

Agricultural Institute of Canada Foundation

President's Report

I am pleased to report on behalf of the Agricultural Institute of Canada Foundation.

Firstly, I would like to thank Past President Al Bentley, PAg, for his leadership of the Foundation in 1996 and 1997 and for more than ten years of dedicated service to the goals of the Foundation.

At the annual meeting in Vancouver at AIC'98, Phil England, PAg, Saskatchewan, was elected as Vice-President. Larry Rosevear, PAg, Ontario, was elected Treasurer and Dan Rose, PAg, Ontario, was elected Secretary. Wayne Wickens, PAg, British Columbia, Clint McLean, PAg, New Brunswick, and George Arnold, PAg, Ontario, also are part of the Executive Committee and provide leadership for Foundation activities.

The Executive committed itself to improve communications with members of the Member and Associate Member organizations of AIC. A national press release and two reports on Foundation activities have been shared with the Provincial Institutes and Scientific Societies.

Fundraising must be considered a priority of the Foundation if it is to meet the funding demands being placed on it. To assist in Fundraising, Mark Allan of the Allan Management group was contracted to coordinate the Foundation's fundraising strategies.

The AIC Foundation continues to support two scholarships at eight Faculties of Agriculture in Canada. Clint McLean, PAg, continues to provide excellent leadership for this program. Feedback from Governors and members of Provincial Institutes and of Scientific Societies rate this program very highly. The Foundation continues to support the Advanced Agricultural Leadership program as well as other educational programs. I truly appreciate the work of Phil England, Wayne Wickens and George Arnold, who chairs the Policy and Priorities committee, for the efficient way in which they deal with funding requests.

With member support and that of Corporate Donors, the foundation has been able to maintain its financial resources. Thanks to all of you for your contributions.

Over the coming year we will make more progress to strengthen our financial resource base. With the dedication of the AIC Foundation Executive, the direction from the Governors, the activities of our fundraising coordinator, and the support of Member and Associate Member organizations, the Foundation will continue to grow and make a difference for those it serves.

I would like to thank Brenda Trask for the administrative leadership and support she provides for the Foundation. Also the activities of the Foundation would not be possible if it was not for the support of the AIC office team. To each of you a special thank you.

Terry Kremenik, PAg