
AICF Connections



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Your AIC Foundation has been promoting agriculture and its importance to producing a safe and reliable food supply. At the same time we have been working to reconnect with you, the donors, sponsors and supporters of the Agricultural Institute of Canada Foundation. This newsletter will shine the spotlight on the recent activities and accomplishments of your Foundation as well as those who made it possible. Thank you for your continued support. Please share this newsletter with a friend.

Rural Roots

AICF commissioned the Rural Roots painting as below, from Peter Etril Snyder to commemorate the 70th Anniversary of the AIC.

The limited edition framed reproductions make great retirement gifts or gifts of appreciation for those in the agri-business and rural community. The remaining limited edition prints will be offered for



purchase from the AICF at a reduced rate of \$295 (plus shipping) for a framed print and \$195 (plus shipping) for an unframed print. A tax creditable receipt will be issued for any amount over the purchase price (\$295 framed, or \$195 unframed). Please contact the AICF office to place your order.

From the Farm Gate to the Dinner Plate Conference

175 registrants gathered at the Westin Edmonton to share scientific information on food safety and food safety programs in early November. "From the Farm Gate to the Dinner Plate" was the AIC Foundation's second national conference and by all accounts it was a successful venture.

President Wayne Wickens, PAG, was pleased with the attendance and with the quality of the presentations.

"AICF planned this conference to help to share information on food safety issues — to promote the networking and information sharing that professionals working in these areas need," he said. "The hallways and break areas were literally buzzing with conversation as experts exchanged information, business cards and discussed food safety science and programs."

Conference Co-Chairs were AICF Governors Derrick Jamieson, PAG and Brenda Machin, PAG. Dr. Sandra

Honour, from Alberta Agriculture, Food and Rural Development, chaired the Technical Program Committee.

The Conference featured plenary presentations, concurrent session, as well as exhibits and scientific poster presentations. Presentations from the conference have been posted on the AICF website at http://www.aic.ca/aicf/conference/AICF_Presentations.html



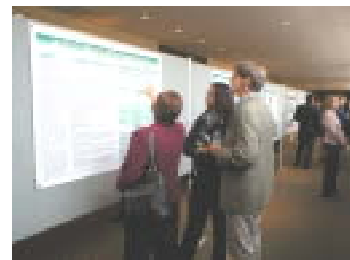
AICF President Wayne Wickens, PAG opened the Conference in Edmonton, which attracted participants from across Canada.



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They enjoyed the opportunity to meet with people interested in Food Safety including experts from the farm, government industry, and from academia.

Conference participants had a chance to review scientific posters on display.



Direct Mail Campaign

The AICF depends on the support of individuals to ensure that the messages about the science of agriculture and the important role that it plays in providing Canadians with a safe, affordable and nutritious food supply. Through a direct mail campaign AICF was able to raise funds to help support the National Food Safety Conference – “From the Farm Gate to the Dinner Plate.” While AICF Governors are grateful for the generous donations received, they recognize that there is much more work to be done.

As a registered charitable organization, your personal donation is tax creditable. Please consider making a donation to support the work of the Foundation by calling 613-232-9459 ext 303 with your credit card, or by sending a cheque to AIC Foundation, 141 Laurier Ave W., Suite 1112, Ottawa, ON K1P 5J3. You can use your tax receipt in the 2003 taxation year if your donation is received by December 31, 2003.

Klinck Lecture in Ontario

AICF supported a Klinck Lecture in Guelph on November 27, 2003. Rev. Dr. Gordon Gatward presented the Klinck Lecture. He spoke on “LEAF – Linking Environment And Farming.” LEAF, a charity set up by the Arthur Rank Centre in the United Kingdom, is designed to develop and promote a realistic way for environmental care on UK farms. LEAF recently launched a new initiative, called “Speak Out”, a program to help farmers, growers and others within the rural community improve key public relations skills and bridge the gap between farming and the public.

Sponsors Spotlight

AICF expresses appreciation to our Conference sponsors and supporters: Alberta Agriculture, Food and Rural Development; Agriculture and Agri-Food Canada; Agricultural Institute of Canada; British Columbia Ministry of Agriculture, Food and Fisheries; Ontario Ministry of Agriculture and Food; Nova Scotia Agriculture and Fisheries; The Nova Scotia Farm Loan Board; CropLife Canada; Pioneer Hi-bred; Canadian Pork Council; Syngenta Crop Protection Canada Inc.; Farm Credit Canada.

Agricultural Nutrients and Their Impact on Rural Water Quality

The proceedings from the AICF 2002 Agricultural Nutrients and Their Impact on Rural Water Quality Conference are available in CD format at a cost of \$45.00.

To order the CD call the AICF office at 613-232-9459, ext 303, or print off the order form at http://www.aic.ca/aicf/conference/order_form.pdf and fax it to the office. To view the table of contents, go to http://www.aic.ca/aicf/conference/table_of_contents.pdf

McRorie Scholarships Announced

The Scholarship selection committee has announced the 2003 recipients of the Douglas McRorie Memorial Scholarship. These awards were created to honour the memory of Doug McRorie, P.Ag, agri-finance leader, and past president of the AICF. The RBC Foundation is the sponsor which providing annual scholarships of \$1500 each to post graduate students in agricultural economics, agri-business, finance or trade.

This years recipients are:

- Henry An, from Concord, ON, enrolled at the University of Guelph. Henry's research will focus on the micro economic impact of dollarization on the potato-farming industry in Ecuador.
- Andrea Brocklebank, from Saskatoon, SK, enrolled at the University of Saskatchewan studying supply chain coordination in the beef industry, and the production of branded beef products.
- Aicha Coulibaly, from Quebec City, QC, enrolled at Laval University studying the analysis of price transmission mechanisms between American and Canadian markets of agricultural products, effects of exchange rate and market structure.
- Mark Ferguson, from Edgeley, SK, enrolled at the University of Saskatchewan studying the economics of traceability and food safety systems.
- Quentin Hauta, from Dinsmore, SK, enrolled at the University of Alberta. His research will focus on the relationship between the beef industry and greenhouse gas emissions
- Simon Jette-Nantel, from St.-Esprit, QC, enrolled at McGill University. His research will focus on climate change and implementing the Kyoto Accord related transaction costs of implementing carbon sinks.
- Francine Morley, from Stettler, AB, enrolled at the University of Guelph. Her major project will focus on succession planning

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