



## 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'd be pleased to hear from you.*

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### Merry Christmas from the AIC Foundation

The AICF Board wishes you and your family all the best of the Christmas Season. We look forward to working closely with you in the coming year to promote greater agricultural awareness and understanding.



### Announcing New Board Governors

President Wayne Wickens, P.Ag. is pleased to announce the appointment of three new governors to the AICF Board:



**Dr. Clay Switzer, P.Ag., FAIC** is well known as a professor and Dean of the Ontario Agricultural College and a proud supporter of the University of Guelph. Clay was Deputy Minister of Agriculture for Ontario from 1984 to 1989, and he has made significant contributions to the agricultural

community as a civil servant and as president of the Ontario Institute of Agrologists, the Agricultural Institute of Canada and the International Turfgrass Society.

In his retirement he has helped to establish the Turfgrass Research Institute in Guelph, and has served as president of both the Ontario Agricultural Hall of Fame and the University of Guelph Alumni Association and has been inducted into the Canadian Agricultural Hall of Fame.



**Derrick Jamieson, P.Ag.** works for the Nova Scotia Farm Loan Board as CEO and Director. Prior to joining the Government of Nova Scotia, Derrick acquired experience in working with industry and the Farm Credit Corporation in various parts of the country. Derrick was born and spent

his early years on a dairy and potato farm in Centreville, New Brunswick and later grew up on a dairy farm in Falmouth, Nova Scotia. His professional career in agriculture began in 1977 at the Farm Credit Corporation in Guelph, Ontario. He moved to Berwick, Kings County

in 1979 to work with M. W. Graves and Company where he and his family also operated a small farm. Seven years later he joined the Nova Scotia Farm Loan Board as a loan officer.

Derrick has studied agriculture at the Nova Scotia Agricultural College and Montreal's Macdonald College of McGill University. In 1999 he received the C. A. Douglas Award for achievement in agricultural extension work. Derrick is Past President of the Nova Scotia Institute of Agrologists and brings enthusiasm and a willingness to get involved in renewal of the AICF.



**Walter D. Gumprich, P.Ag., CAC**, runs his own firm in Livestock and Business Management, WDG INC. where he consults in agricultural economics and livestock nutrition in Canada and internationally.

As a graduate of the West of Scotland Agricultural College, Walter Gumprich left Scotland in 1957 for Winnipeg, Canada where he went on to work for two different feedlot operations. Walter 'officially' retired in 1986, but has gone on to develop a career as a consultant. The Canadian International Development Agency, the United Nations Food and Agriculture Organization, the World Bank and the Canadian Executive Service Overseas, are some of the international organizations that benefit from Walter's expertise.

Mr. Gumprich holds membership in Saskatchewan Institute of Agrologists, Canadian Consulting Agrologists Association and many other associations.

### Thank you!

Thank you to all supporters who have made a contribution to the AIC Foundation. It is through your donations that the Foundation can continue to fulfill its mission to facilitate the promotion and understanding of the broad and complex role that the agriculture and food industry plays in Canada.

## **AIC Foundation to Host National Food Safety Conference**

AICF will host a national conference on Food Safety in the fall 2003 in western Canada. AICF is hosting this event to provide a forum for sharing of scientific information on issues relating to food safety including food irradiation, regulation, and on-farm food safety programs. The Foundation will issue a call for papers early in the New Year.

### **Proceedings Available**

The National Conference on Agricultural Nutrients and their Impact on Rural Water Quality proceedings will be available on CD-ROM in January 2003. All Conference participants and sponsors will receive the proceedings by mail. A small supply of CD-ROMs will be available to interested individuals.

### **2002 Douglas McRorie Memorial Scholarships**

The Douglas McRorie Memorial Scholarship continues to assist students in agriculture. Six scholarship recipients will be presented with cheques for \$1500 to assist with post-graduate studies in Agricultural Business Economics, Finance or Trade. The scholarships are made possible through the generous support of the RBC Foundation.

Congratulations to the 2002 graduate scholarship recipients: Chantelle Donahue, enrolled at the University of Saskatchewan; Sridar Komar, enrolled at the University of Guelph; Kevin Muxlow, enrolled at the University of Guelph; Erin Sawyer, enrolled at the University of Saskatchewan; Benjamin Shank, enrolled at the University of Alberta; and Chad Wasyluniuk, enrolled at the University of Saskatchewan. These awards will be presented in the New Year at the respective universities.

The 2003 Scholarship deadline is October 17<sup>th</sup>. Contact Jean Sullivan or go to [www.aic.ca/aicf/initiatives.html](http://www.aic.ca/aicf/initiatives.html) for information and an application package. Thank you to Education Committee Chair Brenda Machin, P.Ag. and the selection committee for their time and effort.

### **AICF Hay West Harvest Campaign Donations Top \$10,000**

AICF collected more than \$10,000 that was raised to help support drought stricken western farmers. AICF received donations from individual agrologists, gifts from organizations, as well as support from businesses and citizens who wished to contribute to the cause. All funds collected were used to help pay for transportation of donated hay to the farmers in Western Canada. Recognition goes to the BC Cowboy Heritage Society ([www.bcchs.com](http://www.bcchs.com)) for their support. They held a benefit concert and donated the proceeds to the AICF Hay West

Harvest Campaign. AICF was also successful in connecting the Delta Agricultural Society in British Columbia with some farmers in Alberta, so that their donation of hay could be transported directly to the farmers in need. That's "Hay East"!

### **Tribute Circle**

AICF has established a Tribute Circle. A Tribute Circle is a way for people to pay tribute to their loved ones. You might consider making a gift to the AICF to honour a special occasion, a special wedding or anniversary, a landmark achievement, in lieu of holiday gifts or just because they're special to you. You will receive an official receipt for income tax purposes and a letter acknowledging your gift. We will also send a letter to the family letting them know of your gift. Simply send us the name of the person to whom you would like to pay tribute and, in the case of a memorial gift, please send us the name and address of a family member to whom we will send a card informing them of your gift.

### **AIC Foundation Board of Governors**

President: Wayne Wickens, P.Ag.

Treasurer: Sandy Todd, P.Ag.

Priority Planning Chair: Kevin Sanderson, P.Ag.

Education Chair and Secretary: Brenda Machin, P.Ag.

Governors: Walter Gumprich, P.Ag., Clay Switzer, P.Ag. FAIC, and Derrick Jamieson, P.Ag.

### **How You Can Help**

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

### **Special Recognition**

Phil England, P.Ag. retired from the Foundation as a governor at the July Board meetings. Phil had been a member of the AICF board since his appointment by AIC in 1997. Phil's contribution included serving as the AICF Vice-President and as governor. Thank you Phil, for your years of service to the AICF.



Contact the AIC Foundation with your comments or suggestions.

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