



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!

Post Graduate Students Encouraged to Apply for Six \$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. The application deadline is October 15, 2004. For an application and details go to www.aic.ca/aicf/initiatives.html



Mr. Robert Romain, Program Director FSAA of Laval University, presents Aicha Coulibaly with the Douglas McRorie Memorial Scholarship in April 2004. Aicha was among 6 recipients of the \$1500 scholarship awarded to post graduate students studying agricultural economics, business, finance or trade.

Mrs. Val McRorie Receives Rural Roots Print

The Douglas McRorie Memorial Scholarships have been a steadfast tradition in the AICF. The Foundation proudly remembered Doug's leadership and honoured Mrs. Val McRorie's commitment and support of the vision and mission of the AICF with the presentation of an AICF Rural Roots print at the Manitoba Institute of Agrologists annual meeting.



Mrs. Val McRorie poses with Dr. David Chanasyk, P.Ag., FAIC after receiving a framed Rural Roots Print from the AICF. Dr. Chanasyk is the Past President of the AIC.

OIA Supports the AIC Foundation

The Ontario Institute of Agrologists has always been a strong supporter of the AICF, and they continue their support year after year by holding an auction of AICF prints at their Annual Conference.

London Ontario was the site of this year's conference and again a team of dedicated folks worked together to raise the profile of the AICF by auctioning three prints. Congratulations and THANK YOU to those who purchased a print and supported the work of the Foundation: Western Fair Association, General Manager, Gary McRae; Sharon and George Burkholder, P.Ag., Nitragin; and Ms. Violet Ladich.

Special Recognition

AICF extends their sincere appreciation to Dr. Clay Switzer, P.Ag., FAIC who completed his term on the AICF board in May. Dr. Switzer was appointed to the AICF by the AIC full member organizations in 2002 and was a valued member of the AICF. Thank you Clay for all your work.



Violet Ladich stands proudly with her AICF Rural Roots print. Ms. Ladich is a long time appreciator of Peter Snyder's art works.

Your AIC Foundation

Wayne Wickens, P.Ag., of British Columbia was re-elected as the President of the AICF at the 2004 AICF annual meeting held on May 13, 2004. Nova Scotia's Derrick Jamieson, P.Ag., accepted the position of Vice-President, and Brenda Machin, P.Ag., from Saskatchewan continues as Board Secretary. Sandy Todd, P.Ag., of Newfoundland and Labrador remains as the Foundation Treasurer.

AICF Governors are Kevin Sanderson, P.Ag., Prince Edward Island, Ed Tyrchniewicz, P.Ag., FAIC, Manitoba, Erik Apedaile, P.Ag., and Dennis McKnight, P.Ag., Ontario. The AICF board is made up of 4 members appointed by the AIC Board, and two representatives appointed from among AIC's associate member organizations and two from the AIC full member organizations.

The Annual report outlining the activities of the Foundation over the past year is on the website at www.aic.ca/aicf/aicfannualreport2003.pdf

Plans for 2004

In 2004 the AIC Foundation will continue to develop partnerships to promote agriculture and its role in providing a safe affordable and nutritious food supply. AICF is in discussions with the Crop Nutrients Council to hold a workshop in conjunction with upcoming meetings on Nutrients and Agriculture. In addition, AICF will begin planning for a third national conference on agriculture and sustainability in partnership with the AIC to be held in 2005. Watch for our second direct mail campaign to be launched in September to assist in our fundraising efforts.

AIC is Changing

The Agricultural Institute of Canada is changing their membership structure. Effective January 2005 AIC will be welcoming individual members to be the strength of the new organization. With a focus on influencing policies impacting the agri-food sector – in particular in the areas of environment, food safety and food security – AIC will connect directly with individuals keeping them current and informed.

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:

- Mrs. Marguerite Sullivan, Douro, ON
- Mr. Wally Armstrong, Kinburn, ON

In celebration of:

- The June 18, 2004 marriage of Glenn Whipple and Jody Butler, Gatineau, QC

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/aicf/conference/

How you can get involved

Our Foundation needs support to build for the future. As a registered charity your donations are tax creditable and will be used for a specific activity or to maintain general AICF functions. Charitable registration number 121934947 RR0001

Contact your AIC Foundation board governor with your comments and ideas for programs or future newsletters.

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