



We are 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 recognizing those who make these achievements possible. Thank you for your continued interest in our work and your generous contributions. We welcome your comments, feedback and your support.

Inspiring knowledge and understanding of the importance of *sustainable* agriculture to society

AICF Objectives

- To advance education by developing and supporting education programs in the agricultural sciences for Canada's agricultural community and the general public;
- To advance education by developing and supporting scholarship programs to foster continued interest in the study of agricultural sciences by university students;
- To promote excellence and efficiency in the Canadian agriculture and food sectors by supporting research on matters of importance to the agricultural community and the general public;
- To promote excellence and efficiency in the Canadian agriculture and food sectors by supporting initiatives of the Agricultural Institute of Canada of benefit to Canada's agricultural community and the general public.

Douglas McRorie Memorial Scholarship 2014 Recipients



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This scholarship, which is made available through the support of the **RBC Foundation**, was established by the AICF in

1990 to honour past-president and agri-finance innovator Douglas McRorie, PAg, FAIC. This year, one PhD level and two Masters level students in agricultural business, economics, finance and trade programs are the 2014 recipients of the AICF Douglas McRorie Memorial Scholarship.



Albert Boaitey is a student at the University of Alberta where he is pursuing his PhD in agricultural economics with research on assessing the economic value of the use of genomic technologies to improve the feed efficiency of Canada's beef cattle sector. Outcomes of this study may not only influence measures aimed at improving Canada's competitive

position but also provide insights into the impacts of these technology applications in primary agricultural production.

Mr. Boaitey is a volunteer for Ducks Unlimited and Oxfam's GROW campaign through which he supports advocacy for sustainable and equitable global food production systems. He also serves on the student executive committee of the international Friendship Group working with international students.

Through his future work, Mr. Boaitey hopes to influence public policy with particular emphasis on sustainability of the farm enterprise and to contribute to the education of Canada's next generation of agribusiness/economics leaders.



Hawley Campbell is an MSc student in the Department of Agricultural and Resource Economics at the University of Alberta. For her thesis research, Ms. Campbell plans to evaluate the economic impacts of Canadian biofuel policies. The results of her thesis work will contribute to the existing literature on the

economy-wide impacts of biofuel policies with analysis and discussion of economic impacts of biofuel policies specific to Canada's agricultural sector.

During summer employments with Alberta Agriculture and Rural Development (AARD), Ms. Campbell learned more about agricultural systems, public policy, and the interaction between environmental conservation and economically efficient agri-food production. Following the completion of her MSc degree, Ms. Campbell intends to continue her academic studies at the PhD level towards a career in agricultural policy that encompasses resource conservation and management.

Sebastian Daly Kindsvater is currently enrolled in the thesis based MSc program in the department of Agriculture and Resource Economics at the University of Guelph. His thesis research is focused in the area of food security, specifically in assessing the economic impact of an international bean



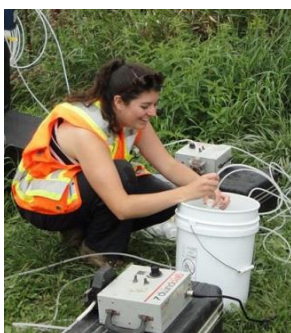
improvement program: has the adoption of new bean varieties translated into economic benefits (yields and net income) for poor farmers? In 2013, Mr. Daly Kindsvater traveled to Honduras to collect primary data in order to conduct this analysis.

With more than 3 years of volunteer experience with Canadian and Latin American NGO's, Mr. Daly Kindsvater worked with a micro-finance organization for entrepreneurial rural women in Costa Rica and later as a Financial Risk Advisor with a rural finance organization in Bolivia. Through employment with an international agency, Mr. Daly Kindsvater plans to advance his research interests before pursuing further academic studies.

For more information on the Douglas McRorie Memorial Scholarship, visit our website, <http://www.aic.ca/foundation/mcristie.cfm>. Photos courtesy of award recipients.

Dr. Karl C. Ivarson (Soils) Scholarship 2014 Recipients

The Dr. Karl C. Ivarson (Soils) Scholarship provides financial support to students entering second or subsequent year of post-graduate studies in soil science (in the areas of agriculture, environment, geology, agro-ecology or other related disciplines). Cailin Hillier and Alexis Tindall were the recipients of the 2014 Dr. Karl C. Ivarson (Soils) Scholarship. Each received a \$5,000 award.



Cailin Hillier is an MSc student in hydrogeology at the University of Waterloo. Her research is concentrated on the Alder Creek Watershed, west of Kitchener-Waterloo, where she is focused on developing an understanding of water governance complexity, with specific interest in source water protection and the implementation of best management practices for the agricultural sector. At the University of Waterloo, Cailin was elected as the Academic Representative of the Geological Engineering program for five consecutive years. She has held a number of directorships through the Engineering Society including Student Life Commissioner, responsible for mentoring younger students, and Editor-in-Chief of the *Iron Warrior* newspaper. Through her volunteer activities, Cailin organizes water education programming for the Girl Guides of Canada, the Canadian Association for Girls in Science and is currently working with the Earth Sciences Museum at the University of Waterloo to design and construct an exhibit of the Grand River Watershed. With varied interests academically, including hydrogeology, geology, outreach and education, environmental journalism and policy, Cailin wants to use her profession to engage an educated public in the many environmental issues facing Canada.



Alexis Tindall is an MSc student in the Department of Soil Science at the University of Saskatchewan. Her Master's research contributes to the Integrated Nutrient and Water Management Project (INUWAM), which is an agricultural development project in the Sahelian region of Africa. The aim of the INUWAM project is to increase crop production and farmer income through dissemination of technology in rainwater conservation and fertilizer microdosing. This research will be used to develop long-term strategies for soil fertility management applicable to the socioeconomic context of smallholder farmers in the Sahelian region and other low input agricultural systems. As director of *Kid's Club at The Bridge on 20th*, an inner city organization in Saskatoon, Alexis is responsible for developing direction for this program that reaches out to underprivileged children. Her long-term career goals include working with farmers in developing countries, solving problems affecting their production and livelihood, to help them increase their food security and wellbeing.

For more information on the Dr. Karl C. Ivarson (Soils) Scholarship visit our website <http://www.aic.ca/foundation/ivarson.cfm>. Photos courtesy of recipients.

First Dr. Karl C. Ivarson Agricultural Scholarships Awarded

The Agricultural Institute of Canada Foundation is proud to announce the first recipients of the *Dr. Karl C. Ivarson Agricultural Scholarship*. Dr. Ivarson passed away in Calgary, Alberta in 2010. He bequeathed the assets from the sale of his farm to the AICF to establish a new scholarship for agricultural students from the province of Alberta. Ms. Jovana Kovacevic received the \$15,000 award for PhD students and Ms. Christina Straathof was the \$10,000 award recipient for MSc students. Both are recognized for their outstanding academic achievements, areas of study, leadership and career interests.

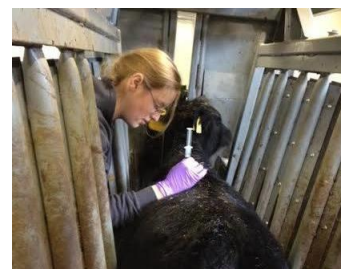


Jovana Kovacevic is a PhD student in Food Science at the University of British Columbia where her research focuses on a foodborne pathogen that is of critical importance to the agriculture industry, *Listeria monocytogenes (Lm)*.

With a background in food science gained through undergraduate and Master's degrees from the University of Alberta, Ms. Kovacevic furthered her understanding of the safety gaps linked to foodborne disease during employment in the food industry and provincial microbiology laboratories. She was inspired to continue with food safety research as a focus for her PhD degree.

Ms. Kovacevic is an active member and volunteer for the BC Food Protection Association. She also served as the graduate student representative in two search committees for faculty positions in the Faculty of Land and Food Systems (LFS) at the University of British Columbia and was recently elected by her peers to serve on the President's Advisory Committee for the new Dean of Faculty of LFS.

Christina Straathof is a Master of Science student in the Department of Agriculture, Food and Nutritional Science at the University of Alberta.



After earning an undergraduate degree from the Nova Scotia Agricultural College (now Dalhousie University Faculty of Agriculture), Ms. Straathof moved to Alberta to pursue her graduate degree. Her research program focuses on residual feed efficiency (RFI) and maternal nutrition in beef cattle. The goal of this research is to provide the beef industry with pertinent knowledge regarding the interaction of RFI and maternal nutrition with important production characteristics including fertility, carcass traits and growth traits.

Ms. Straathof is currently the secretary/treasurer of the University of Alberta Multi-Species Judging Club, a member of the university's Collegiate 4-H club, and is an active hockey official. She enjoys being a positive role model to youth through community involvement, her work with the 4-H organization and as a coach for women's hockey.

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AICF Annual General Meeting

The Annual General Meeting of the AICF was held by conference call on March 25, 2014.

Business included approval of the 2013 financial report and election of Directors, Officers and Committee Chairs.

The Board welcomed new members:

Janice Elmhirst, PhD

Allan Garland, PhD

Yvonne Thyssen-Post, PAg

Nominations to Board of Governors

Are you interested in helping inspire knowledge and understanding of the importance of sustainable agriculture to society? The AICF is accepting nominations to the Board of Governors for elections to be held during the 2015 AGM (spring 2015).

Nominations should be submitted to the AIC Foundation Manager, including the nominee's curriculum vitae. Governors serve rotating terms of three (3) years and officers are elected annually.

Your donation to the AICF supports a *strong future* for Canadian agriculture

Donating to the Agricultural Institute of Canada Foundation is one way to support the future of a strong agricultural sector. Your donation can be applied to various AICF initiatives, including:

Douglas McRorie Memorial Scholarship

Dr. Karl C. Ivarson Scholarships

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For information about these initiatives, visit the AICF website, <http://www.aic.ca/foundation/initiatives.cfm>. As the Agricultural Institute of Canada Foundation is a registered charity, all donations made to it are tax creditable and an official tax receipt will be mailed to you.

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