

Agricultural Institute of Canada Foundation



Report to the AIC 2011 AGM

With great pleasure, the Agricultural Institute of Canada Foundation continues a dynamic and valued relationship with the Agricultural Institute of Canada and its members.

Throughout the past year, the AICF-managed scholarship, funding and awards' programs have advanced the achievements of Canadian agricultural endeavours through support to information and educational opportunities.

The AICF funding programs include the **RBC Foundation Douglas McRorie Memorial Scholarship**, which has provided up to six \$1,500 scholarships annually to students pursuing graduate studies in Agricultural Economics, Business, Finance and Trade. Five scholarships were awarded in 2010. The recipients were:

- Ms. Stefanie Fryza, Mr. Mathew Hink, Ms. Jamie Poirier and Mr. Curtis Sawatzky, University of Manitoba, and
- Mr. Stephen Morrison, University of British Columbia.

The AICF currently has a proposal before the RBC Foundation for continuation of this scholarship.

A respected member of the Canadian agricultural community, Dr. Karl C. Ivarson, passed away on August 2, 2010. His generosity and commitment carries on through the **Dr. Karl C. Ivarson Scholarship**, which provides two \$2,000 scholarships annually to post-graduate students studying soil sciences in the areas of agriculture, agro-ecology, resource management, environment, geology or other related disciplines. The 2010 recipients were:

- Mr. Tyrel Hemsley, University of Alberta, and
- Mr. Mathew VanKoughnett, University of Western Ontario.

For 2011, this Scholarship award has increased to \$3,000.

The **International Union of Nutritional Sciences** program grants funding for travel to graduate students to attend conferences within the purview of the IUNS, to present their research in an oral or poster presentation. The awards cover up to 50% of the travel and registration expenses to a maximum of \$4,000 per person. 2010 IUNS Travel Award recipients were:

- Etham Azarpazhooh, Hussein Hassan, Maryam Khodadadi, Bronwen Powell, Marion Roche and Ajaypal Singh, McGill University;
- Nileeka Balasuriya, Nova Scotia Agriculture College;
- Neelam Dhull, University of Guelph; Rachel Murphy, University of Alberta; and
- Lori Vickers, University of British Columbia.

Due to the robust response in 2011, thirty-seven applications and thirty awards granted, this fund is now nearing completion.

The **Excellence in Extension – The Blackburn Fund** provides up to \$2,000 towards the costs of speakers who promote the principles of extension, adult education and development through workshops,

conferences and symposia that involve participants at either a national or pan-provincial level. The 2010 award recipients were:

- the Canadian Agricultural Safety Association for their workshop “Plan.Farm.Safety – working the plan for confined spaces” held November 15, 2010 in Winnipeg; and
- the Canadian Forage and Grassland Council for the Western Canadian Holistic Management Conference held February 15-16, 2011 in Lloydminster, Alberta.

The AICF also manages the Klinck Lecture series, but there were no lectures in 2010.

Currently, AICF and AIC are exploring the potential of increased collaboration in areas that are of mutual interest and benefit to both. We look forward to these ideas taking form over the upcoming year and will keep our members up to date through our newsletters.

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