Ivarson Scholarships Benefit Worthy Recipients

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The AIC Foundation is pleased to announce the 2007 recipients of the Dr. Karl C. Ivarson Scholarships.

Tremayne Stanton-Kennedy, studying at the University of Guelph, and Hida Manns, attending the University of Manitoba were selected from among the applicants to each receive a two thousand dollar award.

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 focuses on soil quality development and its relationship with plant community dynamics since reclamation at a coal mine. This research is performed jointly between the University of Guelph and the University of Alberta. Ms. Stanton-Kennedy is a graduate of the University of Northern British Columbia where she earned a BSc Environmental Science.

Ms. Manns is registered at the University of Manitoba, perusing her PhD in Soil Science. Her research involves examining the role of mycorrhiza in the cycling of carbon and nitrogen to determine any economies beneficial 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.

The Ivarson Scholarship was made possible through Dr. Karl Ivarson’s generous gift to the 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 until recently maintained his interest in soil science by actively managing the soil and crop management decisions on farmland he owns in rural Alberta. He currently resides in Calgary and remains keenly interested in agriculture and especially developments in soils and farmland sustainability.

In 2008 there will again be two Dr. Karl C. Ivarson Scholarships awarded by the AICF. Application forms and scholarship guidelines for the Ivarson Scholarship and other scholarships administered by the Foundation will be posted on the AICF website http://www.aic.ca/about/foundation_initiatives.cfm

The deadline for submission of applications for scholarships is Nov. 1, 2008.

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Background

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. Funding the assembly, analysis and distribution of factual information on agricultural issues.
. Supporting scholarships in agriculture disciplines.
. Supporting activities by universities that improve students' knowledge and understanding of the agricultural industry and its importance to the economy and the environment.
. Supporting research on matters affecting agriculture.

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