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## **INTRODUCTION**

The focus of CSHS is now on the International Horticultural Congress in Toronto in August of 2002. The organizing committees have been exceptionally busy and we applaud their efforts. Note the message from AICF. Our collaboration with the Horticulturists in Ghana is progressing well.

## **PRESIDENT'S CORNER**

Abstracts have been arriving steadily for the International Horticulture Congress in 2002. The program committee will be working very hard throughout the fall to determine the program of presented papers and posters. I am sure that many CSHS members have received the postcard as a first call for registration. Every attempt was made to keep fees and costs reasonable to encourage graduate student participation while providing an event that fits the stature of the IHC.

At the Congress there will be 23 Symposia, 7 colloquia and at least 40 workshops all organized by the international experts in their field. Presentations at these events are carefully screened and chosen to produce the highest quality program. These events will be highly organized to provide a focused and intensive level of scientific information. Workshops will provide an opportunity for very focused discussions on key issues related to horticultural working groups.

Response from the ASHS attendees (Sacramento July 2001) was very positive and we hope to see a large percentage of the ASHS membership in Toronto in 2002.

We would like to have a large showing of our CSHS membership so I would encourage you to register early. There is strength in numbers so encourage all of your students and colleagues to join CSHS today and register for IHC 2002.

Valerie Stevens, one of the representatives of the Scientific Societies on the AIC board has been actively surveying Society Presidents and Executive to provide input to the AIC annual meeting. It seems that our Societies are mainly interested in conferences focused on their science rather than the broader issues of agriculture. For many of us, conference funding and time to attend are becoming scarce so it is important to choose conferences wisely. Location is another important issue that needs to be discussed. Our views around the annual conference will be presented at an upcoming AIC meeting. Currently, CSHS has not decided on a venue for the 2003 meeting.

# XXVI<sup>th</sup> INTERNATIONAL HORTICULTURAL CONGRESS AND EXHIBITION - AN UPDATE

Norman E. Looney, Congress President

It has been some months since I have provided an update about the development of the IHC. Much is now resolved about the core program for this major international event but I expect to see minor changes and additions for several more months. It is now clear that this first ever Canadian IHC will have an outstanding scientific program. It is equally clear that our tours and social program will astound even the most jaded visitor.

## Our Symposia

I am writing this piece on October 11 and we have received about 1500 of the expected 2000+ titles and abstracts that will be incorporated into the 23 multi day symposia and poster sessions.. They are coming from every corner of the globe. Clearly, the world of horticultural science is aware of this meeting and wishes to attend! I have been following those contributions submitted “online” and I can report that all 23 symposia will have very strong material with which to build a multi-day program. As expected, some symposia appear to be more popular than others but we can adjust the meeting room size to accommodate these differences.

**Yves Desjardins** and his six Scientific Program Task Force members (**Bob Prange, John Proctor, Praveen Saxena, Campbell Davidson, Dan Cantliffe and Dennis Ray**), augmented by **Peter Hicklenton** and myself, will meet in Toronto on November 16-17 to review all abstracts. Most contributions will be sent on to symposium conveners to start the process of incorporating them into the program as either oral or poster presentations. As you will appreciate, this is a big job and one that is hugely important in the process of program development.

## Our Colloquia

The seven Congress-wide colloquia, each with three world-renowned speakers, will soon be fully described at [www.ihc2002.org](http://www.ihc2002.org). These colloquia will give voice to our “**Horticulture: Art and Science for Life**” theme as well as address topics of great current interest to “science at large.” Here are three examples. Colloquium One (Applying the Art and Science of Horticulture to Improving Human Life Quality) to be held in Roy Thomson Hall on Monday morning will feature the widely respected Pulitzer Prize winning philosopher of science, Professor E.O. Wilson (Harvard University). Wilson will be followed by Julie Moir Messervy, famous garden architect and co-creator (with Yo-Yo Ma) of the Toronto Music Garden. Colloquium Two (The Knowledge Business) has Sir Ghillean Prance of the UK speaking about challenges and opportunities in knowledge acquisition, Dr. Paul Kearney (U. of Waterloo) on information management/information technology, and Professor Robert Sternberg, Yale University Distinguished Professor of Educational Psychology, on information transfer. Colloquium Six (Mission to Mars: Challenges and Opportunities for Plant Science) will feature two highly respected scientists from the two USA Space Centers (Ames and Kennedy) and Canadian astronaut Dr. Robert Thirsk.

I would urge you to check out these colloquia. Let your friends, family and colleagues hear you effuse about the quality of this program!

### **Tours**

**Neil Miles** and his core team members (**Bob Cobbedick and Jim Rainforth**) have now finalized the 18 post-Congress tours that will explore the horticulture of southern Ontario on Saturday, August 17. He has also made huge progress toward determining where each of the more than 70 buses will stop en route to Niagara Falls on Wednesday, August 14. You can imagine the impressive team of volunteers assembled by Miles et al.! This Niagara Excursion will be the highlight of the meeting for many of our visitors!

### **Publicity**

**Katrine Stewart** is helping us sell this Congress and Canadian horticulture to the world. She has commissioned a series of five articles about Canadian horticulture for *Chronica Horticulturae*. If you are a member of the ISHS you will have seen the first installment from Ontario. Many other initiatives are underway, each designed to sell the Congress to as wide an audience as possible.

These are very busy times for the Congress organizing team and I greatly appreciate the dedication to this project that I see every day. The Canadian Society for Horticultural Science is not large but it has its share of truly remarkable individuals! I would ask every CSHS member to register early (this will help us manage our cash flow requirements), help promote the Congress, and stand ready to be hospitable and helpful next August. There will be many instances where you can help with hospitality, logistics, and sundry other tasks. Above all we will need your enthusiasm and moral support throughout that very satisfying but potentially stressful week!

NEL; October 11, 2001

## **CSHS IN GHANA**

Planning continues for the collaborative project between CSHS and the Ghana Institute of Horticulturists (GhIH). The project entitled 'Ghana Dry Season Gardens' will address issues related to vegetable production in the dry season in northwest Ghana. This CIDA funded project is administered through the International Agricultural Development Program of AIC. In January 2002, two of the three coordinators of this project, Ms. Dinah Ceplis from Assiniboine Community College in Brandon, MB and Dr. Merv Pritchard from the University of Manitoba will travel to Ghana for two weeks to meet with GhIH members, talk to farmers, and work on the project proposal. The other CSHS coordinator, Dr. Evans Estabrooks, who was in Ghana with the CSHS team in January 2001, is assisting with project planning. Funding was approved for this project for one year in 2001. A full project proposal will be submitted to AIC in February requesting funding for an additional four years.

GhIH coordinators, Professor J.C. Norman, Martin Yeboah, and Joe Bapule have been working with GhIH members collecting data and establishing some of the infrastructure needed to successfully carry out the objectives of the project. Representatives of GhIH will hopefully

attend the International Horticultural Congress in Toronto in 2002. They will also have the opportunity to visit a number of institutions in Canada to learn more about horticulture Canadian style, and to meet with a number of CSHS members.

Anyone wishing to learn more about the project can contact any one of the CSHS coordinators.

Merv Pritchard

## **AIC - RENEWAL**

The Agricultural Institute of Canada Foundation is preparing a number of articles relating to the AICF, its history and activities. These articles are written by the Foundation Governors and will be distributed by email to AIC Member Organizations and when appropriate the media. Attached is an article titled: "Why do we have the AIC Foundation?"

Please share this information with your membership in newsletters, email updates or on websites.

Thank you,  
Jean Sullivan, AAg  
for the AICF Board of Governors

### **Why do we have the “AGRICULTURE INSTITUTE OF CANADA FOUNDATION”?**

**The Agriculture Institute of Canada Foundation (AICF) was founded in 1986 as an autonomous, non-profit foundation that exists to serve its members and improve public understanding of Canadian agriculture. It does this by improving communications between various facets of the agriculture industry and promoting public awareness of agriculture and its role within Canada. The Foundation provides a national, professional and scientific viewpoint on matters of concern to agriologists and the agriculture industry in general. The importance of Canadian agriculture and agri-business continues to be a prominent focus of AICF as it evolves to better service its member organizations, which are the Provincial Institutes and Scientific Societies across Canada that make up the federation of the Agriculture institute of Canada.**

The AICF funds and supports a wide range of activities including; conferences, forums, lectures (most notably the Klinck Lectures), agriculture and agri-business scholarships, leadership programs, historical publications and collections etc. The Foundation accepts contributions and funds from individuals and institutions (such as the Royal Bank of Canada) as well as raising money through the sale of prints and books. The Foundation Governors are appointed from the Provincial Institute, Scientific Societies and from the AIC itself. During the past year the AICF has streamlined its administration and governance to bring it closer to the membership and to improve access to programs and projects. It has been redesigned to focus on working within the

practice of agrology and with the individual member groups. These new directions are incorporated into the by-laws revised at the 2001 AICF annual meeting.

The AICF has launched a new communication plan designed to raise its profile and to bring it closer to its membership. Articles and activity reports will be written for member organizations' newsletters and websites as well as for the farm press. It is hoped through greater awareness and understanding of the Foundation and its function, more members will access, promote and support the programs and projects offered. Other planning is underway and outcomes will be publicized throughout the year. One such ambitious project is the forthcoming national conference on "Agricultural Nutrients and Their Impact on Rural Water Quality". This conference is scheduled for April 28 to 30, 2002 in Waterloo, Ontario and is targeted at municipal and regional government officials, agricultural producers, rural residents, environmental groups and consultants, and many other sectors of our society. The Foundation undertook the hosting of this venture in order to provide a forum of the latest scientific research and technology, best agricultural practices, and policy and legislation related to the use of agricultural nutrients.

The AICF welcomes feedback, input and ideas from the membership. It especially would welcome suggestions for possible projects, funding sources for future growth of the Foundation. To contact the AICF write to Wayne Wickens, PAg, President, 141 Laurier Ave West, Suite 1112, Ottawa, Ontario K1P 5J3 or email <<lwickens@rapidnet.net>>

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