

#### **PURPOSE**

The AIC International Recognition Award honours individuals and organizations who have made outstanding contributions to the improvement of agriculture in the Developing World. In particular, the award recognizes those who have had a significant impact on research, teaching, technology transfer, development, management, or communications through collaboration with scientists, agricultural institutions and other interdisciplinary institutions in the Developing World.

#### **ELIGIBLE CANDIDATES**

- Individuals or organizations
- Canadian or non-Canadian citizens
- AIC members (individuals and organizations) and non-members

#### **INELIGIBLE CANDIDATES**

Individuals currently serving in political office and members of the Honours and Awards Committee are not eligible.

#### **ELIGIBLE NOMINATORS**

Three individuals, at least one of whom must be an AIC member

#### **CRITERIA**

Contributions of the candidate must be of recognized international merit or have the potential for application in other countries or regions.

Awards will be given for a wide variety of activities. Among these are:

- Long-term efforts in the development and management of programs, projects and activities that have had a positive effect on the evolution of agricultural research, institution building or training in the Developing World.
- Significant contributions to the training of agriculture students in international development in Canada or to the training of students in the Developing World.
- Outstanding contributions to agricultural research that have been adapted to the needs of developing country agriculture and have achieved international recognition and impact.
- Outstanding basic research that significantly contributes to agriculture in the Developing World, such as new varieties and new technologies.

- Responsibility for the implementation of activities that have made recognized positive contributions to the scientific and professional advancement of agriculture in the Developing World.
- Important contributions to the successful management of agricultural research programs, research organizations, or extension services in the Developing World.
- Influencing policies at the national or international level that improve agriculture in the Developing World.
- Strong impact on poverty reduction, food security and/or gender equality.

#### **NOMINATION PROCESS**

- Nominations, including documentation (see attached Nomination Form), must be submitted to the AIC Honours & Awards Committee no later than March 31, 2012.
- In order to obtain full and accurate information to complete the Nomination Form, nominators may contact and inform candidates of their nomination on the understanding that there is no assurance that the nominee will be selected.
- Nominations must be supported by documented evidence of the character, contributions and accomplishments of the candidate(s).
- Individuals and organizations cannot nominate themselves for the award.

#### **REVIEW PROCESS**

- The AIC Honours and Awards Committee will review the nominations and select the award recipient(s) using a standardized rating system. In the case of no suitable nominee(s), the award will not be presented.
- The recommendation of the Honours and Awards Committee is subject to the approval of the AIC Chief Executive Officer (CEO).
- The Award recipient(s) will be notified by the AIC CEO no later than May 15, 2012.
- AIC will promote the name and image of the award recipient(s) and information about the recipient(s) on the AIC website and in the public media. In accepting the award, the recipient(s) agree to the publication of this information.

#### **PRESENTATION**

The award(s) will be presented at the AIC Honours and Awards presentation ceremony or other time and location mutually agreeable to AIC and the recipient(s). AIC will provide up to \$500 to each award recipient for reimbursement of travel costs to attend the ceremony.