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We're pleased to share with you some of the initiatives that have been underway with the AIC Foundation. 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.

Douglas McRorie Memorial Scholarship

The Agricultural Institute of Canada Foundation is very pleased to announce the recipients of the 2008 Douglas McRorie Memorial Scholarship. Eighteen applications were received and from those, six applicants were selected to each receive an award of \$1500.

Ashleigh McLellan studies Agribusiness and Agricultural Economics at the University of Manitoba. Her research is investigating the economic potential and agronomic benefits of incorporating an annual or perennial grain legume cover crop into a typical crop rotation in southern Manitoba.

Guy Chapda Nana is a student at Université Laval where he studies Agri-food Trade Policy, International Trade and Industrial Organization. His current focus is on GDP function, trade policies and marketing of Quebec's maple syrup.



Photo: Guy Chapda Nana



Juanita Teullet Febres studies Agricultural Trade, Agricultural Policy and Development at the University of Manitoba. She is embarking on the research project "Predictability in International Poultry Trade: The Implications of Doha Development Round WTO Negotiations on Canadian Poultry Products".

Photo: Juanita Teullet Febres

Michael Weber is studying Food, Agricultural and Resource Economics at the University of Guelph. His research is estimating the effects of environmental policies on farm operators and helping them improve efficiency by developing some key performance indicators.



Photo: Michael Weber

Tanis Sirski attends the University of Manitoba where she is studying Agricultural Economics at the University of Manitoba. She is part of the collaborative research project "Determining the Economic and Production Benefits of Later Versus Early Calving Seasons on Western Canadian Pastures".



Photo: Tanis Sirski

Danyi Yang attends the University of Alberta where she is studying Agricultural and Resource Economics with a specialization in Production Economics. Her area of study is the economics of winter wheat production in the Canadian Prairies.

Applications for the 2009 Douglas McRorie Memorial Scholarship are currently being accepted up to the submission deadline of November 6, 2009. Application forms and scholarship guidelines are available at: http://www.aic.ca/about/foundation_initiatives.cfm

Dr. Karl C. Ivarson Scholarship

Margaret Caldecott and Ryan Hangs were selected from 15 applicants for the 2008 Dr. Karl C. Ivarson Scholarship. Each received a \$2,000 award.

Margaret Caldecott is currently studying at the University of Guelph. She is looking at the influence of management practices, such as manure and fertilizer rates on soil phosphorus forms, in addition to the affects of tillage practices on phosphorus lost in water. Considering agriculture has been identified as a non-point source of water pollution, these studies will allow for more environmentally friendly farming practices, which can lead to a healthier agricultural future. Once Ms. Caldecott has completed her thesis, she hopes to find employment within a local conservation authority or with the Ontario Ministry of Agriculture, Food and Rural Affairs in the areas of source water protection, soil management or rural planning.

Ryan Hangs is a Ph.D. student in the Department of Soil Science at the University of Saskatchewan. His research will help to fill the current knowledge gap regarding cultivating short rotation intensive culture willow plantations for use as a bioenergy feedstock. Positive, measurable outcomes are anticipated for agricultural diversification, given the renewable energy industry desiring reliable biomass feedstock alternatives, and strategy development for Canada's Kyoto commitments. Ryan has always esteemed applied research and is passionate about studying the critical role of maintaining soil quality for promoting the sustainable stewardship of our planet.

In 2009 there will again be two, \$2000 Dr. Karl C. Ivarson Scholarships awarded by the AIC Foundation. The application deadline is November 6, 2009.

Application forms and scholarship guidelines are available at http://www.aic.ca/about/foundation_initiatives.cfm

AIC Foundation Tribute Circle

The AIC Foundation 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 AIC Foundation's Manager.

The AIC Foundation / IUNS Travel Award for the Nutritional Sciences

Through the generous contribution of funds from the International Union of Nutritional Sciences (IUNS), the AIC Foundation is pleased to be able to provide travel grants to graduate students and post-doctoral fellows from Canadian academic institutions with a recognized agricultural college, in order that they participate in scientific conferences, within the purview of the IUNS, to present their research.

The Mission of the IUNS is: To promote advancement in nutrition science, research and development through international cooperation at the global level; and to encourage communication and collaboration among nutrition scientists as well as to disseminate information in nutritional sciences through modern communication technology.

There are two application deadlines each year and the number of grants awarded in any year will be based on the number of qualified applicants and funds available. The 2009 application deadlines were May 15, 2009 for conferences held before December 31, 2009 and November 15, 2009 for conferences held before June 30, 2010. Applications are available online at: www.aic.ca/about/foundation_initiatives.cfm

The first 13 awards have been allocated based on applications received by the May 15, 2009 deadline. Details about the recipients will be announced at a later date.

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AIC Foundation Annual General Meeting

The Annual General Meeting of the AIC Foundation will be held by conference call on September 21, 2009. Business will include approving the 2008 Financial Review and Engagement Report, and electing new Governors and Officers. If you are interested in participating in the AGM, or as a member of the Board of Governors, please contact the AIC Foundation's Manager by July 31, 2009.

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Donating to the Agricultural Institute of Canada Foundation is one way to support the future of agriculture.

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- The Klinck Lecture Series
- Dr. Karl C. Ivarson Scholarship
- Douglas McRorie Memorial Scholarship
- The Blackburn Extension Fund
- AICF/IUNS Travel Award for the Nutritional Sciences
- Legacy Projects

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

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