

## Why Is This Man Smiling?

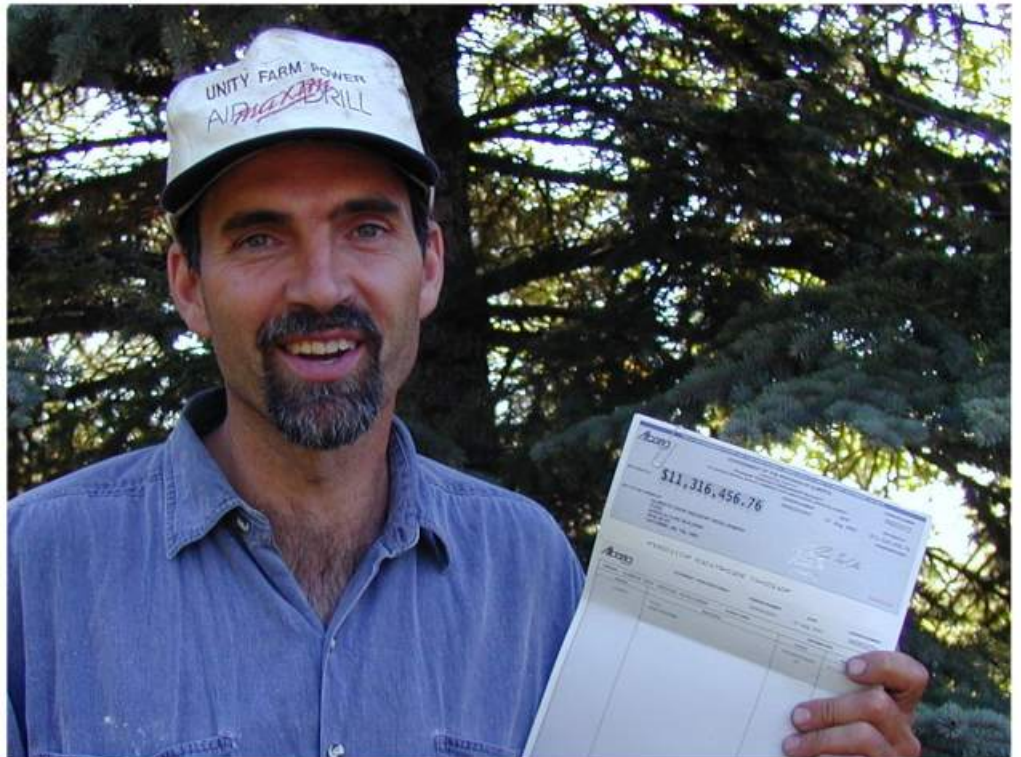
**F**or Cam Klapstein and the other ACIDF board members, this cheque marks the end of nearly 18 months of hard work.

On August 23rd, the Rt. Hon. Minister of Agriculture, Shirley McClellan signed the funding agreement with ACIDF. Cam kindly stopped farming operations long enough to pose for a once-in-a-lifetime picture.

The money has since been invested with Cianne McLean of RBC Dominion Securities of Calgary. Mark MacNaughton,

secretary/treasurer of the ACIDF has worked closely with Cianne to develop a practical, conservative investment program that meets both AAFRD requirements and ACIDF's business plan.

*The ACIDF is now "open for business."*



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## ACPC Sets Standard For Signatories

The Alberta Canola Producers Commission is well known for its industry leadership. Their approach to canola development projects is professional and thorough. Now they have turned their attention to a process for oilseed related ACIDF letters of recommendation.

In August, General Manager Ward Toma announced a new section to the ACPC web site. Located at [www.canola.ab.ca/agr/acidfguidelines.shtml](http://www.canola.ab.ca/agr/acidfguidelines.shtml) is a comprehensive set of information aimed at streamlining the recommendation process. Toma's approach not only simplifies the information flow between applicant, the signatory and ACIDF, but it helps ensure the recommended work is in line with industry needs and goals within the oilseed sector.

The site includes:

- a list of information required to consider a project
- ACPC's strategic plan and long term strategies
- Contact information for submissions



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## New Director Joins ACIDF Board

**Colin Campbell** joined the board of directors at the August 15th meeting. Colin is a Senior Marketing and Trade Officer with Agriculture and Agri-Food Canada (AAFC) stationed in Edmonton.

Colin brings a federal perspective to the board table. He has extensive knowledge of Canada-wide programs, policies and contacts. Colin also has experience in the meat industries and international markets.

Colin's job, as with Alan Hall and John Tackaberry, is to be an advisor to the voting members and provide important communication links into the industry. These advisor positions are part of the funding agreement with AAFRD.

Join us in welcoming Colin!



## Grant Approvals Announced

The ACIDF has granted funding to two non-science applications, pending final budget review and signing of a contract agreement. More information will be available in future newsletters.

### **#2002C003N - Development of a Compositional Data Base for Alberta Pulse Crops**

This project is in support of Pulse Canada's quality initiative and is a good example of *behind-the-scenes* work in market development.. The applicants plan a preliminary study to catalogue the composition and quality of Canadian pulse crops specifically to meet demand for information from international customers.

Grant approved: \$7,770 Total cost of project: \$13,850 Contact: Connie Phillips, Agricultural Value-added Centre North.

### **#2002C004N - Woody Ornamental Catalogue**

This catalogue will provide information about prairie hardy trees and shrubs for Alberta to consumers. The catalogue will provide Alberta-based sources for the recommended varieties. The goal is to increase awareness of local suppliers as well as educate those in the market place. The publication will remain current for a number of years.

Grant approved: \$46,000 Total cost of project: \$61,425 Contact: Nigel Bowles, LANTA

## Changes to Non-Science Application Process



The needs of the research community are different than that of marketing, investment attraction and extension. So it stands to reason the application processes should be a bit different as well.

For non-science projects, the biggest change is that only **full applications in electronic form** are accepted. Due to the immediacy of these types of projects and the occasional need for confidentiality, these projects do not fit well within the annual research cycle, nor do they require a technical review panel process. Of course, full applications require detailed budgets.

Even though non-science applications are not part of the joint funding process we use for research, applications may be shared with other funding organizations. And unless otherwise negotiated, the information on the project will be available to the public.

As before, non-science proposals will be accepted at any time. With some consideration for the immediacy of the project, we will group these projects for efficiency sake and process them as quickly as we can. Signatory organization support is required with the application.

# Website Gets Facelift

**W**e get questions. Lots of questions. And we have had some excellent suggestions on improving our website.

The result is a new, improved site designed to answer common questions about us, policies, application procedure and the joint application process.

Of special interest is the expanded sections on joint application partners and the signatory organizations. We've included "hot links" to websites and e-mail addresses where available.

Let us know what you think. Comments and suggestions are always welcome.



# Application Deadline Approaching!

Preapplications for science and research projects must be submitted by September 15 2001. Preapplications do not require letters of recommendation because of the joint application procedure. Full applications, to be considered by ACIDF will require letters from signatory organizations.