

## **CITATION FOR NSAC INTERNATIONALIZATION AWARD**

**Presented to  
Ms. Shannon Kilyanek  
Spring Convocation, May 1, 2009**

The recipient of Nova Scotia Agricultural College's Internationalization Award for 2009 is Ms. Shannon Kilyanek, Department of Plant and Animal Sciences.

Shannon's work makes a substantial contribution to our internationalization effort on campus. She has been a member of international project teams at NSAC for over 10 years; including regular meetings at NSAC on project planning and management, as well as activities at partner institutions. Shannon was very involved in the development of the community based Integrated Pest Management curriculum for the Community Based Conservation Management Project in China and Vietnam from 1997 to 2002. She has co-led workshops in curriculum design and implementation as part of our international development projects in The Gambia and Cambodia. In particular, she has focused on improvement of partner members' technical skills and how to teach these skills using innovative approaches to development of course material and resources.

Shannon is a model of confidence and leadership for women involved in NSAC projects in developing countries. She is knowledgeable, easy to approach and not afraid to get her hands dirty. All of us who have traveled with Shannon know her zest for these activities and her willingness to work long into the night to finalize an agenda for the next day's meetings or prepare a report. Her common sense and attention to detail are greatly valued in our project management.

Shannon is also very involved in the articulation agreement with Fujian Agriculture and Forestry University, which grew out of the Community Based Conservation Management Project. She has worked with co-workers to develop a distance education version of the Agroecology course, enabling FAFU students to take this course in China. She has traveled to China annually to assist with teaching this course and work with students enrolled in the articulation program.

Shannon is proactive in finding ways to assist the Chinese students and other international students in adapting to campus life, and is very involved in hosting our international visitors.

**In consideration of her dedication and effectiveness in promoting internationalization at NSAC, we present the 2009 Internationalization Award to Ms. Shannon Kilyanek.**