



Innovation for Growth – Trends and Successes Redefining Agriculture

Registration is open for the 2006 AIC Conference – **Innovation for Growth – Trends and Successes Redefining Agriculture**. AIC Members can register at www.aic.ca/conferences/registration_online.cfm or download a form to register by fax, mail or phone. The Preliminary Program is available online at <http://www.aic.ca/conferences/upcoming.cfm> Early registration discount ends August 31.

Nominating Committee Report - AIC Board of Directors

The Agricultural Institute of Canada (AIC) Nominating Committee has completed its nominations and submitted their report as outlined in the AIC By-Laws. In accordance with the By-Laws, we are now inviting groupings of any five (5) voting members of the AIC to submit further nominations for the office of Director or Vice President. These nominations must be delivered to the AIC office no later than 20 days from the date of the notice (ie: by August 18th), and must include the biographical sketch and consent of the nominees to stand for election. Send your additional nominations by e-mail to tbeach@aic.ca or by FAX attention Tom Beach 613-594-5190.

AIC Nominating Committee Report, Kim Shukla, Chair, AIC Nominating Committee - July 17, 2006

The committee was tasked with nominating one director and a Vice President from within the AIC membership. One of the current board members has agreed to let his name stand for the position of Vice President, which then created a second Board Member position for which we sought a nominee. We are pleased to present the following three candidates to the AIC Board for their approval:

Graham Gilchrist, PAg, for the office of Vice President; Isabelle Breune, agr, for the office of Director; and Digvir Jayas, PAg, PEng, for the office of Director,

Graham Gilchrist, P.Ag. nominated for Vice President

Graham Gilchrist joined the AIC board of Directors in November 2005. He grew up on a ranch in southern Alberta and holds a Bachelor of Science in Agricultural

Business from Montana State University and a certificate from the Southern Alberta Institute of Technology as an Emergency Medical Responder.

Graham Gilchrist is a Professional Agrologist and was appointed as Assistant Farmers' Advocate in January of 2006. Prior to this appointment he was a Business Risk Management Specialist with Alberta Agriculture, Food and Rural Development. He is also active in his community. He volunteers his time to the Town of Calmar's Community Development Committee and Rotary.

Graham's vision is that AIC is the national voice for Canadians who practice their profession in food. From primary production to food processing, from practical application to scientific discovery, AIC has a role in filling in the gaps as policy is made. As policy on a national scale is developed, AIC is there to offer our insights and prospective.

In 2002 Graham was elected President of the Alberta Institute of Agrologists (AIA) and during that time AIA changed the way it governs itself. By doing so, Graham had a direct impact on AIA in helping to ensure that they were in a better position to adapt and grow in Alberta's ever changing professional and technical landscape.

Graham firmly believes that one main role of the board is to consistently visit with the owners of the organization to make sure the final results the board says it will accomplish are actually your results. He says "My job is to make sure this happens."

Digvir Jayas – nominated for Director

Digvir S. Jayas is a Registered Professional Engineer and a Registered Professional Agrologist. He has taught courses in the areas of food engineering, finite element method, and instrumentation and controls. He conducts research in the areas of physical properties of agricultural products; modified atmosphere storage of grains, oilseeds, potatoes, and meats; mathematical modelling of biological systems; and digital image processing for grading and processing operations in the Agri-Food industry. His research covers a broad spectrum between basic and applied research.

He has authored or co-authored over 500 technical articles in scientific journals, conference proceedings and books. He is co-editor of two books entitled "Stored-Grain Ecosystems" and "Insect Pests of Stored Products: A Global Scenario" and co-author of a book entitled "Grain Drying: Theory and Practice."

He has served as a member and chaired the Strategic Grant SelectioPanel and Research Network Selection Committee of NSERC, has served on the Executive of the Genome Prairie and TRILabs, has served as President of the Canadian Engineering Qualifications Board of the Canadian Council of Professional Engineers, has served as President of both the Canadian Institute of Food Science and Technology and the Canadian Society for Bioengineering.

Dr. Jayas is currently serving as a member of the Manitoba Chamber of Commerce and Composite Innovation Centre, and as President of the Association of Professional Engineers and Geoscientists of Manitoba. He provided leadership in the conceptualization and construction of the Canadian Wheat Board Centre for Grain Storage Research and scientific leadership to the Richardson Centre for Functional Foods and Nutraceuticals.

Isabelle Breune – nominated for Director

Isabelle Breune est agente de programmes en agroenvironnement pour Agriculture et Agroalimentaire Canada au Québec. Elle a grandi sur une ferme laitière dans l'Est de la France. Elle a obtenu un baccalauréat et une maîtrise en science des sols à L'Université Laval de Québec. Elle a travaillé pendant 6 ans comme conseillère en agroenvironnement en pratique privée et pour un club agroenvironnemental. Lors de son implication au sein de l'organisme de protection de l'environnement (UQCN), elle a également rédigé plusieurs articles concernant la protection de l'environnement en milieu agricole au Québec.

Isabelle Breune is an Agroenvironmental Programs Officer for Agriculture and Agri-food Canada in Québec. She was raised on a small dairy farm in Eastern France. She received her B. Sc. and M. Sc. in soil science from University Laval in Québec. She worked as an agro-environmental advisor for 6 years in private practice and for an agro-environmental advisory club. While working for an environmental protection organization (UQCN), she wrote articles on agro-environmental protection in Quebec.

Notice of AIC Annual General Meeting

The Agricultural Institute of Canada Annual General Meeting will take place on Sunday, November 5th at 3:00 pm at the Fairmont, Winnipeg, Manitoba.

University Programs Undergo Review by National Agrology Accreditation Program

NSAC, Guelph and Saskatchewan are first in line.

The second accreditation review of Canadian agricultural university baccalaureate degrees is underway. This second round, follows eight years after the AIC/OAQ Accreditation program was first launched in 1998 at the request of the of Canadian Faculties of Agriculture and Veterinary Medicine. The program will continue to work to meet the goal of ensuring that graduates from Canada's academic faculties meet the requirements established by the provincial institutes of Agrologists and the OAQ.

The first three institutions, the Nova Scotia Agricultural College, the University of Guelph and the University of Saskatchewan are undertaking their Self Study Reports over the next three to six months with plans for Site Visits at all three institutions to be concluded by the end of 2007.

Since the 2005 review, the Accreditation process has been reviewed, evaluated, and updated. Volunteers, including Accreditation Committee members, and Site Surveyors are completing online training through the Association of Accrediting Agencies of Canada.

This program is now called the National Agrology Accreditation program and is administered by AIC and supported by all the academic Institutions which request reviews of their programs, and the provincial regulatory bodies except British Columbia Institute of Agrologists. To learn more about the process visit <http://www.aic.ca/agrology/accreditation.cfm>

Keeping Current

Each week when we send out AIC NOTES, and monthly when we send out the AIC Monthly Report, we get e-mails bouncing back because people have changed their e-mail or have directed AIC information to an e-mail they are no longer maintaining.

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