

NAAIC President's Report

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It has been an honor and privilege to serve as NAAIC President during 2002-2004, culminating with this conference in beautiful Quebec City, Canada. I believe the joint-meeting format with the Trifolium Conference worked well, enhanced the experience for both groups, and warrants pursuing as a format for future meetings.

I wish to thank the chairpersons and members of all the committees that make this organization function. A special thanks goes to Craig Scheaffer and the program committee for the informative collection of papers and posters. Also, Real Michaud and all his colleagues handling local arrangements did an outstanding job putting together facilities, tours, and meals. Finally, thanks to Gary Bauchan, executive secretary, for all his help, support, and work that keeps the NAAIC moving forward.

Our numbers continue to shrink, but with everyone's efforts, the NAAIC will continue to be effective in advancing the efforts of the alfalfa research community. I urge all members to actively participate in and support the NAAIC as we move forward, and to support Craig Scheaffer as he leads our organization over the next two years.

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