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Alberta Science Literacy Association (ASLA) is pleased to announce an official partnership with the Alberta Institute of Agrologists (AIA). This partnership is a positive step forward in supporting science literacy throughout Alberta!

As a program partner, AIA members have the opportunity to join a network of over 1,000 scientists and engineers throughout the province as we work together to deliver innovative outreach programs throughout the province. AIA members will lend their expertise and experience to schools throughout the province. Children from every corner of the province will not only learn curriculum in a unique and engaging way but will also be given an opportunity to learn what a professional agrologist is!

“Having a program partner like the Alberta Institute of Agrologists allows ASLA to draw from an exceptionally diverse and qualified group of scientists” says Tamara McCarron, Executive Director for ASLA. “These volunteers not only share their passion for their respective fields but are sure to spark a lasting love for science amongst children and youth.”

“Partnering with a well-respected not-for-profit organization like ASLA provides a unique opportunity for our members to not only give back to their community but also to foster the next generation of scientists,” said Kent MacDonald, Director of Member Relations for AIA.

ASLA is the Umbrella Organization for six science networks based in Calgary, Edmonton, Grande Prairie, Lethbridge, Medicine Hat and Red Deer. Each network runs programs that place volunteer scientists in the classroom, offering experiential science opportunities to students - at no cost to students, teachers or schools.

As a professional regulatory body AIA is to ensure that the public interest is protected in all matters related to the practice of agrology in the province of Alberta. It's 2300 plus professionals are at the forefront of many critical issues. These include things like food production and safety, pest management, soil conservation, environmental resource planning, monitoring and clean up.

For more information about volunteering or booking a presentation for your classroom visit our website at [www.asla.ca](http://www.asla.ca).