



Agricultural Institute of Canada Foundation

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President's Message

The Agricultural Institute of Canada Foundation is purposely Canadian and is guided by committed Governors who are actively involved in some phase of Canadian agriculture. Together and working in partnership and through collaboration with many other agricultural professionals, consultants and dedicated individuals this charitable organization continues to work to improve the landscape of Canadian agriculture.

It was Vincent VanGogh who said, "Great things are not done by impulse but by a series of small things brought together." Over the past year the Agricultural Institute of Canada Foundation has worked to bring together a series of activities and events which I believe has created a positive influence on agriculture in Canada. When we first looked at each event or opportunity, we questioned if this would help make a difference. When you look back over the series of things that made a busy year for the Foundation it is easy to realize that the perceived minor acts of support do in fact have a far and long-lasting impact.

The Agricultural Institute of Canada Foundation's mission is to enhance the image of agriculture in the eyes of the public. It is the many small things that we do that allows the Foundation to help Canadians understand the place of agriculture in today's Canada. The efforts of the Dr. Karl Ivarson Fund, the Douglas McRoire Fund, the Leonard S. Klink Lectures, the Blackburn Extension Fund, the Agricultural conference sponsorships, the recognition of the dedicated people in the agricultural industry and funding of special projects are some of the things we are involved with. It is the connections that occur with these initiatives that allow for our organization to impact on the future of Agriculture.

I was honoured this year to represent the Agricultural Institute of Canada Foundation at the Agricultural Institute of Canada's annual conference there the Foundation sponsored the Klink Lecture which brought the Honourable Carole L. Brookins, former US Executive Director to the World Bank Group to Winnipeg, Canada. In addition what a pleasure it was to sponsor and attend the conference in Saskatoon, Canada on Food & Fuel: The Implications for Agricultural Research Policy. As an organization that prides itself on collaboration and co-operation with many other participants, these sponsorships allow the public to better understand the agricultural concepts and policies that will have a long reaching impact for Canada in the future.

I would like to greatly acknowledge the importance of our charitable supporters of which we rely upon for their generosity to support the work of the Foundation. Support of the Agricultural Institute of Canada, the Provincial Institutes of Agrologists, scientific societies, the private corporations and committed individuals and their strong commitment to agriculture has allowed for an enhanced understanding of this vital sector to Canada.

I am proud to serve as the President of the Agricultural Institute of Canada Foundation and would like to thank the highly skilled Governors that have assisted me throughout the year and of course, the excellent work of our Manager, Jean Sullivan. It is through the commitments of these individuals and their dedication that the Agricultural Institute of Canada Foundation proudly continues to put forward initiatives. It is with dedicated and focused professionals in agriculture that the Agricultural Institute of

Canada Foundation can continue to help build on agricultures' strengths today, for tomorrow

Yours truly,
Derrick R. Jamieson, P.Ag.
President
Agricultural Institute of Canada Foundation
2006-2007

The 2006 AICF Board of Governors

President Derrick Jamieson, PAg, NS; Past President, Brenda Machin, PAg, SK ; Wayne Wickens, PAg, BC; Vice President Kevin Sanderson; PEI; Secretary Dennis McKnight, ON; Treasurer Sandy Todd, PAg, NL; Governors: Erik Apedaile, PAg, ON; Kevin Sanderson, PAg, PE; Derek Read, MB.

RBC Financial Renews Support for Douglas McRorie Memorial Scholarships

The Agricultural Institute of Canada Foundation (AICF) announced this year that the RBC Financial Group made a \$50,000 donation through its charitable foundation, to enable the Douglas McRorie Memorial Scholarship to continue until 2011. Six scholarships will be offered annually to post-graduate students studying agricultural business, economics, finance or trade.

Established in 1990, the Douglas McRorie Memorial Scholarship has provided support to students across Canada who have chosen a business emphasis for their studies. The late Douglas McRorie, PAg, a past vice-president of RBC Royal Bank and the AICF, is remembered for his commitment and leadership to the agricultural sector across Canada.

A formal presentation was made on Monday November 6, at the luncheon of the Agricultural Institute of Canada's Annual Conference, at the Fairmont Winnipeg, Manitoba

Mrs. Valerie McRorie attended the luncheon presentation at the Fairmont Winnipeg.



Derrick Jamieson, P.Ag. AICF President, Mrs. Valerie McRorie, and Mr. Earl Smith, P.Ag. RBC Royal Bank, at the presentation in Winnipeg.

Earl Smith, PAg, Manager of Agriculture and Agribusiness - Prairies made the formal presentation to Derrick Jamieson, PAg, AICF President.

2006 Recipients

Brooke Fridfinnson of Arborg, MB enrolled in the MSc program in the Department of Agribusiness and Agricultural Economics at the University of Manitoba. Brooke is studying the effects of ethanol demand on world commodity markets and trade flows

Wenzhao Huang, from Edmonton, Alberta enrolled in the PhD program in Agricultural and Resource Economics at the University of Alberta. His thesis will study the strategic behavior of firms in the Canadian food industry under government food health policy interventions.

Lorraine MacKinnon, of O'Leary Prince Edward Island enrolled in the Masters of Business Administration in Agribusiness Management program at the University of Guelph. Her interests lie in the area of consumer food trends.

Steven Koeckhoven, of Stony Plain Alberta enrolled in the MSc program in the department of Agricultural Resource Economics at the University of Alberta. Steven's area of study is creating models evaluating different management

techniques and how they can promote the operation of family farms and larger scale primary production.

Tracy Stobbe from Delta, British Columbia is enrolled in the PhD Economics Program at the University of Victoria. Her area of study focuses on issues at the urban fringe with specific reference to the Agricultural Land Reserve in British Columbia.

Curtis Boyd from Fairview Alberta enrolled in the MSc Program in Agricultural and Resource Economics at the University of Alberta. He will research empirical analysis of returns to research to the agricultural sector.

The Karl C. Ivarson Scholarship

Jillian M. Smith, of Guelph, Ontario was selected to from among 17 applicants to be the first recipient of the Dr. Karl C. Ivarson Scholarship. The Scholarship will provide financial support to Ms. Smith in her post graduate studies. She is registered in the MSc Program at the University of Guelph, Department of Land and Resource Science. Jillian's research is focused on characterizing communities of bacteria associated with nitrification and de-nitrification in agricultural soils using molecular techniques.

AICF Tribute Circle

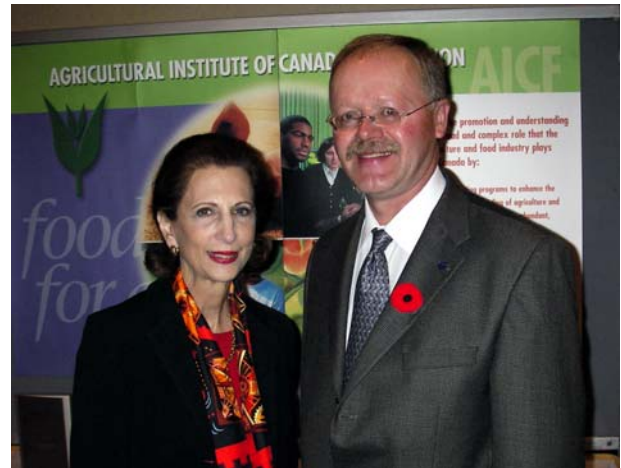
Making a donation to the AICF Tribute Circle is a special way to honour loved ones and to celebrate special occasions or achievements. Donors to the Tribute Circle receive a receipt for income tax purposes and a letter is sent to the family or person being honoured to acknowledge the gift. To make a donation, contact the AICF office by mail or by phone. 1-888-277-7980. Donations in 2006 were received in honour of the memory of Ian Paton.

AICF Connections Newsletter

The AICF Connections newsletter was published twice in 2006. The newsletter is distributed by mail and email and is online at www.aic.ca/about/foundation.cfm.

The Klinck Lecture

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. AIC Foundation now manages the Klinck Lecture program.



Klinck Lecturer Carole Brookins with AICF President Derrick Jamieson at the AIC Conference in Winnipeg, Manitoba

Donors

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