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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.

Dr. Karl C. Ivarson Scholarship 2007 Recipients Announced

Hida Manns and Tremayne Stanton Kennedy were selected from the 12 applicants for the Dr. Karl C. Ivarson Scholarship. Each received a \$2,000 award.

Ms. Manns is pursuing her PhD in Soil Science at the University of Manitoba. Her research involves examining



Photo: Hida Manns

the role of mycorrhiza in the cycling of carbon and nitrogen to determine any beneficial economies to greenhouse gas reduction. Ms. Manns received her MSc in Soil Carbon and a BSc in Environmental Science and Biology from Trent University in Peterborough, Ontario.

Ms. Stanton-Kennedy is pursuing her Masters of Landscape Architecture (MLA) from the University of Guelph with a focus on soil management, landscape ecology and reclamation design. Her thesis focus is soil quality development under different vegetation covers at a reclaimed coal mine.

She is part of a joint research program between the University of Guelph and the University of Alberta.



Photo: Tremayne Stanton-Kennedy

Ms. Stanton-Kennedy is a graduate of the University of Northern British Columbia where she earned a BSc in Environmental Science.

The Ivarson Scholarship was made possible through Dr. Karl Ivarson's generous gift to the AIC Foundation. Dr. Ivarson worked as a soil scientist with the Soil Research Institute, Soil Biochemistry Section. In 1978 he was transferred to the Chemistry and Biology Research Institute where he probed and resolved many problems of the effect of microbial activity on mineral transformations in soils. Dr. Ivarson is now retired and currently resides in Calgary. He remains keenly interested in agriculture and especially developments in soils and farmland sustainability.

In 2008 there will again be two, \$2000 Dr. Karl C. Ivarson Scholarships awarded by the AICF. The deadline to submit applications for scholarships is November 1, 2008 and the application form and scholarship guidelines for all of the scholarships administered by the Foundation are posted on the AICF website:

http://www.aic.ca/about/foundation_initiatives.cfm.

Douglas McRorie Memorial Scholarship 2007 Recipients Announced

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 of the AICF, is remembered for his commitment and leadership to the agriculture sector across Canada. In 2006 AICF was pleased to announce an additional 5-year commitment from RBC Royal Bank for continued support of this scholarship.

The Agricultural Institute of Canada Foundation is very pleased to announce the recipients of the 2007 Douglas McRorie Memorial Scholarship. Six applicants were selected to each receive an award of \$1500.



Photo: James Benkie

James Benkie from Edmonton, AB is enrolled in the MSc program in Agricultural Economics at the University of Alberta where he is evaluating the returns to research of barley in Canada, which is especially important in the western Canadian beef sector. James' life "has been absolutely fantastic to this point" and focuses around the family farm located east of Bashwa, AB, his academic interests and his love of sports (particularly volleyball). James tells us that he wakes up each morning with a smile on his face and with the expectation that he will make someone else smile as well!

Jesse Cole from Edmonton, AB is enrolled in the MSc program in Agriculture and Resource Economics at the University of Alberta. Jesse's studies include assessing socio-economic impacts of new crop varieties with novel traits that could be used for bio-products. His future career plans involve working in an agricultural development capacity with cereal crops, and may include third world development issues or the advancement of modern agriculture and practices in North America.



Photo: Jesse Cole



Photo: Christian Iniguez Coronel

Christian Iniguez Coronel, of Edmonton, AB is enrolled in the PhD program in Agricultural and Resource Economics at the University of Alberta. Originally from Ecuador, Christian is studying industrial organization interactions and market structure in agricultural commodities, concentrating in the western Canadian grains and oilseeds sector. He is particularly interested in examining how grain handling agents might be affected, given the recent changes in regulation.

Brian Innes, of Saskatoon, SK is enrolled in the MSc program in Agricultural Economics at the University of Saskatchewan. Brian is studying the role for government in assurance systems for production-derived quality. Raised on a family dairy farm, Brian competed internationally in figure skating from 1999 to 2002 and continues to be involved with Skate Canada. Throughout his education at the University of Guelph and now at the University of Saskatchewan, he has been active in student governance.

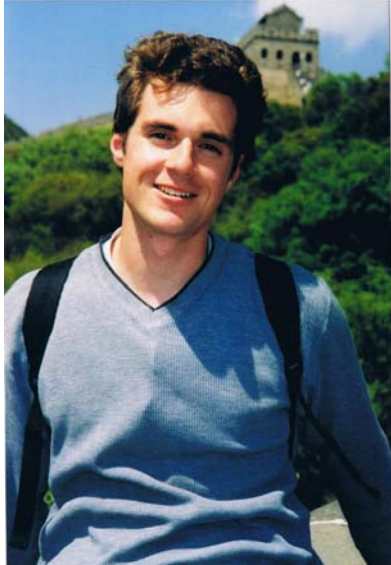


Photo: Brian Innes

Gregory Pate from Guelph, ON is enrolled in the MSc program in Agricultural Economics at the University of Guelph. Gregory's studies focus on how Ontario farmers can get involved using a co-operative business unit structure in the growing area of bio-products. The findings from his research will provide insightful information on what actions producers and their co-operatives should take in order to benefit from value-added activities. Upon graduation Greg plans to work in the agri-business environment for a period of time before operating his own farm.



Photo: Gregory Pate

Pamela Laughland from Guelph, ON is enrolled in the MSc program in the Department of Food and Agriculture Resource Economics at the University of Guelph. She is studying innovative activity in Canada's emerging bio-products sector and its implications for agriculture; she also serves as the Director of the University of Guelph Graduate Students Association. Upon graduation, Pamela intends to pursue a PhD program and hopes to become a professor.



Photo: Pamela Laughland

The foundation will accept applications for the 2008 Scholarships after 31 May 2008 on the AICF website: http://www.aic.ca/about/foundation_initiatives.cfm.

Support to AICF

The AIC Foundation relies on financial donations to continue its work. Your donation will ensure that the Foundation can continue to promote the important role that agriculture plays in our society toward ensuring a safe, abundant and nutritious food supply for all Canadians.

The Foundation is a registered charitable organization and, as such, donations are tax creditable and your support will be acknowledged in the AICF Annual Report.

To make a donation to the Foundation you can download the Donation Form from the Foundation website

http://www.aic.ca/about/pdf/Reply_Form07.pdf and send the form, with a cheque payable to **AIC Foundation**, to the address indicated below. To pay by credit card please call the AICF Manager.

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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 Tribute Circle donation, contact the AICF office by mail or by phone.

2007 Leonard S. Klinck Lecture



Dr. Robert J. Rennie, President and CEO of Spur Ventures Inc., presented the 2007 Leonard S. Klinck Lecture during the Agricultural Institute of Canada's 2007 Conference, in Edmonton, AB. Dr. Rennie spoke about Science and Consumers.

Photo: Dr. Robert J. Rennie

Excellence in Extension – The Blackburn Fund

Excellence in Extension – The Blackburn Fund is a legacy project to advance the principles of extension and development as outlined by the following definition from Foundations and Changing Practices in Extension – 1989.

“Extension – A system of non-formal education. As such, it is a field of professional education practice aimed at:

- *teaching people, in their own context and life situations, how to identify and access their own needs and problems;*
- *helping them acquire the knowledge and skills required to cope effectively with those needs and problems, and*
- *inspiring them to action”*

The Fund will support one or two speakers at national or regional events that are open to the public, whose presentations relate to extension principles and/or adult learning. The maximum contribution is \$2000 per year. The Fund was named in honour of Dr. Donald J. Blackburn for his many contributions to the field of extension and his generous support of the Canadian Society for Extension.

Application guidelines are on the AICF website.

Thank you Jean Sullivan!

Jean Sullivan, AICF Manager since 2006, has moved on to new and exciting projects in the agriculture world effective January 1, 2008. The AICF Board of Governors would like to thank Jean for her commitment and hard work over the years and wish her every success in her future endeavours.



Photo: Jean Sullivan

AICF Annual General Meeting Scheduled

The Annual General Meeting of the Agricultural Institute of Canada foundation will be held by conference call on June 16, 2008. Business will include accepting the 2007 financial statements and electing new officers. If you are interested in participating in the call or joining the Board of Governors please contact the AICF Manager, Elizabeth Muckle-Jeffs, as indicated below.

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Photo (L to R): Kevin Sanderson, Derrick Jamieson, Sandy Todd, AICF Governors at the 2007 Agricultural Institute of Canada Conference in Edmonton, AB.

Please contact any of the Board of Governors, or the AICF Manager, with your comments and ideas for programs or with submissions to future newsletters.