



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

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*We're pleased to share with you some of the initiatives that have been underway with the AICF. We value the connection that we have with you, our donors, sponsors and supporters. This newsletter highlights the recent activities and accomplishments of your Foundation as well as those who made it possible. Thank you for your continued interest in our work and your generous contributions. We welcome your comments, feedback and your support.*

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### Dr. Karl C Ivarson Scholarship

The Dr. Karl C Ivarson Scholarship, administered through the Agricultural Institute of Canada Foundation (AICF), will provide financial support for students studying soil science in a post graduate program at a recognized Canadian University. Disciplines include agriculture, agro ecology, resource management, environment, geology or other soil-related disciplines.



The scholarship was announced earlier this spring at the Canadian Society of Soil Science annual meeting in Banff, Alberta.

"Dr. Ivarson is committed to supporting the future of the soil science discipline," said Wayne Wickens, PAg, Chair of the AICF Priority Planning Committee. "He is thrilled to be able to provide financial support to young people who are passionate about the study of soil and its importance to our society."

The scholarship was made possible through Dr. Ivarson's generous gift to the Foundation. Dr. Ivarson worked as a soil scientist with the Soil Research Institute, Soil Biochemistry Section. In 1978 he was transferred to the Chemistry and Biology Research Institute where he probed and resolved many problems of the effect of microbial activity on mineral transformations in soils. Now retired in rural Alberta, Dr. Ivarson maintains his interest in soil science by actively managing soil and crop management decisions for his farmland.

One \$2000 scholarship will be presented in 2006. Application forms and scholarship guidelines are at [http://www.aic.ca/about/foundation\\_initiatives.cfm](http://www.aic.ca/about/foundation_initiatives.cfm)  
The annual application deadline is November 1.

### Douglas McRorie Memorial Scholarship Presented in Manitoba

The Manitoba Institute of Agrologists formally presented one of the Douglas McRorie Memorial Scholarships at their annual meeting in February.

Evelyn Froehlich, (centre) from Selkirk, Manitoba received the scholarship from presenters Val McRorie (left) and Casey Fox, P.Ag., (right) a Royal Bank representative.



Evelyn is enrolled at the University of Manitoba in the Faculty of Graduate Studies Master of Science program. Evelyn's research will examine improving the Canadian beef supply chain through brand marketing.

AICF offers the 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 and supported by many individual donors. While 2005 is the final year of the current agreement, AICF has made application for an additional contribution agreement.

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, was a well-respected agricultural leader in Canada and was a key player in establishing the AIC Foundation.

## Your AIC Foundation

The AIC Foundation Board of Governors is pleased introduce their executive for the year 2006-2007. The appointments were made at the AICF annual meeting held by conference call on June 19, 2006.

President - Derrick Jamieson, PAg.; Vice President - Kevin Sanderson, PAg.; Secretary - Dennis McKnight; Treasurer - Sandy Todd, PAg; Past President and Education Committee Chair - Brenda Machin, PAg.; Priority Planning Chair - Wayne Wickens, PAg.; Governors - Erik Apedaile, PAg; and Derek Read, PAg

## AICF Klinck Lecture

AICF will support the AIC Conference in Winnipeg *Innovation for Growth - Trends and Successes Redefining Agriculture* by sponsoring the Leonard S. Klinck Lecture. The Hon. Carole Brookins, former US Director to the World Bank will be the Klinck Lecturer. Ms Brookins is from New York City, and will present the Klinck Lecture on Monday November 6, 2006 at the Fairmont, Winnipeg.

## Thank you to our Provincial Institute Supporters

Thank you to the **Nova Scotia Institute of Agrologists, Manitoba Institute of Agrologists, British Columbia Institute of Agrologists and the Prince Edward Island Institute of Agrologists**. Each Institute made important pledges of financial support to the AIC Foundation this spring. Each organization pledged support for AIC Foundation for a five year period, providing ongoing commitment to continued and expanded programming. AICF appreciates your tremendous leadership and support of the Foundation.

## Excellence in Extension – The Blackburn Fund An Extension Legacy

The Canadian Society of Extension (CSE) Dissolution Team approached the AIC Foundation to establish an Extension speakers program. As a result, a fund has been created by a gift from the former Canadian Society of Extension. It will support the expenses of current, credible speakers at national and regional events on topics supporting the principles of extension and development as outlined by the following definition from Foundations and Changing Practices in Extension – 1989.

*“Extension – A system of non-formal education. As such, it is a field of professional education practice aimed at:*

- *teaching people, in their own context and life situations, how to identify and access their own needs and problems;*
- *helping them acquire the knowledge and skills required to cope effectively with those needs and problems, and*
- *inspiring them to action”*

The name of the fund will be “Excellence in Extension – The Blackburn Fund” in honour of Dr. Donald J. Blackburn for his many contributions to the field of extension and his generous support of CSE.

The Fund will support one or two speakers at national or regional events open to the public (i.e. not restricted to members only) with a presentation supporting extension principles and/or adult learning, to a maximum amount of \$2000 per year.

Organizations receiving the funds will provide appropriate recognition - “Excellence in Extension – The Blackburn Fund” of the AIC Foundation.

The CSE Dissolution Team is confident that this legacy fund will fulfill the mandate of the Canadian Society of Extension principles as well as ensuring the continuation of educating those involved in extension through their lives in career, community or leadership development.

## Making a Gift to the AIC Foundation

The AIC Foundation was set up in 1988 as a charitable organization with a mandate to:

- Conduct agricultural research on matters of national importance to Canada,
- Undertake policy research into the Canadian Agricultural and food sector and develop information and data upon which sound agricultural policy can be established; and
- Develop agricultural education programs for the agricultural community and general public with respect to the national importance of agriculture.

You can help by supporting the Foundation with a financial contribution. Your donation will ensure that the Foundation can continue to promote the important role that agriculture plays in our society to ensure a safe, abundant and nutritious food supply.

To make a donation please contact the AICF by phone or email or download the Donation Form from the website at [http://www.aic.ca/about/pdf/Reply\\_Form.pdf](http://www.aic.ca/about/pdf/Reply_Form.pdf) and send it to us by mail or fax. Your donation is tax creditable and your support will be recognized in our AICF Annual Report. Thank you to all our supporters!

## New in 2006

The AICF Board of Governors, based on responses to a targeted RFP, has awarded the administrative services contract to Jean Sullivan. The board has appreciated the services provided through the AIC office and the dedication of the individual employees who have contributed to the goals of the AICF.

The board looks forward to continuing the AICF/AIC relationship through collaboration on projects and programs of mutual interest. Please note the new AICF contact information provided below in this newsletter.

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