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**Agricultural Research**

# Annual General Meeting 2016



# Agenda

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- Approval of the Agenda
- Adoption of the Minutes of the previous Annual General Meeting
- Reports
  - Report from the Chair
  - Report from the CEO
- Financial reports
- Election to the Board
- New Business
- Adjournment

# Agenda

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- A motion to approve the agenda is required.

# Minutes

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- A motion to approve the minutes of the last Annual General Meeting is required.

# Report from the Chair (1/3)

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- 2015 – three key achievements:
  - National Policy on Agricultural Research
  - Increased advocacy, visibility & relevance
  - Divestiture of the scientific journals
- National policy on agricultural research
  - Result of surveys, consultations and the 2015 conference
  - Released in September 2015
  - Resulted in visibility and political parties including agricultural research in their electoral platforms

# Report from the Chair (2/3)

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- Increased advocacy, communication & relevance:
  - Vocal on key issues (Central Experimental Farm, closure of research stations, federal government capacity and investment in agricultural research)
  - Significant visibility: Over 2,000 followers on social media, AIC notes emailed to large number of followers and AIC quoted in various media
  - AIC's views and opinions are read, distributed and printed in various media

# Report from the Chair (3/3)

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- AIC divested itself of its scientific journals in 2015. This allows the organization to move forward and support its mandate. The new publisher is a well respected Canadian organization (CSP). Employees were protected as much as we could.
- Board decided to only proceed with fellowship award for 2016. More to follow.

# Report from the CEO

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- Office changes:
  - Changes of staff due to sale of journals and retirement
  - New staff:
    - Gabriele Leguerrier (finance)
    - Gloria Sanchez (policy)
- Increased capacity to deliver of AIC's objectives



# Report from the Treasurer (1/3)

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- 2015 Audited Financial Statements - Highlights:
  - Assets are at (\$1,269,000)
  - Good financial position
  - No concerns expressed by the auditors

# Report from the Treasurer (2/3)

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- 2015 highlights:
  - Audit to be undertaken in April
  - Budget predicts breaking even

# Report from the Treasurer (3/3)

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- Motions:
  - To approve the Audited Financial Statements for 2015
  - To name the firm Parker Prins Lebano as auditors for 2017

# Board Elections

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- One candidate:
  - Dr. Andrea Brocklebank

A motion is required to approve the slate of candidates as proposed.

**Other**

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# Adjournment


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- A motion to adjourn is needed.





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