addicted to sugar which is one of the main causes of acidosis.

Cannabis is a fantastic aid to treating cancer with remarkably quick results, and without affecting healthy cells (so no side effects) and remaining cancer free. However, it cannot create a lasting effect on its own, and permanent lifestyle changes are required in order to create lasting results.





Medication 🌀 Oxygenation 🌀 Nutrition 🌀 Transformation 🌀 Hydration

There are specific Cannabis medication dosage and usage protocols for cancer treatment and these should always be engaged under medical supervision.

Contact us or visit the S.A.C.C.R.A. website for more information.