

YANN MARTEL — is author of several books, including the *Life of Pi* and *Beatrice and Virgil*. He won the Man Booker Prize in 2002 and is currently a scholar-in-residence at the University of Saskatchewan.

Yann is currently working on a project entitled *What is Stephen Harper Reading?*, where he sends a book accompanied by a personal letter to the Prime Minister every two weeks. The project was inspired by the Harper government's lack of recognition of the arts community in Canada. The aim is to offer the Prime Minister books that appeal directly to quiet moments of self-reflection, what Yann refers to as *stillness*. The project is documented online at <http://www.whatisstephenharperreading.ca/>

WAYNE ROBERTS — holds a PhD in Social and Economic History from the University of Toronto, and has been extensively involved in food, health, justice, and environmental issues. He has played leading roles in such organizations as the Toronto Food Policy Council, the Coalition for a Green Economy, and Food Secure Canada. Roberts has also written for *NOW* magazine.

Finally, Wayne has won the Canadian Environment Award in 2002 and the Canadian Eco-Hero Award in 2008. Wayne's website address is <http://wayneroberts.ca/>

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Economics of Alternatives

The notion that an alternative agricultural and food model must be adopted in order to rescue ourselves from the negative social, economic, and environmental consequences of the current industrial system is gaining broader acceptance in Canadian society with each passing day. The National Farmers Union has always been a leader in questioning the status quo and fighting for positive change. In this regard, the present is no different than the past. The NFU is leading the way in exploring, developing, and working towards the establishment of a real alternative.

This year's convention is an important step in that process. For three days NFU members and guests will debate, discuss, and decide what the new agriculture and food model should look like, and how best to work towards its implementation.

To participate in this process be sure to attend this year's convention!

CONVENTION HIGHLIGHTS

Wednesday, December 1:

- 6—10 PM **Registration & Social**
- 7:00 PM **Book Launch:**
Food Sovereignty: Reconnecting Food, Nature and Community
—Annette Desmarais, Nettie Wiebe and Hannah Wittman

Thursday, December 2:

- 8:00 AM **Registration**
- 9:00 AM **Workshops**
- 12:30 PM **CALL TO ORDER**
- 1:10 PM **OPENING ADDRESS:**
NFU President Terry Boehm
- 1:30 PM **POLICY PANEL:**
Supply Management: Emerging Issues and Challenges
- 4:45 PM **Presentation of Financial Report**
- 5:00 PM **International Program Committee Mtg.**
- 7:30 PM **PUBLIC MEETING:**
Ideology and the Role of Government in Society
—Yann Martel

Friday, December 3:

- 9:00 AM **ENVIRONMENTAL PANEL:**
New Research on Glyphosate: Impact on Soil and the Environment
- 1:30 PM **TRADE PANEL:** *CETA: The Looming Threat to Farmers and All Canadians*
- 6:00 PM **Banquet and Dance**
Grassroots Awards Presentations
Film Screening, Don Kossick (see below)

Saturday, December 4:

- 9:00 AM **REPORTS:**
Women's Caucus
Youth Caucus
International Program Committee
- 10:45 AM **FARMER PANEL:**
New and Established Farmers: The Farming Experience & Lessons Learned
- 2:30 PM **WRAP-UP ADDRESS:** *The Power of Food: An Alternative Approach*
—Wayne Roberts
- 3:45 PM **Installation of Officers**
- 4:00 PM **CLOSING ADDRESS:**
National President

In Union is Strength - The NFU Story

A special social documentary about the history of the National Farmers Union as a force for change in Rural Canada.

Through the voices of NFU members, the film shows what the Union has accomplished since its inception in 1969. It tells the story of rural resistance and what the NFU has meant to farm families struggling for economic and social justice. The film also takes a look forward, and examines the challenges for the future if a just and equitable food system is to be realized.

In Union is Strength – The NFU Story is produced by Making the Links and Wolf Sun Productions - Don Kossick and Steve Wolfson.