



## Connecting with Supporters, Donors and Sponsors of the Agricultural Institute of Canada Foundation (AICF)

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*New ideas, new initiatives. Your AIC Foundation has implemented some new ideas and undertaken some new projects in the last few months. Now it's time 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. We hope you'll let us know what you think!*

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### Post Graduate Students Awarded \$1500 McRorie Scholarships

The AICF offers six annual scholarships of \$1500 to post-graduates majoring in agricultural business, economics, finance or trade. The scholarships are made available through the generosity of the RBC Foundation. The Scholarships were created in 1990, in honour of past-president and agri-finance leader, Doug McRorie, P.Ag., FAIC. Doug served as the Vice-President of Agriculture for the Royal Bank and was a well-respected agricultural leader in Canada. In 2001 there were only 5 scholarships presented, so this year, AICF was able to select 7 deserving recipients for the award. Congratulations to all.

2004 recipients are:

- Brett Cortus from North Battleford SK enrolled at the University of Alberta in the M.Sc. in Agricultural and Resource Economics Program. Brett is researching the economics of wetland drainage in Saskatchewan including models estimating prices and yields of a cash crop operation.
- Shannon Hall, from Saskatoon, SK enrolled in the M.Sc. in Agricultural Economics program at the University of Saskatchewan. Shannon's research examines incentives created by carbon pools with an end to determining whether the carbon pools can be used as a mechanism by which farmers can participate in carbon sequestration.
- Zahoor Haq, from Guelph, ON enrolled in the M.Sc. program at the University of Guelph in the Department of Agricultural Economics and Business. Zahoor is pursuing his Masters of Science in Agricultural Economics and business and is researching the implications of trade liberalization on poverty.

- Joseph Janzen, from St. Francis Xavier, MB enrolled in the M.Sc. program at the University of Manitoba's Department of Agribusiness and Agricultural Economics. Joseph's research will focus on the use of safety nets in Canadian agricultural policy and how government sponsored crop insurance programs are linked to safety nets, particularly in Western Canada.
- Trina Johnson, from Fairview, AB enrolled in the University of Alberta's M.Sc. program in Agricultural and Resource Economics. Trina's research topic is a simulation modeling of the economics of greenhouse gas mitigation on beef farms.
- Jillian McDonald, from Indian Head, SK enrolled in the M.Sc. of Agricultural Economics program at the University of Saskatchewan. Jillian is researching the export competitiveness of Western Canadian firms through innovation and productivity.
- Francesca Sirsly, from Dorval, QC enrolled in the M.Sc. program at McGill University. Francesca's research will test the proposed working rules of the carbon offset market under the Climate Change Plan for Canada.

AICF is proud to recognize these outstanding students and looks forward to their continued contribution to innovation and leadership in the agricultural sector.

### Canadian Agricultural Economics and Farm Management Foundation Recognition

The Canadian Agricultural Economics and Farm Management Foundation were recognized for their continued financial support of the AICF. A presentation was made to the CAEFMF at their annual meeting held in June in Halifax, Nova Scotia. Thank you so much for your past and continued support.



AICF Vice-President Derrick Jamieson, P.Ag. presents CAEFMS Foundation President Jill Hobbs with a certificate of recognition at their Annual meeting and Conference in Halifax, NS.

### Will the Bounty End?

Although this book was published in 1984 by the AIC, the question of a continual, healthy and sufficient food supply continues to be in the media and in the minds of Canadians. As on-farm incomes in Canada continue to plummet due to trade restrictions, food safety concerns, regulations and adverse weather, this book provides an historic and relevant look at the Canadian Agri-Food System in Canada. There are a limited number of books for sale for \$15.00 plus \$3.00 postage. Please contact Jean Sullivan to place an order.

### AIC is Changing

The Agricultural Institute of Canada is changing their membership structure. AIC now welcomes individual members as the strength of the new organization. With a focus on influencing policy impacting the agri-food sector – in particular in the areas of environmental sustainability, food safety and food sufficiency – AIC will connect directly with individuals keeping them current and informed. To learn more about becoming an AIC member go to [www.aic.ca/membership/join.cfm](http://www.aic.ca/membership/join.cfm)

### Conference Proceedings Available

AICF has prepared proceedings of The National Conference on Agricultural Nutrients and their Impact on Rural Water Quality. The proceedings total more than 300 pages and are available on CD-ROM for \$45 plus GST/HST. For a look at the table of contents pages, go to the AICF Conference web site and open the table of contents in .pdf format [www.aic.ca/conferences/past.cfm](http://www.aic.ca/conferences/past.cfm)

### How You Can Get Involved

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### 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. Donations to the Tribute Circle have recently been made in tribute to the following individuals:

In memory of:

- Mr. Ollie Bradt, P.Ag., OIA member
- Dr. Hassan Sayed, P.Ag. OIA member
- Mr. Gordon Hill, Richmond ON
- Mr. Robert Park Forshaw, Grand Forks, BC

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