



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.

Announcing the Blackburn Extension Fund

AIC Foundation is pleased to announce "Excellence in Extension – The Blackburn Speakers Fund." This fund was created by a contribution from the Canadian Society of Extension as a legacy to the organization that dissolved earlier this year.

One of the major goals resulting from the dissolution of the Canadian Society of Extension (CSE) was that a legacy be created to carry on the education and promotion of Extension principles. By establishing a speakers fund, the former CSE 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"*

An Extension Legacy

The name of the fund: "**Excellence in Extension – The Blackburn Fund**" honours Dr. Donald J. Blackburn for his many contributions to the field of extension and his generous support of CSE. The fund will support one national or two regional speakers annually, to a maximum amount of \$2000 per year.



Criteria for events/speakers that would qualify for these funds include:

- National or regional events open to the public
- The focus of the presentation supports extension principles and/or adult learning as outlined above
- The organization receiving the funds will provide appropriate recognition - "Excellence in Extension – The Blackburn Fund" of the Agricultural Institute of Canada Foundation

AICF will manage the application process.

Congratulations and thank you to the CSE Dissolution Team for providing this legacy fund. AICF is pleased to assist in ensuring the continuing education of those involved in extension through their lives whether it is used in careers, community or leadership development.

To download the application form, please go to

http://www.aic.ca/about/foundation_initiatives.cfm

Dr. Karl. C Ivarson Scholarship

Applications and guidelines for the 2007 Dr. Karl C. Ivarson Scholarship have been posted online. The scholarship, created by Dr. Karl Ivarson, a retired soil scientist living in Alberta, will provide two scholarships of \$2000 to post graduate students studying soil science in agriculture, agro ecology, resource management, environment, geology or other related disciplines. The applications and guidelines are available at http://www.aic.ca/about/foundation_initiatives.cfm

Douglas McRorie Memorial Scholarship

2007 applications and guidelines for the Douglas McRorie Memorial Scholarship are available online. The Scholarship provides up to six scholarships of \$1500 to students studying agricultural economics, business finance or trade at the post graduate level.

Guidelines and application forms are posted online at http://www.aic.ca/about/foundation_initiatives.cfm

Tribute Circle

The AICF Tribute Circle was created as a means 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 been made in tribute to the late **Dr. Norman Cameron Lawson**.

Your donation to the Foundation is tax creditable. Please use the form on our website at http://www.aic.ca/about/pdf/Reply_Form07.pdf

AICF Annual Meeting Update

The Annual meeting of the Agricultural Institute of Canada foundation was held on June 18, 2007.

The board carried out the business of the 2006 AGM including accepting the financial statements and appointing the auditor for 2007.

Elections were held and the officers are as follows:

President: Derrick Jamieson, PAg – Nova Scotia

Vice President: Kevin Sanderson, PAg, Prince Edward Island

Secretary: Wayne Wickens, PAg, British Columbia

Treasurer: Sandy Todd, PAg, Newfoundland & Labrador

Education Committee Chair: Brenda Machin, PAg, Saskatchewan

Priority Planning Committee Chair: Derek Read, PAg, Manitoba

Governor: Erik Apedaile, PAg, Ontario.

Governor: vacant

Dennis McKnight, Ontario, completed his term on the AICF board of Governors. Dennis initially served the board as appointed governor by AIC, and continued as Foundation Governor for 4 years. Thank you Dennis, for your contributions to the AICF board and for your commitment to assisting with investment policies and bylaws changes.

The Board has issued a call for nominations to fill the board vacancy left by Dennis's retirement. AICF governors meet monthly by conference call and are responsible for fundraising and friend-raising for the Foundation. The Foundation seeks to be representative of the national scope of the organization. If you are interested in volunteering to provide leadership and direction to the Foundation, please contact Past President Brenda Machin, PAg.

AICF Supports Food and Fuel Conference

“Food and Fuel - The Implications for Agricultural Research Policy” conference brought together academics, with industry leaders and government officials to explore ways in which agricultural research can be refunded or redirected to revitalize productivity growth. The speakers looked at global demand prospects, agricultural productivity growth, agricultural research funding and provided examples of how new organizational and funding models have been used to revitalize the agricultural industry elsewhere.

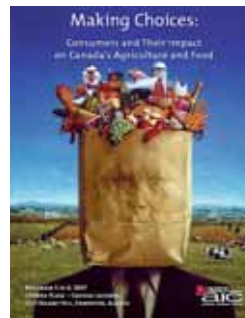


The conference was held in Saskatoon June 5-6, 2007 and was hosted by Knowledge Impact in Society, Canadian Agricultural Innovation Research Network, (CAIRN) and the Canadian Agricultural Economics Society. Presentations are posted online at <http://www.kis.usask.ca/Food&Fuel.html#ConferenceBackground>

Leonard S. Klinck Lecture

AICF is pleased to announce that the Leonard S. Klinck Lecture will be held in conjunction with the Agricultural Institute of Canada Conference, **November 5-6, 2007** at Crowne Plaza - Chateau Lacombe, Edmonton, Alberta.

The theme **Making Choices: Consumers and Their Impact on Canada's Agriculture and Food** will generate discussion and debate and provide a forum to showcase and learn more about the current and future drivers - economic, health, political and social - that will undoubtedly impact our integrated agriculture and food systems. Please visit the AIC website for more information about the conference program and registration. <http://www.aic.ca/conferences/upcoming.cfm>



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