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President's Message

CORRINA DAWE, PAg

In 2012, the Agricultural Institute of Canada Foundation marked its 25th anniversary of inspiring knowledge and understanding of the importance of sustainable agriculture to society. Over the past quarter century, the Foundation has implemented an outstanding series of programs including scholarships and grants, newsletters, lectures, conferences and other events, to advocate the importance of agriculture to Canadians.

These programs are made possible through the generous contributions of AICF's supporters, donors and sponsors. Your commitment to strengthening the Foundation's initiatives and in encouraging new endeavors is sincerely appreciated. Through your support, Canadians are gaining a better understanding of the role of agriculture in today's world and a new generation of skilled professionals is aided in their pursuit of agricultural knowledge.

Throughout our history, the Foundation has been honoured to maintain the legacies of successful professional agrologists through the administration of scholarships, grants and lectures made possible by their generosity and foresight. Bequests from icons such as Dr. Karl C. Ivarson, Dr. Donald J. Blackburn, Mr. Douglas McRorie, and the founder of the Agricultural Institute of Canada, Dr. Leonard S. Klinck, encourage continued Canadian achievements in agriculture.

In the upcoming year, we look forward to introducing an important new scholarship: the Dr. Karl C. Ivarson Agricultural Scholarship. Dr. Ivarson first funded a scholarship program with the AICF in 2006 for post-graduate students in soil science and related fields. Upon his passing in 2010, he bequeathed a significant portion of his estate to the AICF, enabling the establishment of an additional scholarship fund in his name.

Another significant scholarship administered by the AICF is the Douglas McRorie Memorial Scholarship for post-graduate students who have chosen a business emphasis in their agricultural studies. This scholarship is made possible through the generosity of the Royal Bank of Canada Foundation.

Over the past year it has been my sincere privilege to work with the exceptional group of volunteers who serve as Governors of the Foundation. These individuals represent leaders in the profession from across Canada; each brings special expertise to the AICF and all share a common commitment to the Foundation's work.

Together with the dedication of on-going supporters and by engaging new champions, the AICF looks forward to continuing to provide Canadians with information, programs and activities that will inspire a vibrant future for Canadian agriculture.

Corrina Dawe, PAg
President, Agricultural Institute of Canada Foundation 2011/2012

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Excellence in Extension The Blackburn Fund

This fund, created by a gift from the former Canadian Society of Extension (CSE), supports the expenses of current, credible speakers at national and regional events on topics advocating the principles of extension and development. The award honours Dr. Donald J. Blackburn for his many contributions to the field of extension and his generous support of the CSE. Due to limited remaining funds, no awards were granted in 2012. It is hoped that future fundraising will provide for Blackburn Fund awards in coming years.

Klinck Lectures

The AICF also manages the Klinck Lecture series. There were no lectures in 2012.

HayEast

In 2002 the AICF raised funds to support the transport of hay donated by eastern farmers to farmers in the west hard hit by drought conditions. In 2012, the route reversed and farmers in the west responded to the needs of farmers in Eastern Canada. AICF joined in the effort to raise funds to support the transport of hay provided by Western farmers to needy farmers in Eastern Canada. Funds raised through the AICF appeal were provided to the Mennonite Disaster Services, one of the lead agencies in the HayEast 2012 campaign. The AICF thanks all donors who responded to this appeal.

Donors to the AICF

As a registered charity, personal donations to the AIC Foundation are tax creditable. Numerous donations to AICF were received from private donors in 2012. The AICF gratefully acknowledges the support of the following donors as well as those who chose to remain anonymous:

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Donations were also received from the Ontario Institute of Agrologists, Nova Scotia Institute of Agrologists and the Newfoundland and Labrador Institute of Agrologists. We sincerely thank the provincial institutes for their support. *The RBC Foundation* is recognized for its valued support of the Douglas McRorie Memorial Scholarship.

AICF 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.

Newsletter

The AICF Connections Newsletter was published as a Spring edition in 2012. The newsletter is distributed by mail and email and is online at: www.aic.ca/about/foundation.cfm. To add your name to the mailing list to receive the newsletter, send a request to the AICF office including your full name, email address and mailing address.

CELEBRATING 25 YEARS OF INSPIRING KNOWLEDGE & UNDERSTANDING OF THE IMPORTANCE OF *sustainable* AGRICULTURE TO SOCIETY.

The Agricultural Institute of Canada Foundation (AICF) is a national charity established in 1987 to improve public awareness of agriculture and its importance to human and animal health, food security and the Canadian economy. The AICF Board of Directors, all volunteers, are professionals from across Canada with diverse expertise, but a common commitment to achieving the Foundation's objectives.

Douglas McRorie Memorial Scholarship

This scholarship is made available through the generous support of the RBC Foundation. It was established by the AIC Foundation in 1990 to honour past-president and agri-finance innovator Douglas McRorie, PAg, FAIC. In 2012, six post-graduate students in agricultural business, finance and/or trade received \$1,500 scholarships in recognition of their achievements. For 2013 the Douglas McRorie Memorial Scholarship has increased to two awards of \$3,000 each for Masters level students and one award of \$5,000 for PhD level.

Ali Cagdas – PhD candidate in Agricultural Economics, University of Alberta

Eskandar ElMarzougui – PhD candidate in Economics, Laval University

Anya Lundy – Masters of Science in Agricultural Economics, McGill University

Kai (Kevin) Chang – Master of Science in Food, Agricultural and Resource Economics, University of Guelph

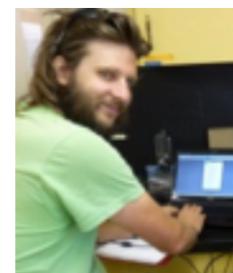
Shuang Li – Master of Science in Agricultural Economics, University of Guelph

Kelvin Tsang – Master of Science in Food, Agricultural and Resource Economics, University of Guelph



Dr. Karl C. Ivarson (Soils) Scholarship

The Dr. Karl C. Ivarson 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). Alex Koiter and Tariq Munir were the recipients of the 2012 Dr. Karl C. Ivarson (Soils) Scholarship. Each received a \$3,000 award.



Alex Koiter, Ph.D. candidate in the Natural Resources and Environmental Studies Program, University of Northern British Columbia. His current research focuses on better understanding soil erosion and sediment transport at the watershed scale using sediment fingerprinting (sediment source tracing) techniques.

Mr. Koiter shares his passion about science and the natural world through his active engagement in UNBC and community organizations. Mr. Koiter was awarded his professional designation as an agrologist through the British Columbia Institute of Agrologists in 2012 and is a member of the Canadian Society of Soil Science, the Soil Science Society of America and the Soil and Water Conservation Society.



Tariq Munir, PhD candidate in Physical Geography, University of Calgary. His research is in quantifying the potential effects of warming and water table drawdown expected to occur under climate changes, on carbon dioxide exchange, methane efflux, dissolved organic carbon concentration and discharge, peat chemistry and nutrient status in a peatland complex near the town of Wandering River, Alberta.

Mr. Munir believes in teaching and practicing his soil and environment profession and currently instructs an undergraduate course in soils and vegetation at the University of Calgary. He has also supervised several undergraduate research technicians during the summer field season, assisting in their training and providing guidance in the design of their thesis projects.

Dr. Ivarson was a soil scientist with the Soil Research Institute, where he worked to solve problems on the effect of microbial soil activity on mineral transformation in soils. Dr. Ivarson passed away in August 2010 but his legacy will continue through the scholarships established in his name. For 2013, the Dr. Karl C. Ivarson (Soils) Award has increased to two awards of \$5,000 each.

AICF expresses its sincere appreciation to the Education and Scholarship Committee for their diligent work on these scholarships.

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 agriculture. Your donation can be applied to various AICF initiatives, including:

- Douglas McRorie Memorial Scholarship
- Dr. Karl C. Ivarson Scholarship
- Blackburn Extension Fund
- Personal Legacy
- Leonard S. Klinck Lecture Series

For information about these initiatives, visit the AIC Foundation website www.aic.ca/about/foundation_initiatives.cfm.
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