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About the Institute

The Newfoundland and Labrador Institute of Agrologists Board of Directors continues to work on the following issues:

The Communications Committee has submitted two applications to obtain funding for a NLIA display booth to promote Agrology as a profession and raise the profile of the institute. Responses on the applications are expected in the fall.

This is the next issue of the *Agri "E" Bulletin*. The Communication Committee started the publication last year to maintain communication with the NLIA membership and to share what's happening in the professional field of agrology. Gary Bishop, P.Ag., is looking after the newsletter. We invite members to send items of interest to Gary at bishopg@agr.gc.ca or 772-4170. The more items we have the easier it is to put the newsletter together.

The Membership Committee, comprised of Dr. David McKenzie, P.Ag., Dr. Samir Debnath, P.Ag., and Ed Woodrow, P.Ag., are working on designing a professional development program for NLIA based on the program used by the Alberta Institute of Agrologists.

Sarah Devine, P.Ag., has accepted the position of NLIA Registrar on Council. Darryl Martin, P.Ag., has taken on the jobs of Director and Secretary on Council. Congratulations to Sarah and Darryl.

Members of your Council are:

Ann Marie Whelan, P.Ag., President.
Corrina Dawe, P.Ag., Past President.
Samir Debnath, P.Ag., President Elect.
Ed Woodrow, P.Ag., National Director.

Blaine Hussey, P.Ag., Director.
Darryl Martin, P.Ag., Director & Secretary.
Sharon Bell, P.Ag., Director.
Allan Kwabiah, P.Ag., Director.
Sarah Devine, P.Ag., Registrar.
Gary Bishop, P.Ag., Treasurer.

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NL Livestock Council Update

The NL Livestock Council will be temporarily closed as of May 25, 2007. The current Manager of the Council, Norma Collett, has accepted a job as General Manager with the Ontario Sheep Marketing Agency in Guelph, Ontario.

For further information, contact the President of your respective association.

1. Howard Morry (Sheep) - 368-3651
2. Merv Wiseman (Fur) - 689-5735
3. Rose Thompson (Pork) - 484-3371
4. Bob Murphy (Beef) - 528-4256

Precision Farming in Newfoundland and Labrador: Getting the best bang for your buck

Most of my 25 years with the Research Branch of Agriculture and Agri-Food Canada, was spent working as a Physical Scientist. One of my projects involved Precision Farming Research. It was carried out in cooperation with several dairy farmers across the province. We gathered some very good results from that work, which was carried out at a field size scale. Unfortunately the study came to an abrupt end when I retired.

The idea of fertilizing and liming more precisely to obtain better yields for less input not only increases the bottom profit line, but it will also have less negative impact on the environment. Some of these precision farming techniques could be pursued today, not only for dairy but for many other types of farming.

In the past I have served as President of the Newfoundland and Labrador Institute of Agrologists. I am currently a member of the Newfoundland and Labrador Institute of Agrologists and the Canadian Society of Soil Science.



Since my retirement in 1998, I have been consulting in Forestry and Agriculture as WOOD ROW CONSULTING.

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AIC Update

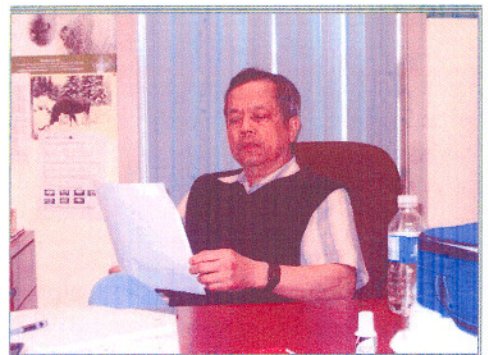
Jean Sullivan, Communications Coordinator for AIC since 2000, has accepted a position with the Canadian Agricultural Human Resources Sector Council. She will be replaced by Frances Rodenburg who will be taking the lead on the AIC Conference, AIC Notes, Monthly Report and other communication activities. Welcome Frances.

The joint AIC-OAQ Accreditation Program which accredits agricultural programs at Canadian academic institutions has completed reviews at three colleges. Full Accreditation was granted to the Nova Scotia Agricultural College (7 programs), the University of Saskatchewan (7 programs) and the University of Guelph (6 programs).

AIC has been participating in the stakeholder reference group that provided input into the next generation of Agriculture Policy. Key to the new framework is a vision that recognizes sustainability and delivering benefits to the entire value chain and clearly defining roles and responsibilities of the various levels of government and the private sector.

Who's Who - NLIA Member Profile.

Vivenco (Ben) Pungtilan, P.Ag., retired on March 30, 2007 after 30 years of service with the Agrifoods Branch. Ben started work with the department on March 9, 1977 at the Western Swine Breeding Station and was promoted to Agricultural Technician for Humber Valley and Cormack in 1981. In 1985, Ben assumed the responsibilities of Regional Livestock Specialist for the western and central regions, where he served the needs of industry until his retirement. Ben now resides in Surrey, BC, but likes to keep up with what's happening in Newfoundland and Labrador. Congratulations and best wishes, Ben.



NLIA Membership List

The following table contains the list of members in good standing with the Newfoundland and Labrador Institute of Agrologists for 2007:

Boyd Penney, P.Ag.	Ed Woodrow, P.Ag.
Ann Marie Whelan, P.Ag.	Kenneth Proudfoot, P.Ag., FAIC
Gary Bishop, P.Ag.	Krista Bradley, P.Ag.
Cynthia MacDonald, P.Ag.	Vivenco Pungtilan, P.Ag.
Gerald Bashforth, P.Ag.	David McKenzie, P.Ag.
Wilfred Reader, P.Ag.	Jan Vandehulst, P.Ag.
Simir Debnath, P.Ag.	Darryl Martin, P.Ag.
Cassidy Gillis, P.Ag.	David Jennings, P.Ag.
Cyril Hookey, P.Ag.	Blaine Hussey, P.Ag.
Sandy Todd, P.Ag.	Frank Hender, P.Ag.
Edward Kayler, P.Ag.	Gary Myrden, P.Ag.
Sean Glavine, P.Ag.	Corrina Dawe, P.Ag.
Sharon Bell, P.Ag.	Kevin Aucoin, P.Ag.
Brian Goldsworthy, P.Ag.	Charles Kelsey Jr., P.Ag.
Sarah Devine, P.Ag.	Shawn Foley, Student

What's Happening?

NAPPO Conference, St. John's

The North American Plant Protection Organization (NAPPO) will be holding their annual conference in St. John's, October 22-26, 2007. Further info is available on the website at www.nappon.org.

AIC 2007 Conference, Edmonton

The 2007 Agricultural Institute of Canada Conference will be held November 5-6, 2007 at the CrownePlaza - Chateau Lacombe in Edmonton. The conference theme is Making Choices: Consumers and Their Impact on Canada's Agriculture and Food. The Agricultural Institute of Canada, in cooperation with the Consumer and Market Demand Agricultural Policy Research Network, the Canadian Agrifood Policy Institute and other partners, is hosting this conference to generate discussion and debate and to 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.

Atlantic Agronomy Workshop, Charlottetown

The Canadian Society of Agronomy is organizing the 4th Workshop in the Atlantic Region for professionals in agronomy (cereals, corn, forages, pulse crops, soybeans, other crops) to get together to exchange ideas and research results. Abstracts will be published in the Canadian Journal of Plant Science. The 2-day meeting, held every second year, is for Professional Agrologists, CCA's, extension personnel, and educators in the region, and it will run as an "at cost" event covered by registration fees. Dates are January 15-16, 2008 at the Rodd Charlottetown Hotel, 75 Kent Street, Charlottetown, PEI. Details available at www.agronomycanada.com.

Member News

Kevin Aucoin, P.Ag., will be making a presentation at the Canadian Institute of Forestry annual meeting, October 24-26, 2007. NLIA is one of several organizations invited to talk about experiences in establishing a professional organization, which the Foresters are just beginning.

Sarah Devine, P.Ag., joined the Arthritis Society of Canada *Joints in Motion* Trek to Machu Picchu in the Cuzco Region of Peru in August. Way to go Sarah!

Sandy Todd, P.Ag., was elected Treasurer of the Agricultural Institute of Canada Foundation at the Annual meeting in June. Congratulations Sandy.

Sandy Todd, P.Ag., past President of AIC, Chaired the AIC Nominating Committee for the upcoming election of the 2007-2008 AIC Board of Directors.

Don't forget to watch NTV's new series on Agriculture in Newfoundland and Labrador. **Breaking Ground** airs on Sunday afternoons at 3:00 pm. Several NLIA members appear on the show.

Atlantic Agrologists Conference 2008

The NLIA is working with the other Atlantic Institutes to plan a conference for November 2008 in Moncton, NB. Consensus for the conference theme is "The Future of Agrology". Suggested sub-themes include: The Role of the Agrologist, Attracting Young Blood to the Profession, Forestry and Aquaculture, Labour Force for Agriculture, among others.

Gold Harvest Award Winners

Congratulations to Dr. Peggy Dixon, Carolyne Parsons and Janet Coombes of the Atlantic Cool Climate Crop Research Centre in St. John's, who



were winners of an Agriculture and Agri-Food Canada Gold Harvest Award for their work in developing an IPM strategy for Cabbage Root Maggot that is helping farmers and researchers around the world.

The Gold Harvest Award winners: Dr. Juliana Soroka, Dr. Peggy Dixon, Janet Coombes and Carolyn Parsons flanked by AAFC Deputy Minister, Yaprak Baltacioglu and ADM Research, Dr. Marc Fortin.

Diversions

A school teacher injured his back and had to wear a plaster cast around the upper part of his body. It fit under his shirt and was not noticeable at all. On the first day of the new school year, he discovered that he had been assigned to a class with the toughest students in the school.

Walking confidently into the rowdy classroom, he stood and looked at the noisy group for a minute and then opened a window as wide as possible before busying himself at his desk, ignoring the students. As the minutes went by, the class got louder and more out of control.

A strong breeze through the open window made the teacher's tie flap around. He kept having to smooth it down and appeared to very annoyed with the wayward tie. Finally, he jumped up, took a big stapler off his desk and stapled the tie to his chest in several places. He then looked at the stunned class and said, "Hello students".

The classroom went completely silent. Discipline was not a problem from that day forth.



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