



Agricultural Institute of Canada Foundation Annual Report 2004

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President's Message

In 2004, the Agricultural Institute of Canada Foundation (AICF), placed its focus on its governance and relationships with the Agricultural Institute of Canada (AIC), and also initiated a review of its scholarship and Klinck Lecture programs. Additionally, fundraising and securing a stronger financial base for the Foundation was forefront of many discussions held by the Governors of AICF.

With the restructuring of AIC to a policy governance model and with individual, as well as organizational membership criteria, the Foundation found it necessary to look at its association with AIC. A subcommittee was formed to develop a position paper and arrange a meeting with the AIC to discuss and clarify the respective relationships of the two organizations.

The goal of the meeting and discussions was to ensure a closer relationship, and to improve the communication between the two groups, to look at opportunities for sharing support and partnering cooperatively on certain projects.

The AICF, being a registered charity, is responsible to its donors and supporters, along with Canada Revenue Agency, whereas, AIC is responsible to its membership. While the AICF is a separate identity and is not "owned" by AIC, there is a sharing of some common goals, a common support base and interests in similar projects and activities. To avoid overlap and to strengthen our efforts, it is essential the two bodies work in unison and cooperatively. To this end, the Executive Director of AIC has been invited to be an "ex officio" member of the AICF Board and further investigation of ways to develop a closer and mutually beneficial working relationship are ongoing.

As part of the governance, program and new AIC structure/relationship review, the AICF has also initiated amendments to its By-Laws and it is hoped that these revisions will be finalized in the coming year.

I've now sat on the AICF Board of Governors since 1998, most recently as the President. I've enjoyed the association and support of many Governors over the years and remain amazed at how much time and effort people are willing to put into a cause or project they believe in. Without exception, the Governors I have had the opportunity to work with over the years all reflect this dedication and this has been a good part of the reason I have enjoyed my time on the board. It makes it easy to continue to serve and be involved, but it makes it difficult to let go. The work and challenges are always there and always changing, but with the support of the current board of governors and those that follow, I'm optimistic the foundation will meet these challenges and there will be exciting opportunities ahead for AICF.

In closing, I want to thank my colleagues on the Board and for their confidence in me to chair the AICF for the past few years. Thank you to AIC staff for their support. I want to thank Jean Sullivan for her hard work and for her personal support to the Foundation and to me. She goes way beyond just being a part-time Manager, and puts her heart and soul into AICF and much of its success and progress must be credited to her.

For the AICF, there are exciting times ahead.
WEA Wickens, PAg
President, AIC Foundation

The 2004 AICF Board of Governors

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AICF Connections Newsletter

AICF Connections, a newsletter designed to connect with AICF supporters, donors and sponsors, was

published twice in 2004. The newsletter is distributed by mail and email and can be viewed online at www.aic.ca/about/foundation.cfm. If you would like to have your contact information added to the mailing list, please let us know 1-888-277-7980 or jsullivan@aic.ca

Honouring our Supporters

The Agricultural Institute of Canada Foundation was pleased to make special presentations this year to honour individual and organizational support to the vision and mission of the AIC Foundation.

AICF honoured two long-time individual supporters of the Foundation with presentations of the commemorative Rural Root prints.

Mrs. Val McRorie was presented with a Rural Roots print at the Manitoba Institute of Agrologists Annual meeting in Brandon, Manitoba in February.

Dr. C. Fred Bentley, PAg, FAIC was presented with a Rural Roots print in March at an Alberta Institute of Agrologists Edmonton Branch event honouring his 90th birthday.

The Agricultural Institute of Canada Foundation also recognized the Canadian Agricultural Economics and Farm Management Foundation with the presentation of a plaque at the Canadian Agricultural Economics Society Awards Banquet in June. The plaque was presented to recognize the dedicated financial support that CAEFM Foundation has provided to the AICF for the past ten years. The plaque will hang in the AICF office.

Thank you to these individuals and organizations who have continued to provide their support to the activities of the Foundation.

Douglas McRorie Memorial Scholarship

The 2004 Douglas McRorie Memorial Scholarships have been awarded to students at universities across Canada. The scholarships are presented annually by the Foundation and are awarded to post graduate students studying agricultural business, economics, finance or trade. Receiving scholarships in 2004 were:

- Brett Cortus from North Battleford, SK enrolled at the University of Alberta in the M.Sc. in Agricultural and Resource Economics Program. Brett is researching the economics of wetland drainage in Saskatchewan including

models estimating prices and yields of a cash crop operation.

- Shannon Hall, from Saskatoon, SK enrolled in the M.Sc. in Agricultural Economics program at the University of Saskatchewan. Shannon's research examines incentives created by carbon pools with an end to determining whether the carbon pools can be used as a mechanism by which farmers can participate in carbon sequestration.
- Zahoor Haq, from Guelph, ON enrolled in the M.Sc. program at the University of Guelph in the Department of Agricultural Economics and Business. Zahoor is pursuing his Masters of Science in Agricultural Economics and business and is researching the implications of trade liberalization on poverty.
- Joseph Janzen, from St. Francis Xavier, MB enrolled in the M.Sc. program at the University of Manitoba's Department of Agribusiness and Agricultural Economics. Joseph's research will focus on the use of safety nets in Canadian agricultural policy and how government sponsored crop insurance programs are linked to safety nets, particularly in Western Canada.
- Trina Johnson, from Fairview, AB enrolled at the University of Alberta's M.Sc. program in Agricultural and Resource Economics. Trina's research topic is a simulation modeling of the economics of greenhouse gas mitigation on beef farms.
- Jillian McDonald, from Indian Head, SK enrolled in the M.Sc. of Agricultural Economics program at the University of Saskatchewan. Jillian is researching the export competitiveness of Western Canadian firms through innovation and productivity.
- Francesca Sirsly, from Dorval, QC enrolled in the M.Sc. program at McGill University. Francesca's research will test the proposed working rules of the carbon offset market under The Climate Change Plan for Canada.

Brenda Machin, PAg, chairs the Education Committee that administers the scholarship program. Thank you to Brenda and to her team of volunteers who review the applications and select the recipients.

Recipients are selected based on their academic achievement, areas of study, leadership and career interests.

The scholarships were created in 1990 in honour of AICF past-president and agri-finance leader, Doug McRorie, PAg FAIC. Doug served as the vice-president of agriculture for the Royal Bank and was a well-respected agricultural leader in Canada. Through 2005, the AICF will offer six annual scholarships of \$1500 each to post-graduate students majoring in agricultural business, economics, finance or trade. The scholarship is made available through the support of the RBC Foundation and supporting individuals and organizations.

AICF is pleased to assist these graduate students who are conducting research on key issues in the agricultural industry. AICF looks forward to their continued innovation and leadership in the agricultural sector.

The 2005 application package is available on the AICF web page at www.aic.ca/about/foundation_initiatives.cfm. The 2005 application deadline is October 14, 2005.

The Klinck Lecture



Norman Borlaug (right) the first Klinck lecturer chats with Dr. L.S.Klinck, c. 1920.

Established by the AIC in 1966, the Klinck Lecture series is named after Dr. Leonard S. Klinck, first president of AIC's predecessor, the Canadian Society of Technical Agriculturists. For almost 40 years this annual program sponsored prominent authorities from around the world on cross-Canada speaking tours focusing on national and international agricultural issues and developments.

The AIC Foundation now manages the Klinck Lecture program. Watch for exciting changes to the Klinck Lecture Program starting in 2005.

Donors

As a registered charity, personal donations are tax creditable. The Foundation appreciates the support of the following individuals in 2004:

Sharon and George Burkholder, H. W. Robert Chancey, Betsy A. Clarke, Brian Ellsworth, RBC Foundation, CAEFM Foundation, Charles Jefferson, Terry Kremeniuk, Violet Ladich, J.R. Lane, E. Lougheed, Brenda Machin, Western Fair Association - Gary McRae, Neil W. Miles, Ontario Institute of Agrologists, Robert N. Plank, Jean and Paul Sullivan, Stuart W. Turner, Elaine Vininsky, Carrie Whipple, Don Young

The Foundation also thanks the donors who chose not to have their name published.

AICF Tribute Circle

Making a donation to the AICF Tribute Circle is a special way to honour loved ones and to celebrate special occasions or achievements. Donors to the Tribute Circle receive a receipt for income tax purposes and a letter is sent to the family or person being honoured to acknowledge the gift. To make a donation, contact the AICF office by mail or by phone. 1-888-277-7980. Donations in 2004 were received in honour of the memory of:

Mrs. Marguerite Sullivan, Douro, ON

Mr. Wally Armstrong, Kinburn, ON

And in celebration of the marriage of Jody Butler and Glenn Whipple

Rural Roots Painting and Print



AICF commissioned this painting from Peter Etril Snyder to commemorate the 75th Anniversary of the Agricultural Institute of Canada. The prints are available for purchase from the AICF.