

Agricultural Institute of Canada Foundation

President's Report

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

At the AICF annual meeting in Charlottetown in August 1999, George Arnold, PAg, was elected as Vice President, Dan Rose, PAg, was elected as Secretary and Larry Rosevear, PAg, was elected as Treasurer. Wayne Wickens, PAg, British Columbia, Clint McLean, PAg, New Brunswick, and Phil England, PAg, Saskatchewan, continued as members of the Executive Committee to provide leadership and guidance for the Foundation and its activities. I would like to thank the Executive for their support, dedication and commitment over the past year.

Over the past year funding for two scholarships at eight Faculties of Agriculture continued to be the major program supported by the Foundation. Clint McLean, PAg, continues to work with the universities to make all processes as efficient as they can be. George Arnold PAg, who chairs the Policy and Priorities Committee also provided excellent leadership in dealing with funding requests in a timely and efficient manner.

Over the past year AICF's inventory of the book "The Trailblazers of Canadian Agriculture" was distributed to the 1999 graduating students at Faculties of Agriculture. This initiative has resulted in a write-off of inventory of about \$7,000 but was considered as an excellent investment in providing graduating students with a historical perspective of the evolution of Canadian Agriculture and the people involved.

The AIC Foundation agreed to administer the International Congress of Nutrition Fund. The purpose of this fund is to provide support to Canadian Young Scientists involved in international activities of the International Union of Nutritional Sciences.

In 1999, the Foundation did not achieve its fundraising objectives. The Foundation Executive worked with our fundraising consultant and drafted a document to assist in planning fundraising activities. This planning document includes information on the history of the Foundation, a listing of students who have received scholarships and a list of projects that have received Foundation support. This document should be very valuable to next year's executive to develop specific strategies to plan specific fundraising activities.

As this year completes my two-year commitment as President of the Foundation, I would like to thank the AICF Executive, the Board of Governors, the AIC, AIC office staff and Brenda Trask PAg, for their support. I would also like to thank the Corporate Donors for their continued support and a special thank you to all those individuals who continually provide financial support to the Foundation.

As I reflect upon the last two years, progress has been made in many areas. I will assist the new Executive of the Foundation wherever I am able. The challenges are many, but I am confident that the new Executive will build on the past and take the required next steps in the evolution of the Foundation.

Terry Kremeniuk, PAg, President