

## Dr. Karl C. Ivarson Agricultural Scholarship Recipients 2013

The Agricultural Institute of Canada Foundation is honoured to announce the first recipients of the prestigious Dr. Karl C. Ivarson Agricultural Scholarship. Ms. Jovana Kovacevic from the University of British Columbia has received the \$15,000 award for PhD students and Ms. Christina Straathof from the University of Alberta is the \$10,000 award recipient for MSc students. Both are recognized for their outstanding academic achievements, areas of study, leadership and career interests. In leaving a bequest to AICF to establish this award, Dr. Ivarson wished to support students from his home province of Alberta in their pursuit of studies in agricultural sciences.



**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.



**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.

The Dr. Karl C. Ivarson Agricultural Scholarship is made possible through a generous bequest to the AICF by noted Albertan soil scientist, the late [Dr. Karl C. Ivarson](#). Corrina Dawe, President of the Agricultural Institute of Canada Foundation, congratulated the exceptional students who are the first recipients of this scholarship. "Dr. Ivarson's dedication to his profession and to his home province of Alberta was truly inspiring," noted Ms. Dawe. "He was passionate about his commitment to supporting the future of agriculture and the advancement of students studying agricultural sciences and through his generosity students will benefit for many years to come."