



Agricultural Institute of Canada Foundation Annual Report 2007

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President's Message

It has been an honour for me to serve as your President for the past two years and to have had the opportunity to continue to work with the dedicated group of volunteers serving as governors of the Agricultural Institute of Canada Foundation.

Over the past year we have shared with you, the supporters, donors and sponsors of the AICF, the initiatives that have been undertaken and we trust that our AICF Connections newsletters have kept you up to date about what your generous contributions have allowed our foundation to do.

Our mission is to encourage a positive image of agriculture in the eyes of the public. Through your generous contributions, the Board of Governors of the AICF has been able to continue our varied initiatives, which we believe have had an impact in helping Canadians to better understand the important role of agriculture in today's Canada. The efforts of the Dr. Karl C. Ivarson Fund, the Douglas McRorie Memorial Scholarship Fund, the Leonard S. Klinck Lecture series, Excellence in Extension – the Blackburn Fund, agricultural conference sponsorships and funding of special projects are all ways that you have helped to provide recognition to the dedicated men and women involved in Canada's agriculture industry. Through our continued collaboration on these and any new initiatives, we see the potential to build on the strength of our agricultural history to ensure the future of agriculture's prosperity.

It was indeed an honour for me to represent the Agricultural Institute of Canada Foundation at the Agricultural Institute of Canada's conference **Making Choices: Consumers and Their Impact on Canada's Agriculture and Food**, that was held in Edmonton, Alberta last

November. The Foundation sponsored the Klinck Lecture, which brought Dr. Robert J. Rennie, President and CEO of Spur Ventures Inc. to a national forum to talk about Science and Consumers.

The two recipients of the Dr. Karl C. Ivarson Scholarship and the six recipients of the Douglas McRorie Memorial Scholarship, awarded in 2007 and featured in the Spring 2008 edition of the AICF Connections Newsletter, reflect a strong group of individuals emerging in the agriculture sector who will help to ensure that agriculture flourishes in the future. These scholarship recipients are but a few of the many great men and women who are working in our sector across the country.

As AICF moves into the future, I would like to find new ways to maintain and strengthen our connection to our agricultural community. In my daily work, I have the opportunity to talk to representatives of many of our farm families who work extremely hard in the agriculture sector. These families speak about the generations before them, and the legacies that they and their families have created in rural Canada. My work also places me in daily connection with many professionals and skilled individuals involved in agriculture who speak of their connections to the rural sectors of this country. More often than not, I hear comments like "my grandfather owned a farm in this community", or "I grew up on a farm and decided to get into agriculture after achieving an agricultural degree". In most cases, when you talk to the people who still have a tie to the land, they can speak of their parents, their grandparents, their great grandparents, and their great great, grandparents before them, by name and with passion for agriculture and their rural roots. They are, in short, trying to explain to me the legacies of their past generations and what role they play in continuing to carry those legacies forward into the future.

I have asked our new governors to give some thought to the concept of additional legacy opportunities for successful agrologists and agriculturalists in Canada. I trust you will find that the Klinck, Ivarson, McRorie and Blackburn legacies are worthy of ongoing monetary support, but that new legacies can also be created to recognize and celebrate the commitments and successes of others who have contributed greatly to Canada's agriculture industry.

If agriculture has been your success, I would ask that you consider your own legacy, and think about supporting the success of agriculture's future through a donation to the AICF.

A highlight of the AICF Board of Governors was the recent approval by Industry Canada of the new by-laws of the Agricultural Institute of Canada Foundation. This will serve as the start of a new era while respecting the history and the mandate of the AICF Board. Many hours and much consultation was needed in order to see that these new by-laws were approved. They will serve as our foundation for moving forward into the future and I would welcome you to visit our website at www.aic.ca/about/foundation.cfm <http://www.aic.ca/about/index.cfm> <http://www.aic.ca/about/index.drm> <http://www.aic.ca/about/foundation.cafm> to learn more about our charitable objectives and how you can help with our initiatives through your continued work and support.

I would like to give special mention to some of the exiting governors with whom I have worked closely over the past several years: Past President and Secretary, Wayne Wickens, Vice President, Kevin Sanderson and Chair of the Priority and Planning and Nominating Committees, Derek Read. Each as provided excellent service and committed numerous hours voluntarily on behalf of the Agricultural Institute of Canada Foundation.

I would also like to express my sincere thanks and gratitude to Jean Sullivan, former Manager of the AICF for her commitment and dedication to building connections, creating partnerships and expanding the community of agriculture across Canada.

To all of the AICF friends, supporters and colleagues in the agricultural industry, I wish you success in your future endeavors and trust that you will allow your success and our successes to build a strong agricultural community for all of Canadians in the future.

Yours truly,

Derrick Jamieson, PAg
President
Agricultural Institute of Canada Foundation 2007-2008

The 2007 AICF Board of Governors

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Douglas McRorie Memorial Scholarships

The Agricultural Institute of Canada Foundation is very pleased to announce the recipients of the 2007 Douglas McRorie Memorial Scholarship. Six applicants were selected to each receive an award of \$1500.

James Benkie from Edmonton, AB is enrolled in the MSc program in Agricultural Economics at the University of Alberta where he is evaluating the returns to research of barley in Canada, which is especially important in the western Canadian beef sector. James' life "has been absolutely fantastic to this point" and focuses around the family farm located east of Bashwa, AB, his academic interests and his love of sports (particularly volleyball). James tells us that he wakes up each morning with a smile on his face and with the expectation that he will make someone else smile as well!

Jesse Cole from Edmonton, AB is enrolled in the MSc program in Agriculture and Resource Economics at the University of Alberta. Jesse's studies include assessing socio-economic impacts of new crop varieties with novel traits that could be used for bio-products. His future career plans involve working in an agricultural development capacity with cereal crops, and may include third world development issues or the advancement of modern agriculture and practices in North America.

Christian Iniguez Coronel, of Edmonton, AB is enrolled in the PhD program in Agricultural and Resource Economics at the University of Alberta. Originally from Ecuador, Christian is studying industrial organization interactions and market structure in agricultural commodities, concentrating in the western Canadian grains and oilseeds sector. He is particularly interested in examining how grain handling agents might be affected, given the recent changes in regulation.

Brian Innes, of Saskatoon, SK is enrolled in the MSc program in Agricultural Economics at the University of Saskatchewan. Brian is studying the role for government in assurance systems for production-derived quality. Raised on a family dairy farm, Brian competed internationally in figure skating from 1999 to 2002 and continues to be involved with Skate Canada. Throughout his education at the University of Guelph and now at the University of Saskatchewan, he has been active in student governance.

Pamela Laughland from Guelph, ON is enrolled in the MSc program in the Department of Food and Agriculture Resource Economics at the University of Guelph. She is studying innovative activity in Canada's emerging bio-products sector and its implications for agriculture; she also serves as the Director of the University of Guelph Graduate Students Association. Upon graduation, Pamela intends to pursue a PhD program and hopes to become a professor.

Gregory Pate from Guelph, ON is enrolled in the MSc program in Agricultural Economics at the University of Guelph. Gregory's studies focus on how Ontario farmers can get involved using a co-operative business unit structure in the growing area of bio-products. The findings from his research will provide insightful information on what actions producers and their co-operatives should take in order to benefit from value-added activities. Upon graduation Greg plans to work in the agri-business environment for a period of time before operating his own farm.

Karl C. Ivarson Scholarships

Hida Manns and Tremayne Stanton Kennedy were selected from the 12 applicants for the 2007 Dr. Karl C. Ivarson Scholarship. Each received a \$2,000 award.

Hida Manns is pursuing her PhD in Soil Science at the University of Manitoba. Her research involves examining the role of mycorrhiza in the cycling of carbon and nitrogen to determine any beneficial economies to greenhouse gas reduction. Ms. Manns received her MSc in Soil Carbon and a BSc in Environmental Science and Biology from Trent University in Peterborough, Ontario.

Tremayne Stanton-Kennedy is pursuing her Masters of Landscape Architecture (MLA) from the University of Guelph with a focus on soil management, landscape ecology and reclamation design. Her thesis focus is soil quality development under different vegetation covers at a reclaimed coal mine. She is part of a joint research program between the University of Guelph and the University of Alberta. Ms. Stanton-Kennedy is a graduate of the University of Northern British Columbia where she earned a BSc in Environmental Science.

AICF Tribute Circle

The AICF Tribute Circle was created as a means 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 Tribute Circle donation, contact the AICF office.

Donations in 2007 were received in memory of Dr. Norman Cameron Lawson.

AICF Connections Newsletter

The AICF Connections newsletter was published twice in 2007. 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.

Dr. Robert J. Rennie, President and CEO of Spur Ventures Inc., presented the 2007 Leonard S. Klinck Lecture during the Agricultural Institute of Canada's 2007 Conference, in Edmonton, AB. Dr. Rennie spoke about Science and Consumers.

Donors

As a registered charity, personal donations to the AIC Foundation are tax creditable. The AIC Foundation appreciates the support of the following individuals and organizations in 2007: Dr. Divakar J. Ambrose, Dr. Nigel Firth, Graeme Greenlee, Rodrique Gregiore, Ronald. L. Halstead, Dr. Nick Hussar, Derrick Jamieson P.Ag., J. R. Lane, Rob Leslie, Dr. Ronald R Marquardt, Valerie McRorie, Dr. Priyadarshini Mir, John A Newman, Vernon James Racz, Kevin Sanderson P.Ag., Dr. Allan Schaeffer, Dr. Paul Sharpe, Dr. Valerie Stevens, E. Vininsky, Wayne Wickens, British Columbia Institute of Agrologists, Manitoba Institute of Agrologists, Newfoundland and Labrador Institute of Agrologists, Nova Scotia Institute of Agrologists, PEI Institute of Agrologists and the RBC Foundation. The AIC Foundation also thanks the donors who chose not to have their names published.

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