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# AICF Connections

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## 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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### RBC Financial Renews Support for Douglas McRorie Memorial Scholarships

The Agricultural Institute of Canada Foundation (AICF) is very pleased to announce that a \$50,000 donation from RBC Financial Group (RBC), through its charitable foundation, will enable the Douglas McRorie Memorial Scholarship to continue until 2011. Six scholarships will be offered annually to post-graduate students studying agricultural business, economics, finance or trade.

Established in 1990, the Douglas McRorie Memorial Scholarship has provided support to students across Canada who have chosen a business emphasis for their studies. The late Douglas McRorie, PAg, a past vice-president of RBC Royal Bank and the AICF, is remembered for his commitment and leadership to the agricultural sector across Canada.



Derrick Jamieson, P.Ag. AICF President, Mrs. Valerie McRorie, and Mr. Earl Smith, P.Ag. RBC Royal Bank, at the presentation in Winnipeg.

A formal presentation was made on Monday November 6, at the luncheon of the Agricultural Institute of Canada's Annual Conference, at the Fairmont Winnipeg, Manitoba

Mrs. Valerie McRorie attended the luncheon presentation at the Fairmont Winnipeg.

"I felt like I was among family 15 years ago when this scholarship was first announced. Here today I feel like I am among family – the AIC family once again. It means so much to know that Doug's dedication and hard work are still remembered and valued," she said.

Earl Smith, PAg, Manager of Agriculture and Agribusiness - Prairies made the formal presentation to Derrick Jamieson, PAg, AICF President.

"I'm very proud to make this presentation to support this scholarship," he said.

Mr. Smith also spoke about RBC's role in agricultural banking and the importance

RBC places on connecting to the agricultural leaders of tomorrow.

"AICF is expanding our suite of scholarships," said Derrick Jamieson. "Our goal is to continue to provide support for students who have dedicated themselves to academic excellence with leadership qualities in all sectors of the agri-food system."

2006 Recipients will be announced early in 2007. For details about the 2007 deadline and application please contact Jean Sullivan 613-223-2362. or visit [http://www.aic.ca/about/foundation\\_initiatives.cfm](http://www.aic.ca/about/foundation_initiatives.cfm)



AIC Foundation President Derrick Jamieson, PAg accepts a \$50,000 commitment from Earl Smith, PAg, of the RBC Royal Bank for continuation of the Douglas McRorie Memorial Scholarships until 2011.

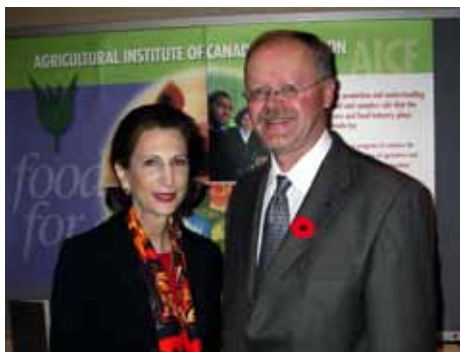
## Dr. Karl.C Ivarson Scholarship

The Dr. Karl C Ivarson Scholarship, 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 related disciplines. The first Scholarship recipient will be announced in early 2007.

## Hon. Carole Brookins delivers 2006 Leonard S. Klinck Lecture in Winnipeg, Manitoba

AICF supported 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 presented the lecture during the opening Plenary on Monday November 6, 2006.

Her message outlined the global forces and trends that she felt would impact Canadian agriculture and agri-food production and value chains set the stage for the national conference.



The Honourable Carole Brookins with AICF President Derrick Jamieson, PAG at the AIC Conference in Winnipeg.

The Klinck Lecture series was established in 1966 by the AIC and was named after Dr. Leonard S. Klinck, the first President of AIC's predecessor, the Canadian Society of Technical Agriculturists. For almost 40 years this program has sponsored prominent authorities from around the world on national and international agricultural issues and developments. The AICF now manages the program and is always seeking venues where the AICF might provide support for a national Klinck Lecture.

## Making a Gift to the AIC Foundation

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.

This month we have included a Donation form with this newsletter. Your donation is tax creditable, your receipt will be mailed in time to be included in your 2006 tax return.

We will recognize your donation by including your name in our Annual Report as a donor, or we will respect your wish to remain an anonymous donor. Thank you to all our supporters!

## AIC Foundation recognizes AIC Leadership



Retiring AIC Past President Kim Shukla, PAG, CAC was recognized for her commitment and leadership to AIC with a Rural Roots Print. AICF President Derrick Jamieson made the presentation at the AIC Annual meeting in Winnipeg. He expressed his appreciation to both the AIC board and staff for their ongoing support of AICF programs and activities.

## 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 in memory of: Mr. Ian Paton, BSc. (Ag) of Delta British Columbia

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