



## **New Program Manager Joins Investment Agriculture Foundation**

**Victoria, BC – June 13, 2008** The Investment Agriculture Foundation of British Columbia (IAF) is pleased to announce the appointment of Jamai Schile to the position of program manager, with a focus on B.C.'s plant-based industries.

Schile earned her Bachelor of Environmental Science degree (with honours) from the University of Southampton in the United Kingdom, and has a background in animal health and veterinary medicine. Her previous experience includes work in the areas of the environment, natural resources, and land-use management and planning, in both the public and private sectors.

In her capacity as program manager, Schile will engage in establishing, developing and maintaining close and effective working relationships with plant-based industries in B.C.'s agriculture and agri-food communities. She will be a key contact for these industries, ensuring effective marketing and promotion of programs, encouraging funding applications, and ensuring that program funding and eligibility requirements are clearly understood, resulting in high quality applications.

IAF Executive Director Peter Donkers says Schile will be an integral part of the Foundation's program delivery team. According to Donkers, "Jamai will be the primary liaison between the Foundation and the province's plant-based industries, ensuring we remain responsive to their emerging needs."

Schile replaces Emily MacNair, who is now coordinator of the Climate Action Initiative. Schile assumed her program manager position effective June 9th. She can be reached by telephone at (250) 356-0119, or by e-mail at [jamai.schile@gov.bc.ca](mailto:jamai.schile@gov.bc.ca).

The Investment Agriculture Foundation of B.C. is a not-for-profit organization that manages and distributes federal and provincial funds in support of innovative projects to benefit B.C.'s agriculture and agri-food industries. To learn more about the IAF and the funding programs it administers, visit [www.iafbc.com](http://www.iafbc.com).

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