

President's Report: Another successful year for CASC/ACÉC - Now on to Victoria!

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As the International Year of Co-operatives is winding down, it presents an occasion for reflection on what has been an incredible opportunity for co-operatives worldwide to promote their individual organizations and the larger co-operative movement.

In Canada, it has been a busy year indeed, full of contests and events, challenges and conferences, far too numerous to mention. I would be remiss, however, not to note the role that some individual CASC members have played in the organization of different events. In October alone, various CASC members have been active in organizing two large provincial gatherings in Saskatchewan and Nova Scotia.

At the international level, CASC members have also been playing a prominent role, most notably perhaps with the organization of the Imagine conference

on co-operative economics that was held in conjunction with the Co-operative Summit in Quebec City in October. Tom Webb and Sonja Novkovic were the driving forces behind the conference, along with various other colleagues (and students and alumni) from the Master of Management in Co-operatives and Credit Unions program at St. Mary's University. The conference and summit really placed co-operative researchers and the co-operative sector in Canada on the global co-op map.

Another exciting development has been the establishment of the Co-operative Institute for Peace and Social inclusion, which is being housed for an initial three year period at the Centre for Global Studies at the University of Victoria. Again, a member of CASC, Ian



MacPherson, provided the major impetus for this important initiative.

For its part, CASC as an organization has also been very active during IYC 2012. As Isobel Findlay writes elsewhere in the newsletter, CASC co-operated with the Canadian Cooperative Association (CCA), le Conseil canadien de la coopération et la mutualité (CCCM), le Conseil québécois de la coopération et la mutualité (CQCM), the Association of Co-operative Educators (ACE) and the International Co-operative Alliance Committee on Co-operative Research (ICACCR) to organize "Co-operating for Change in the International Year of Co-operatives", an international co-operative research and education conference that was held at the Université du Québec à Montréal in June.

This was the first time that all of the major national and international bodies in Canada involved in co-operative research and education have joined together to organize an event. The result was a wonderful international festival of knowledge dissemination and learning.

Perhaps, the most significant project that CASC has been working on during the IYC 2012 is the development of a strategic planning process for co-operative research. Members of the executive have had meetings involving the CCA, CCCM, CQCM and the ICACCR among others about collaborating on research planning and we hope to be able to come to an agreement on such a process by

the time of our 2013 annual conference in Victoria. In addition we have been speaking with other international bodies and associations. For example, at the recent Co-operatives United meeting in Manchester, the last major event of the IYC 2012 before the official closing at the UN Nov 19-20, we had the opportunity to speak with representatives from the UK Society for Co-operative Studies as well as from the Co-operative College. Support for the idea of strategic planning on research has been enthusiastically received by all. The only question that has been raised is why we have not done this before. Similar questions have been raised around issues of collaboration on teaching and support for student co-operatives.

So, while the IYC 2012 has been a wonderful opportunity for CASC and the broader co-operative movement to celebrate and publicize itself, now is not the time to rest on our laurels. Rather, the international year provides us with the opportunity to draw upon the energy and ideas that have been generated to recharge our batteries and develop new agendas for growing and strengthening the movement. Chuck Gould, the Executive Director of the ICA, has been talking of the need to transform the international year of co-operatives into the international decade of co-operatives. I think we at CASC are not only up to that challenge but will embrace it with open arms.

New faces at CASC/ACÉC



Erin Hancock
Vice President,
CASC/ACÉC Board

Erin is the Program Coordinator, Research and Education for the Canadian Co-operative Association. She coordinates the Measuring the Co-operative Difference Research Network as well as the Canadian Co-operative Research Network. She holds a MPhil in Interdisciplinary Policy Studies from the University of New Brunswick where she researched the policy context for co-operative development in New Brunswick. Erin has over 10 years experience in the co-operative sector. She currently serves on the boards of the Ottawa Women's Credit Union and the North American Students of Co-operation (NASCO).

Dr. Ana Maria Peredo



CASC/ACÉC Board

Ana María Peredo is a Professor of Entrepreneurship, Sustainability and International Business in the Gustavson School of Business at the University of Victoria and Director of the Centre for Co-operative & Community-Based Economy (CCCBE). Ana María's research explores the role of business in fostering sustainable communities, especially among poor and disadvantaged peoples. She has published a number of articles in leading academic journals, as well as chapters in research anthologies on community-based enterprises, co-operatives, indigenous entrepreneurship and social entrepreneurship. In the last five years, she has made more than 40 presentations and lectures in academic and community settings.

Call for papers:

Co-operating @ the (Cutting) Edge: Innovating for Social Inclusion, Sustainability, and Solidarity

Conference Theme

Co-operatives have always been innovative organizations operating at the edge. Historically, they have emerged as bottom-up responses to socio-economic distress or in communities that are under-served or otherwise on the margins. In enabling people to meet their economic, social, and cultural needs in association, co-operatives have innovated equitable and just ways of creating and distributing socially generated wealth. Moreover, despite constraints imposed upon them by their legal status, the complex nature of their ownership and governance structures, and the principles and values by which they abide, co-operatives have often outperformed and outlasted conventional, investor-owned firms.

In our latest global slump, co-operatives not only continue to provide viable solutions to economic crises and social exclusion in local communities, but are also taking the lead in promoting more environmentally sustainable practices. Indeed, transnational organizations such as the ICA, the ILO, the UN, CICOPA, and increasingly regional and national governments, have taken notice of the resilience of co-operatives and the strength of co-op movements the world over; in recent years, co-operatives have often led the way in sustainable production and work practices and have promoted economic activity rooted in solidarity rather than self-interest.

The theme of this year's annual conference aims to draw analytic attention to the ways in which co-

operatives and related social economy organizations innovate:

- to champion social inclusion
- to support economic and business practices fostering sustainability
- to build solidarity economies.

These are the conference's three thematic pillars. We are especially interested in how cooperatives and co-operation offer palliatives to and paths beyond crises. Seeking to bring together Canadian and international researchers and co-operative practitioners, our ultimate goal is to explore how co-operatives are creating new socio-economic realities for communities "at the edge," and how they are also "cutting edge" organizations pushing mainstream economic practices and social policy into new, more inclusive, and more community-focused directions.

Conference Topics

We invite potential participants to submit abstracts that in some way reflect on the ways that cooperatives and "co-operating at the edge" innovate, impact, or emerge from the conference's three thematic pillars—social inclusion, sustainability, and solidarity economies. Possible topic areas may include, but are not limited to:

Social Inclusion

- Innovation and Entrepreneurship in Youth and Student Co-operatives
- Innovation and Entrepreneurship in Social and Solidarity Co-operatives
- Innovation and Entrepreneurship in Inter-co-operation between

Co-operatives, Innovation and Entrepreneurship in Aboriginal Communities

- Innovation and Entrepreneurship in Fair Trade, Poverty Reduction, and Local Development Strategies and Practices
- Innovation and Entrepreneurship in crisis and conflict contexts
- Business Conversions to Worker Co-operatives: Recuperating Businesses, Saving Communities

Sustainability

- Is "sustainability" the new co-operative value for the 21st century?
- The Role of Education in Promoting Co-operative Innovation
- The Role of Research in Promoting Co-operative Innovation
- The Role of Public Policy in Promoting Co-operative Innovation
- Innovation and Entrepreneurship in Green Production
- Co-operative Management Structures and Practices
- Co-operative Ownership and Governance Structures and Practices
- Co-operative Business and Marketing Strategies

Solidarity Economies

- Mainstreaming the Co-operative Advantage
- Co-operatives and Development
- Fostering Co-operation among Co-operatives
- Transnational Co-operation among Co-operatives: Bridging North-South Divides
- Co-operative types (i.e., worker co-ops, financial co-ops, consumer co-ops, agricultural coops, etc.)
- Moving Beyond Crises and

Marginalization via Co-operative Values and Practices

Submission Guidelines

We invite researchers, students, and practitioners to submit any of three types of proposals:

1. Individual Papers – Proposals should include: a) your name, title, affiliation and email address; b) a short (two-line) biographical note; c) title of the paper; and d) a 150 word abstract (to be printed in the program) that includes the argument, which should include the relationship of the paper to the literature, the research question, methods and, where applicable, findings. Proposals for both empirical and theoretical papers are invited.
2. Panel Proposals – Proposals should include: a) the title of the panel; b) a 250 word description of the issue or theme that the panel investigates and how the individual papers relate to the theme/ issue; c) the names, affiliations and contact information for all panel participants, and; d) 150 word descriptions of all panel presentations. Panel proposals should include 3 or 4 presentations (of 20 and 15 minutes respectively). Proposals for joint sessions with the Association for Nonprofit and Social Economy Research (ANSER), Canadian Association for the Study of International Development (CASID) and Canadian Association for Food Studies (CAFS) are also welcomed (and should conform to the guidelines above).
3. Proposals for Roundtables – Proposals should include: a) the title of the roundtable; 2) a 250 word description of the issue or theme that the roundtable

investigates and how the appropriateness of the individual members for participating the roundtable; 3) the names, affiliations and contact information for all panel participants, and; 4) a short description of the key points/ areas that the members of the roundtable will cover. Participants are not expected to deliver formal papers.

All abstracts and proposals for panels and roundtables are due on January 25th, 2013. They may be submitted either in English or French (in either Word or Rich Text Format). They should be sent by email to casc.acec@usask.ca. No more than two presentations per person will be permitted.

All proposals (for individual papers, panels, and roundtables) are subject to peer review. Applicants will be informed of acceptance by February 29th, 2013. A directory of conference delegates will be published in the CASC 2013 Conference Program; if you do not want to have your name, contact information and institutional affiliation published, please notify us when you submit your abstract.

Conference Information

This year's CASC conference will be held from June 4th to June 6th, 2013, during the Annual Congress of the Canadian

Federation for the Humanities and Social Sciences (CFHSS) 2013 at the University of Victoria, Victoria, BC, Canada. Participants in the CASC Conference should register through the Congress website <http://www.fedcan.ca/en/congress>). Registration, which includes the early bird prices, begins in January 2013. Fees for the conference include both Congress registration and a one-year membership in CASC. There is an additional fee for those wishing to attend the Annual CASC Banquet, which is a joint affair held in collaboration with ANSER. The Congress website also includes information on accommodation, discounts for travel, and local information. For more information on CASC and the general meeting, including updates about keynote speakers, plenary panels, banquet details and the other news, please consult the CASC website (www.coopresearch.coop) or e-mail us at casc.acec@usask.ca.

2013 CASC Program and Conference Committee

- Fiona Duguid (Program Chair)
- Isobel Findlay
- Ana Maria Peredo (Local Events Coordinator)
- Darryl Reed
- Marcelo Vieta



Invitation à présenter des communications

La coopération @ l'avant-garde : l'innovation au service de l'inclusion sociale, du développement durable et de la solidarité

Thème de la conférence

Les coopératives ont toujours été des organismes novateurs travaillant à la marge. L'histoire nous rappelle qu'elles ont émergé de la base en réponse aux tourmentes socioéconomiques ou encore qu'elles ont vu le jour dans les collectivités privées de services ou marginalisées. En permettant aux gens de s'associer pour répondre à leurs besoins économiques, sociaux et culturels, les coopératives ont inventé des façons justes et équitables de créer et de distribuer la richesse générée collectivement. Par ailleurs, malgré les contraintes que leur imposent leur statut légal, la complexité de leurs structures de propriété et de gouvernance et les principes et les valeurs auxquels elles adhèrent, les coopératives ont souvent surclassé les entreprises privées classiques au chapitre de leur rendement et de leur durée de vie.

En cette période de ralentissement à l'échelle mondiale, non seulement les coopératives continuent-elles de fournir des solutions viables aux crises économiques et à l'exclusion sociale dans les collectivités locales, mais elles prennent l'initiative de pratiques plus respectueuses de l'environnement. En

effet, des organisations transnationales comme l'ICA, l'OIT, l'ONU, le CICOPA, et, de plus en plus, les gouvernements régionaux et nationaux constatent la résilience et la force des mouvements coopératifs dans le monde entier. Au cours des dernières années, les coopératives ont souvent ouvert la voie en matière de production et de pratiques de travail durables et elles ont encouragé une activité économique enracinée dans la solidarité plutôt que dans l'intérêt personnel.

Cette année, le thème de la conférence annuelle porte sur l'analyse des façons qu'ont les coopératives et les organismes d'économie sociale d'innover afin de :

- promouvoir l'inclusion sociale;
- soutenir les pratiques économiques et commerciales qui soutiennent le développement durable;
- bâtir des économies solidaires.

Il s'agit des trois piliers thématiques du congrès. Nous cherchons surtout à comprendre comment les coopératives et la coopération permettent de pallier et de surmonter les crises. Nous voulons réunir des chercheurs et des coopérateurs canadiens et de l'étranger dans le but d'étudier comment les coopératives créent de nouvelles réalités socioéconomiques pour les collectivités « à la marge » et en quoi elles sont des organismes à «

l'avant-garde », faisant emprunter aux pratiques économiques et politiques sociales courantes de nouveaux sentiers plus inclusifs et plus étroitement axés sur la collectivité.

Sujets de la conférence

Nous invitons les participantes et participants à soumettre des propositions qui examinent sous un angle ou un autre les façons dont les coopératives et la coopération « à la marge » innovent, influencent ou émergent des trois piliers thématiques de la conférence – l'inclusion sociale, le développement durable et les économies solidaires. Voici une liste non exhaustive de sujets possibles :

Inclusion sociale

- L'innovation et l'entrepreneuriat dans les coopératives jeunesse et les coopératives étudiantes
- L'innovation et l'entrepreneuriat dans les coopératives sociales et de solidarité
- L'innovation et l'entrepreneuriat dans l'intercoopération entre les coopératives, l'innovation et l'entrepreneuriat en milieu autochtone
- L'innovation et l'entrepreneuriat dans les stratégies et les pratiques de commerce équitable, de réduction de la pauvreté et de développement local
- L'innovation et l'entrepreneuriat dans le cadre de crises et de conflits
- Convertir des entreprises en coopératives de travailleurs : remettre sur pied des entreprises, sauver des collectivités

Développement durable

- Le «développement durable» est-il la nouvelle valeur de la coopération au XXIe siècle?
- Le rôle de l'éducation dans la promotion de l'innovation et de la coopération



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- Le rôle de la recherche dans la promotion de l'innovation et de la coopération
- Le rôle des politiques publiques dans la promotion de l'innovation et de la coopération
- L'innovation et l'entrepreneuriat dans la production écologique
- Les structures et les pratiques de gestion du modèle coopératif
- Les structures de propriété et les pratiques de gouvernance du modèle coopératif
- Les stratégies commerciales et de mise en marché du modèle coopératif

Économies solidaires

- Intégration de l'avantage coopératif
- Les coopératives et le développement
- Encourager la coopération au sein des coopératives
- La coopération transnationale entre coopératives : créer des ponts entre le Nord et le Sud
- Les types de coopératives (par exemple de travailleurs, de crédit, de consommation, agricoles, etc.)
- Aller au-delà des crises et de la marginalisation en adoptant des valeurs et des pratiques coopératives

Directives pour soumettre une proposition

Nous invitons les chercheuses et les chercheurs, les étudiantes et les étudiants, les praticiennes et les praticiens à soumettre des propositions s'inscrivant dans l'une ou l'autre des trois catégories suivantes :

1. Communication individuelle. Les propositions doivent inclure: a) votre nom, votre titre, votre affiliation et votre courriel; b) de courtes notes biographiques

(2 lignes); c) le titre de la communication; d) un résumé de 150 mots de la communication (qui apparaîtra dans le programme), incluant un argumentaire qui établit le lien de la présentation avec la documentation spécialisée, la question de recherche, les méthodologies et, le cas échéant, les résultats. Sont admissibles des propositions portant sur des recherches empiriques et sur des études théoriques.

2. Panel. Les propositions doivent inclure : a) le titre du panel; b) une description en 250 mots de la question examinée par le panel et du lien entre les communications individuelles et la question; c) les noms, affiliations et coordonnées de tous les membres du panel; et d) une description en 150 mots des communications de chacun des membres du panel. Les propositions doivent comprendre trois ou quatre communications (respectivement d'une durée de

20 et de 15 minutes chacune). Sont admissibles des propositions de séances conjointes avec l'Association de recherche sur les organismes sans but lucratif et l'économie sociale (ARES), l'Association canadienne d'études du développement international (ACÉDI) et l'Association canadienne des études sur l'alimentation (ACÉA) (qui devront se plier aux directives susmentionnées).

3. Table ronde. Les propositions doivent inclure : a) le titre de la table ronde; b) une description en 250 mots de la question examinée par la table ronde et de la pertinence de la participation de tous ses membres; c) les noms, affiliations et coordonnées de tous les membres de la table ronde; et d) une brève description des principaux points qui seront abordés par les membres de la table ronde. Les membres de la table ronde n'ont pas à soumettre de communication officielle.



La date limite pour soumettre vos propositions de communications individuelles, de panels et de tables rondes est le 25 janvier 2013. Vous pouvez les soumettre en français ou en anglais (en format Word ou Rich Text). Veuillez les transmettre par courriel à l'adresse suivante: casc.acec@usask.ca. Deux communications au maximum par personne seront permises.

Toutes les propositions (communication individuelle, panel, table ronde) feront l'objet d'un examen par les pairs. Après avoir soumis votre proposition, vous saurez si elle est acceptée d'ici le 28 février 2013. Un répertoire des délégués et déléguées à la conférence sera publié dans le programme de la Conférence 2013 de l'ACEC; si vous ne voulez pas que votre nom, vos coordonnées et votre affiliation y figurent, veuillez nous en aviser au moment de soumettre votre proposition.

Renseignements au sujet de la conférence

Cette année, la conférence de l'ACEC se déroulera du 4 juin au 6 juin 2013 dans le cadre du congrès annuel 2013 du Conseil de recherches en sciences humaines du Canada (CRSHC). Elle aura lieu à l'Université de Victoria, Victoria (Colombie-Britannique, Canada). Les participantes et participants de la conférence de l'ACEC doivent s'inscrire depuis le site web officiel du Congrès (<http://ideas-idees.ca/fr/evenements/congres>). La période d'inscription hâtive, donnant droit à une réduction, débute en janvier 2013. Les frais d'inscription à la conférence de l'ACEC comprennent l'inscription au congrès du CRSHC et les frais d'adhésion pour un an à l'ACEC. Les personnes désireuses d'assister au banquet annuel de l'ACEC, une activité organisée conjointement avec l'ARES, devront déboursier un montant additionnel.

On peut trouver des renseignements sur l'hébergement, les tarifs réduits de voyage et de l'information locale sur le site web du congrès du CRSHC. Pour de plus amples renseignements sur l'ACEC et l'assemblée générale, y compris des nouvelles à propos des conférences principales, des plénières et des panels, et des détails sur le banquet, etc., veuillez consulter le site web de l'ACEC (www.coopresearch.coop) ou nous écrire à casc.acec@usask.ca

Comité du programme et de la conférence de l'ACEC 2013

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- Isobel Findlay
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Web Feature: The Canadian Co-operative Research Network Réseau Canadien de Recherche sur les Coopératives

English Site: s.coop/research

Version Français: s.coop/recherche



Over 100 researchers, students and practitioners contributed to the development of this network, which was coordinated by the Canadian Co-operative Association and the Conseil canadien de la coopération et de la mutualité and funded by the Rural and Co-operatives Secretariat. Join in! Contribute your news, events, profile or publication today!

Plus de 100 chercheurs, étudiants et praticiens ont contribué au développement de ce réseau, qui a été coordonné par l'Association des Cooperatives de Canada et le Conseil canadien de la coopération et de la mutualité et financé par le Secrétariat aux affaires rurales et aux cooperatives. Joignez-vous à nous! Venez contribuer aux nouvelles, evenements, profils ou publications aujourd'hui!

28th annual CASC/ACÉC Conference: A review of events

“Co-operating for Change in the International Year of Co-operatives: International Co-operative Research and Education Conference”

«Coopérer pour le changement: Année Internationale des Coopératives: Colloque international special sur la recherche et les études en coopération»

By Isobel M. Findlay



Combining for the first time the collective energies of Canadian Co-operative Association (CCA), le Conseil canadien de la coopération et la mutualité (CCCM), le Conseil québécois de la coopération et la mutualité (CQCM), the Association of Co-operative Educators (ACE) and the International Co-operative Alliance Committee on Co-operative Research (ICACCR), and CASC/ACÉC, our 28th annual conference proved a fitting forum for the UN International Year of Co-operatives. Researchers, educators, practitioners, and advocates from across Canada, the US, the UK, Finland, Italy, Macedonia, South Korea, and Thailand came together to reflect on the many ways that co-operatives can and do co-operate for social, economic, and environmental change.

Special guests included Linda Shaw, Head of Research, the Co-operative College in Manchester, finding opportunity in the current juncture for “critical and reflexive professional historians,” and Charles Gould, Director-General of the International Co-operative Alliance, who participated in a Roundtable on Public Policy.

Forty-six concurrent sessions involving one hundred different papers, seven roundtables, and a workshop, in addition to keynote and closing plenary ranged across such topics as education and research; worker, student, and Aboriginal co-ops; co-operative models, governance, sustainability; degeneration and innovation, growth and renewal; fair trade; co-operatives and age, gender, and race; peace and protest; corporate social responsibility, sustainability reporting, finance and accounting; community development; food; and public policy, while



Tanya Gracie and ACE award winner Kerr Smith, Education Manager, Ontario Co-operative Assoc. covering diverse sectors (consumer, producer, agriculture, forestry, housing, alternative energy, health, financial services) and highlighting different histories and geographies of cooperation in rural and urban settings, in communities in the global North and South.

There were updates on the Measuring the Co-operative Difference CURA, celebration of 40 years of CIRIEC-Canada, roundtables on higher education, fair trade, co-operative education, food and farming co-operatives, food co-operatives, corporate social responsibility, and public policy, as well as a closing plenary panel on the challenges and opportunities of International Cooperation in a Global Economy.

We were nourished alike by formal and informal moments, by culinary and other delights, from the opening reception at Café Campus, the banquet and awards ceremony at UQAM, and a final reception at City Hall. Marie Bouchard was as surprised as



A roundtable discussion on the future of Co-operative education: Michel LaFleur, Greg McKee, Rod Kelsey, and Harold Chapman

she was deserving and gracious in receiving from friend and colleague Lou Hammond Ketilson the 2012 Canadian Association for Studies in Co-operation/ L'Association Canadienne pour les Études sur la Coopération (CASC/ACÉC) Award of Merit.

CASC/ACÉC AGM

This year's AGM importantly built on the 2011 groundwork on strategic planning. Darryl presented a proposal outlining an international research collaboration strategy based on three major opportunities:

- National comparative studies of different co-op types, sectors, and issues
- The role of co-operatives in international development
- Project development and assessment working with development funders (IDRC, CIDA, etc)

After enthusiastic discussion, the proposal was approved.

Donna Balkan announced the three winners of CASC scholarships (see p. 16).

Equally enthusiastically received was the news that Darryl had secured a SSHRC Connection grant for \$50,000 in support of the conference, allowing



Lou Hammond Ketilson and CASC Award of Merit winner Marie Bouchard at the banquet

us (in another important first at the conference) to agree to retain a reserve as part of our financial planning!

Board Elections

There were only two continuing members: Darryl Reed and Monica Adeler. With all other member terms ending, there were five openings on the Board. Fiona Duguid, Isobel Findlay, and Marcelo Vieta all agreed to let their names stand for re-election; Ana Maria Peredo of the University of Victoria and Erin Hancock of CCA agreed to stand for election; no other nomination was accepted. Nominations were closed and the five were acclaimed for two-year terms.

Acknowledgements

We would like to express our sincere thanks to our sponsors and to those who helped organize the 2012 conference, especially the steering committee (Darryl Reed, Lou Hammond Ketilson, Sarah Pike, Tanya Gracie, Michaël Béland, Fiona Duguid, Sonja Novkovic, Marie-Joëlle Brassard, and Erin Hancock), as well as the CASC board.

We are grateful for the financial and in-kind support received this year from the following organizations, including the Social Sciences and Humanities Research Council of Canada for a Connection grant.

CASC/ACÉC thanks the organizations that offered financial support for the 28th annual conference:



Social Sciences and Humanities Research Council of Canada

Conseil de recherches en sciences humaines du Canada



Co-operators Unite in Manchester!



Pictured above: Photographs illustrating the co-op presence this past summer in Manchester. Far Right: Denyse Guy, CCA executive director and Karen Miner, managing director of Saint Mary's University's graduate programs in co-operative management, were two of Canada's delegates to the ICA General Assembly, which took place during Co-operatives United.

By Donna Balkan
Communications Manager, Canadian
Co-operative Association

Manchester, U.K., is a city that has long been associated with co-operatives. Robert Owen, the great social reformer who is often considered the father of the co-operative movement, lived there for 12 years after leaving his native Wales to apprentice to a draper.

It was where the North of England Co-operative Society – later the Co-operative Wholesale Society and today the Co-operative Group – was founded in 1863. And it is a mere 13 kilometres southwest of Rochdale, where the Rochdale Society of Equitable Pioneers founded their historic co-op and drafted the first set of co-operative principles.

It was therefore an ideal location for Co-operatives United, the global co-operative movement's culminating event of the International Year of Co-operatives. To call Co-operatives United a conference wouldn't do it justice: it was a series of conferences, including a conference on Fair Trade, a conference

on co-ops and gender, a practitioners' conference, the Co-operatives UK congress and a special session of the International Co-operative Alliance General Assembly. A highlight of the General Assembly was the release of the ICA's Blueprint for a Co-operative Decade, a strategy paper aimed at making the co-op model the fastest-growing business model by the year 2020.

At the centre of all this activity was the ICA Expo, the ICA's biennial trade fair, featuring booths and displays from co-operatives and like-minded organizations from around the world. This year, the exhibition space was expanded into adjoining rooms: Co-operation Street, which featured booths from local co-ops across the UK and Co-operative Living, a co-op "village" which included, among other things, a co-operative pub, a food co-op with ongoing cooking demonstrations, and an exhibit on co-op farming. There were also two igloo-like pods for small workshops, games and other activities. More than 800 international delegates from 88 countries attended Co-operatives United; the more than a dozen Canadians included Darryl

Reed, president of CASC, and Karen Miner, managing director of Saint Mary's University's graduate programs in co-operative management. The international delegates were joined by thousands of co-operators from across the U.K. as well as Manchester residents, at least some of whom had not been previously involved in the co-op movement. Altogether, some 11,800 visits to the Co-operatives United site were recorded.

Co-operatives United also coincided with the re-launch of the Rochdale Pioneers' Museum, located in the building at 31 Toad Lane that housed the original Rochdale co-op. The site had been a museum since 1931, but had been closed for renovations for the past two years. It now includes displays and panels about the past and present of the co-operative movement, including a panel paying tribute to Alphonse and Dorimène Desjardins, as well as a "learning loft" for educational activities and a replica of the original Rochdale co-op store. The museum is owned by the Co-operative Heritage Trust, which aims to preserve and promote Britain's co-op heritage, and is managed by the Co-operative College.

Post Imagine and Summit conference thoughts Fiona Duguid interviews CASC/ACÉC board members



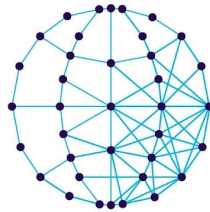
October 6-11, 2012 was an exciting time in Quebec City as 2400 co-operators converged at the Centre des congrés de Quebec for two distinct conferences

– Imagine 2012 and the Summit. Imagine 2012 was a forum in which co-operative leaders and world-class economists explored a new approach to economic analysis and thought that offers people around the world renewed hope for an economy that meets people's needs. Following Imagine, the 2012 International Summit of Cooperatives offered presentations on the business challenges facing the co-operative movement in addition to networking and inter-cooperation opportunities with governments and regulatory authorities, awareness-raising with the general public, and finding concrete ways to stimulate the development of the co-operative sector at the local, national and international levels. In many ways, the two conferences had very different messages, but both were stimulating and provoked thinking at the macro and micro levels.

A number of CASC board members were in attendance at both of these conferences, so I posed some questions to encourage reflection post-conferences. Thank you to Erin Hancock (EH), Darryl Reed (DR) and Ana Maria Peredo (AMP) for their thoughts. I was there too, Fiona Duguid (FD).

Question: What were some of the themes that emerged from the conferences for you?

EH: Certainly thinking in terms of a new economy was an important recurring



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theme during the formal part of the program and also informally between sessions. This was the concept of having a more holistic approach to the economy and the related policies. It would dictate a new way of measuring the success of the economy, growth and human development.

DR: Sustainability, inter-cooperation, innovation and problem solving were the most important themes that I took away from the conference. Also, an increased sense of urgency to grow the co-operative movement as a major means for addressing crises (of sustainability, vulnerability, etc.) came through.

AMP: 1. The co-operative summit showcased the co-operative enterprise as a resilient and timely business model

for meeting the global challenges of poverty, inequality, and environmental degradation. It was impressive to see the number of world scholars such as Nobel Laureate in economics, Michael Spence, and Harvard Business School guru Rosabeth Kanter recognizing the potential of the co-operative model. Co-operative enterprises are an alternative because they are rooted in society and therefore committed to the long term well being of the people and communities they serve.

2. The event also highlighted the diversity and impact of the co-operative model. There is a great deal to do in understanding how the co-operative model works across different cultures.

3. One concern I had was whether



we were, in some ways, adopting the corporate model of large-scale, glossy-marketed enterprises. I believe we should be proud of the way that co-operatives, when they are true to their principles, do business differently and do not just imitate traditional, capitalist business forms. Co-operative enterprises need to nurture their core competitive advantage. It is about building a movement and enterprises that respond to peoples' needs and global and local challenges of competition.

FD: One of the main messages we heard from the Imagine conference was that we have exceeded our economic and ecological footprints and because of this we need to rethink local and global economics. Co-operatives must and do have an integral role in this project. For me, the Summit highlighted the sheer scope of co-operatives in terms of diversity, economic power, size and locations. It was exciting to be a part of this.

Question: What is the big take-away for you from these conferences?

EH: The need for new measurement in terms of business performance, co-operative performance, and national and international economic performance. What we measure will determine what gets time and attention and we will need to advance our means of measurement and reporting in order to influence practice and ensure the multiple bottom lines get more equitable attention.

DR: The contacts made with different organizations were key. There was a lot of information imparted at the conference, but most of it one can get access to in different ways. Meeting people and making connections are the lasting benefits. For me meeting

practitioners in emerging sectors (especially renewable energy) was particularly exciting, as well as researchers working on projects in the South.

AMP: We need to educate future business leaders in the co-operative model.

FD: The need to build a wider and deeper awareness of co-operatives within the general public.

Question: Since returning to your community/co-op/institution have you implemented any of the suggestions/concepts/ thoughts from the conferences? If so, where and how?

EH: I don't think so. The conference has pointed towards a strong need to build governance capacity within the movement so CCA is considering its role in this capacity, but no specific action has been taken yet.

DR: At our university we have started to discuss some of the practices of universities in Quebec to see how we might adopt and adapt them in Ontario. This has included closer links between the university sector and other cooperatives (especially in the food sector).

AMP: I shared my excitement and learnings from the summit with others at our weekly 'Friday Munch' at CCCBE. We started working with large retail co-ops in our region in order to nurture together the co-operative values so important when co-operatives are successful economically. Most of all, I increased the content on co-ops in my classes, and it is satisfying to witness the interest of business students in learning about this model. Here is one example of the comments I received:

"I would like to comment on my thoughts regarding the topics of community enterprises and large co-operatives. As I have never fully understood how cooperatives operated until the class readings. I was quite amazed at the effectiveness of this form of management structure and was also, quite surprised that many of my management classes in business have not yet covered this. From small-scale community enterprises and co-ops such as Women in Need to large-scale cooperatives like Mondragon, these businesses have not only improved the social conditions of its members but also generated and retained a significant amount of distributable capital for its communities.

"The growth rate of cooperatives like Mondragon and Emilia-Romagna has truly defined an excellent example of "Sustainable Communities" for me. The relationship between interaction, dedication, equality and innovation are all present in the bottom line of these successful cooperatives. As I will be looking to start my career upon graduation, I will be keen on searching for some positions within the many large-scale cooperatives in my home province as I will have an excellent advantage in understanding the dynamics of the organization. I have gained such a fresh perspective on how business should be conducted in the 21st century."

FD: Insights from the conference have certainly informed my thinking about a large research project I am working on – the National Study on the Impact of Co-operatives. It would be interesting to include different metrics in order to be able to use or inform alternative indexes such as the Index of Well Being, Gross National Happiness or Genuine Progress Indicator as well as Gross Domestic Product.

Aboriginal Peoples' days: Some Reflections

By Ana Maria Peredo



Recently, a number of celebrations marking Aboriginal peoples' days have been taking place in Canada and elsewhere. These celebrations are an occasion to recognize the place and contributions of indigenous peoples. They also take place in a context where the voices of indigenous peoples are demanding to be heard in local and national settings.

In Peru, the celebration takes place on June 24th and it is called *dia del campesino*. The celebrations in Cuzco, the capital of the Inca Empire, include the *Inti Raymi*, the festival of the Sun God. It includes rituals and offerings to thank the Sun and other gods such as the *pacha mama*—mother earth, and *apus*—mountains, for what they provide us as humans. The celebration is built out of the embeddedness of humanity in nature. The rituals recognize the intensively reciprocal relationship—giving and receiving—between humans and their surroundings: the life-giving sun, the nurturing earth, fertilizing water, fellow animals and the spiritual kin of the mountains.

This year's celebrations in Peru took place in the setting of significant events that mirror the challenges that indigenous peoples face in Peru and elsewhere. In the last month there have been massive *campesino* protests against mining activity in northern and southern Peru. These protests have led to injury and even death, as well as incarceration and denunciation.

The national government sees mining as important economic opportunity for the nation and for the communities, while indigenous/*campesino* protesters see mining as a threat to their habitat, especially water, and to their way of life. Many feel as well that economic benefits are not fairly shared with their communities. The situation of conflict has become polarized. In spite of government rhetoric about the need for dialogue, there seems to be little space provided for it on terms that respect all voices. President Humala's policy appears to be represented in the arrest and detention of protest leaders: an approach unlikely to deal with the concerns underlying the protests. Accusations of terrorist anti-patriotism abound in the national media.

There is no doubt that in the last five years Peru has experienced an impressive economic development. GDP has doubled in the last ten years, and was the highest in the world in 2008. Extreme poverty has fallen by 42.7% between 2004 and 2010. Generalized GDP and extreme poverty figures, however, obscure remaining and troubling facts concerning poverty, inequality and hardship. Extreme poverty has been reduced far less in the Peruvian highlands, where indigenous populations are concentrated, and remains 47 times higher than in Lima. In the sierra, more than 60% are poor, and 35% extremely poor. These are the regions where mining is concentrated, and where the *campesino* protests are found.

In a recent address to the International Labour Organization, Peruvian President Ollanta Humala highlighted sustainable mining, and identified

the indigenous people as "strategic partners" in the development strategy. At the national level, the President, government, public officials and the media emphasize the need for "social inclusion". An outline of a development strategy that could bring a more inclusive distribution of wealth and environmental protection, however, seems as yet unarticulated.

Interestingly, the latest polls suggest that 61% of Peruvians think that government should use an approach based on dialogue, rather than repression, to deal with the social conflicts taking place in the highlands. The celebration of the day of the *campesino*, June 24th, would have been a great opportunity for the president to acknowledge the possibility that behind the protests lie issues about social inclusion and the balancing of economic development with concerns about the environment and cultural patrimony.

As we in Canada know, the challenge to find this balance, and to engage the indigenous in serious and respectful conversations about it, is not confined to Peru.

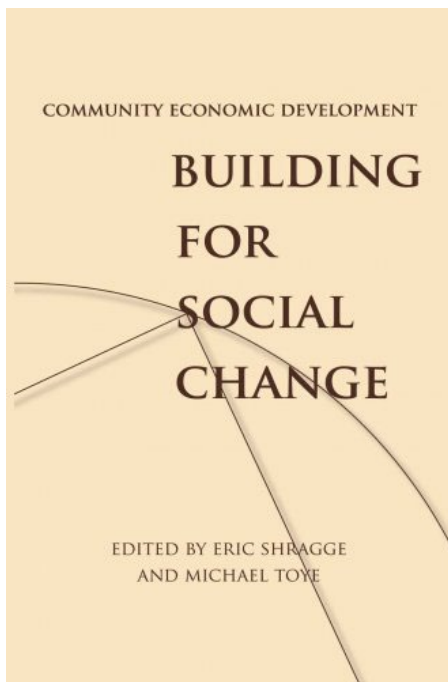
There is a genuine and deep need to improve the material well-being of Canada's indigenous, as of Peru's. But we need at the same time to take seriously indigenous views (they are not uniform) about what well-being really is, and what kind of development can lead in that direction. Discussions and protests involving indigenous peoples and extractive industries now going on in BC, Alberta and Ontario highlight these same issues. If we fail to recognize this, and attempt to "fast track" the conversations, our observance of days recognizing indigenous populations will be empty, ironic ceremonies.

Worth Reading

Some of the latest books about co-operatives

Building for Social Change

Edited by Eric Shragge, and Michael Toye

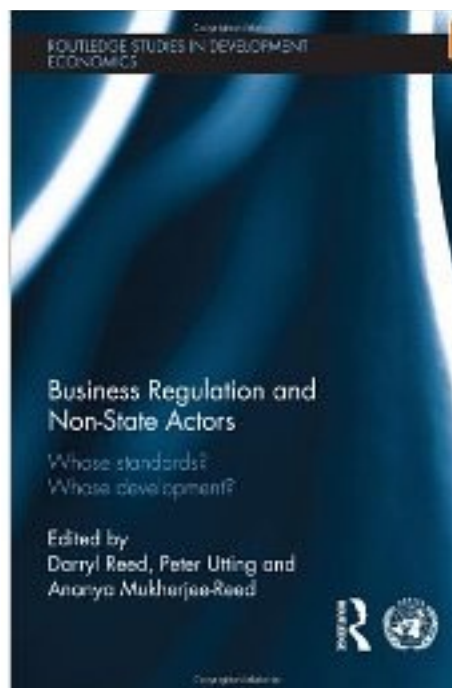


Having made major gains in practice and having built local capacities through innovation, Community Economic Development practice now stands at a crossroads. In *Building for Social Change*, Eric Shragge, Michael Toye and colleagues from across the country offer a timely critical examination of CED practices and debates. Featured authors include Nicole Chaland, John Loxley and Laura Lamb, Andrea Levy, Jean-Marc Fontan, Pierre Hamel, Richard Morin, Melanie Conn, Wanda Wuttunee, David Newhouse, Kathryn Church, Jill Hanley and Luba Serge, Mark Roseland, Gayle Broad and Linda Savory-Gordon, Gertude Anne MacIntyre and Jim Lotz, Margaret Wilder, Jocelyn D. Taliaferro, Raheema Jabbar-Bey, and Bahira Sherif-Trask, and Michael Lyons, Michael Majale and Paul Chege.

This book is designed for CED practitioners, for others working in community-based organizations and those being trained. The goal of this book is to describe and analyze CED practice, primarily in Canada, but also the U.S. and Kenya, through a wide range of subjects, the evolution of its definitions and economic dimensions

Business Regulation and Non-State Actors: Whose Standards? Whose Development?

Edited by Peter Utting, Darryl Reed, Ananya Reed



This volume assesses the achievements and limitations of a new set of non-state or multistakeholder institutions that are concerned with improving the social and environmental record of business, and holding corporations to account. It does so from a perspective

that aims to address two limitations that often characterize this field of inquiry. First, fragmentation: articles or books typically focus on one or a handful of cases. Second, the development dimension: what does such regulation imply for developing countries and subaltern groups in terms of well-being, empowerment and sustainability? This volume examines more than 20 initiatives or institutions associated with different regulatory and development approaches, including the business-friendly corporate social responsibility (CSR) agenda, 'corporate accountability' and 'fair trade' or social economy.

Building a Better World: 100 stories of co-operation

A celebration of the co-operative enterprise model



In commemoration of the International Year of Co-operatives, the International Co-operative Alliance has published a 160-page book about co-operatives around the world. This high quality, visually stunning production highlights the achievements of both the international co-operative sector and those individuals behind our powerful movement. It tells moving personal stories and examines how co-operatives of scale ensure their ongoing success.

Building a Better World: 100 stories of co-operation was launched on October 9 at the International Summit of Cooperatives in Quebec City.

The full price of the book is \$49.95 USD. The book can be ordered online at <http://s.coop/iycbook>

Two Free E-Books



Find out how Co-operative Enterprises Build a Better World in a new series of free eBooks that show how co-operatives provide an ethical alternative for business across the world.

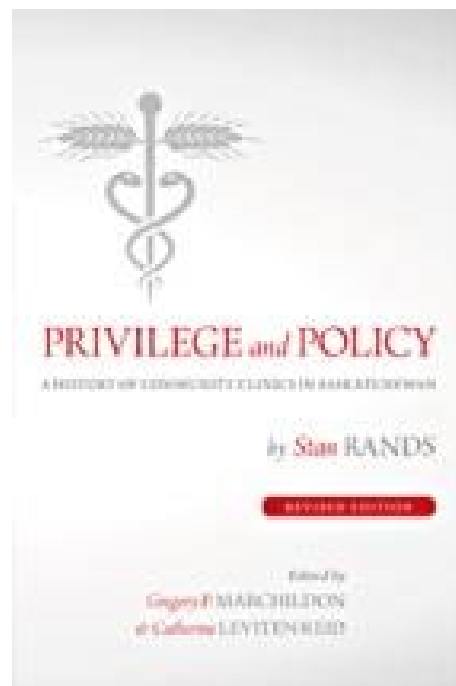
To celebrate the International Day of Co-operatives (July 7), the first eBook tackles food security and how the sector from smallholder farmers through to multi-billion dollar organizations is working to provide key commodities for the global population. Read about the fisheries sector in Vietnam that keeps millions of people employed through co-operation; the US co-operative that produces enough sugar for 12 million people; and how a group of African women gained equality through dairy

farming.

The eBooks were released each month in the run-up to Co-operatives United, the culmination event for the International Year of Co-operatives, and preview topics set to dominate the conferences, keynote addresses, seminars, workshops, fringe activities and other events during the week-long festival.

To download the eBooks, visit: www.thenews.coop/ebooks

Privilege and Policy: A History of Community Clinics in Saskatchewan *Stan Rands*



The introduction of medicare in Saskatchewan marks a dividing point in the history of the province and Canada. Before 1962, access to medical care was predicated on ability to pay and private health insurance. After 1962, access to needed medical care became a right in Saskatchewan, later extended to the rest of Canada. The

battle to establish medicare was hard fought and in the front lines were the community clinics. Stan Rands was one of the key individuals who established and managed community clinics in Saskatchewan. Here is his story of how the medicare battle was fought by those who not only wanted to eliminate money as a barrier to care but also wanted to change the way health care was delivered. Privilege and Policy: A History of Community Clinics in Saskatchewan is the inside story of a more radical vision of medicare, one that has still not been achieved in Canada.

Ever wonder why Saskatchewan is a major centre for non-profit healthcare co-ops? An important book that explores that topic has been reprinted and is now available.

Privilege and Policy: A History of Community Clinics in Saskatchewan tells the story of the introduction of medicare in Saskatchewan, the ensuing doctors' strike and the emergence of non-profit, consumer-driven health co-operatives.

The book written by Stan Rands, who was the first executive director of the province's Community Health Service Association after the doctors' strike in 1962, was edited by Greg Marchildon, a professor of public policy and economic history at the University of Saskatchewan and Catherine Leviten-Reid, a community economic development professor at Cape Breton University and former president of CASC/ACÉC.

Go to www.cprcpress.ca/publications/Privilege-and-Policy for more information and to order the book.

CASC/ASÉC Scholarships

Celebrating upcoming scholars in co-operative studies

Four students representing four universities from Canada and the UK were recipients of the CASC/ACÉC Scholarships for 2012.

On behalf of the Canadian Co-operative Association (CCA), Donna Balkan reviewed selection criteria and announced the awards at the 2012 AGM in Montreal on behalf of CASC, the Ontario Credit Union Charitable Foundation and the Co-operative Housing Federation of Canada for whom CCA administers the awards.

- Shannon Sutton of Ottawa, a PhD candidate in business and management at the University of London, UK, won the \$3,000 Amy and Tim Dauphinee Scholarship for her research on collaborative governance in fair trade co-operatives in Tanzania.
- Kimia Ghomeshi of Toronto, who

is pursuing a Master's degree in Environmental Studies at York University, won the \$1,000 Alexander Fraser Laidlaw Fellowship for her research on renewable energy co-operatives.

- Stephanie Guico of Montreal, a student in the Master of Management, Co-operatives and Credit Unions program at Saint Mary's University, received a \$1,000 Lemaire Co-operative Studies Award for her work on multi-stakeholder co-operatives.
- Erin Shaw, a Master's candidate in Environmental Studies at York University, also received a \$1,000 Lemaire Co-operative Studies Award also for research on multi-stakeholder co-operatives.

The Lemaire awards are aimed at students who are personally active in

the co-operative sector as volunteers or employees.

Donna pointed out that four of last year's winners were presenting at the conference this year: Philippe Lapointe (UQAM), Veronique Gagnon (l'Université de Sherbrooke), René Bougie (l'Université de Sherbrooke), Wendy Holm (St. Mary's University). Lynsey Grosfield had moved to Denmark. Donna also made a pitch again for members to encourage eligible candidates to apply.

The selection committee for the 2012 scholarships consisted of Isobel Findlay, University of Saskatchewan and a member of the CASC board; Catherine Leviten-Reid, Cape Breton University and former CASC president; Luc Thériault, University of New Brunswick; and Donna Balkan, communications manager of CCA.

Attention Students: 2013 CASC/ACÉC Scholarship Info

The Canadian Co-operative Association (CCA) is pleased to announce three scholarships: the Alexander Fraser Laidlaw Fellowship, Amy and Tim Dauphinee Scholarship, and the Lemaire Co-operative Studies Award

In addition to the monetary awards, recipients of each scholarship will be awarded a one-year membership in the Canadian Association for Studies in Co-operation (CASC) as well as free registration at the 2014 CASC conference.

The deadline for applications is March 31, 2013. See the attached application form at the end of this newsletter, or contact Donna Balka (donna.balkan@coopscanada.coop) for more information.

Good luck!

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Partner Organization events in 2013

June 5-7, 2013 ANSER annual
conference. Victoria, BC
<http://www.anser-ares.ca/>
Abstracts due: January 11, 2013

June 12-15t, 2013 ICA Global Research
Conference. Nicosia, Cyprus.
<http://ica.coop/fr/node/6316>
Abstracts due: January 15, 2013

Oct. 24-26, 2013 CIRIEC International
Research Conference on Social Economy.
Antwerp, Belgium.
www.ciriec-ua-conference.org
Abstracts due: March 21, 2013

July 1-4 2013 4th EMES International
Conference on Social Enterprise. Liege,
Belgium. Abstracts due: Feb. 15th

Journal Requesting Content
The Journal of Entrepreneurial and
Organizational Diversity (JEOD).
Online, open access. <http://www.jeodonline.com>

Journal Requesting Content
The Journal of Co-operative
Accounting and Reporting (JCAR).
<http://www.coopaccounting.coop/journal/>

Content NEEDED!

One of the challenges of producing a worthwhile newsletter is collecting articles and content for publishing. With the upcoming conference in June, the task of tracking down contributions is even more difficult.

If you have any information that you would like published, **including publications, initiatives, research outcomes, upcoming events, or general news**, please forward it to findlay@edwards.usask.ca. We would also like to host a member's forum to share ideas and thoughts about CASC, so letters to the editor are welcome

Please make all submissions by April 15th, 2013 to ensure publication.

A note from James Popham

The Winter, 2013 CASC/ACÉC newsletter marks the last newsletter that I will produce: Life has caught up with me and I must make my departure. I would like to thank everyone that has offered me support over the past 3 years I have struggled to establish a foothold in the world of academia.

Thanks!



MEMBERSHIP FORM

Membership rates for the 2013/14 CASC year are regular members \$125 and students, retired individuals, and the underwaged \$55. Benefits include the following:

- CASC Newsletter twice yearly
- Journal of Co-operative Studies (3 issues per year)
- Announcements of interest (about conferences, new co-operative resources or initiatives, scholarships etc.) through the CASC listserv

Contact Information

Name: _____

Institutional Affiliation (if applicable): _____

Address: _____

_____ (postal code) _____ (country)

Email: _____

Telephone: _____

Fax: _____

Please let us know if your contact information changes during the year!

Membership Type (Select one of the following):

____ Regular (\$125)

____ Student/Retired/Underwaged (\$55)

Payment Information

Mail the completed membership form, along with a cheque or money order made out to CASC in CDN or US dollars (at par) to:

Canadian Association for Studies in Co-operation
c/o Centre for the Study of Co-operatives
University of Saskatchewan
101 Diefenbaker Place
Saskatoon, SK S7N 5B8

Contact us at casc.acec@usask.ca if you have any questions.

FORMULAIRE DE MEMBRE

Les frais d'adhésion à l'ACÉC sont de 55,00 \$ pour les étudiantes et étudiants, les personnes retraitées et les personnes sous-payées; et 125,00 \$ pour toutes les autres personnes. Il y a un nombre d'avantages l'adhésion

- ACÉC newsletter deux fois par an
- Journal of Co-operative Studies (trois fois par an)
- Membres sont informés des nouvelles les plus récentes (congrès, nouveaux outils et initiatives de coopération, bourses, etc.) par courrier électronique.

Coordonnées (Veuillez nous informer de tout changement au cours de l'année!)

Nom: _____

Affiliation à un établissement (s'il y a lieu): _____

Adresse: _____

_____ (code postale) _____ (pays)

Courriel _____ Téléphone _____ Télécopieur _____

Catégorie de membre (cochez le choix approprié) :

Régulier (125 \$)

Étudiant/retraité/sous-payé (55 \$)

Information Paiement

Veuillez poster le formulaire dûment rempli, accompagné d'un chèque ou d'un mandat-poste, à l'adresse suivante :

Association canadienne pour les études sur la coopération

a/s Centre for the Study of Co-operatives

University of Saskatchewan

101 Diefenbaker Place

Saskatoon, SK S7N 5B8

Veuillez faire votre chèque ou mandat-poste à l'ordre de l'ACÉC en dollars canadiens ou américains (au pair).

Si vous avez des questions, n'hésitez pas à communiquer avec nous à casc.acec@usask.ca

**FORMULAIRE DE DEMANDE DE BOURSE D'ÉTUDES DE L'ASSOCIATION
CANADIENNE POUR LES ÉTUDES SUR LA COOPÉRATION (ACÉC)**

Veillez cocher les bourses pour lesquelles vous posez votre candidature :

- **Bourse Alexander Fraser Laidlaw** (étudiants des 2e et 3e cycles seulement) []
- **Bourse Amy and Tim Dauphinee** (étudiants des 2e et 3e cycles seulement) []
- **Bourse Lemaire en études sur la coopération** (étudiants des 1er, 2e et 3e cycles) []

Nom : _____

Adresse : _____

Tél. : _____ Courriel : _____

Université/Collège : _____

Programme : _____ Diplôme visé : _____

Date de début du programme : _____ Date d'achèvement prévue : _____

Veillez fournir les renseignements suivants sur une feuille séparée :

- renseignements d'ordre général
- diplôme(s) précédent(s); relevés de notes officiels
- prix de mérite scolaire; distinctions; bourses d'études
- lettres de référence de deux sources — l'une d'elles doit être de source universitaire
- déclaration d'intérêt concernant les coopératives
- expérience des coopératives (à titre de bénévole ou d'employé)

Description du projet

Veillez fournir une brève description de votre projet (limite de 4 pages pour les étudiants en maîtrise et doctorat et de 1 page pour les étudiants en baccalauréat; Times 12, interligne 1,5, marges)

Points et éléments à inclure :

- portée et objectif du projet
- importance théorique et pratique
- relation avec la recherche et la littérature existante
- méthodologie
- échéancier des travaux en cours et à accomplir
- nom du superviseur ou du professeur

Signature du candidat

Date

Veillez retourner le formulaire dûment rempli d'ici le 31 mars 2013 à :

BOURSES D'ÉTUDES DE L'ACÉC, a/s de Donna Balkan, Association des coopératives du Canada
275, rue Bank, bureau 400, Ottawa (Ontario) K2P 2L6
Courriel : donna.balkan@coopscanada.coop

CANADIAN ASSOCIATION FOR STUDIES IN CO-OPERATION SCHOLARSHIPS APPLICATION FORM

Please check the awards for which you are applying:

- **Alexander Fraser Laidlaw Fellowship** (graduate students only) []
- **Amy and Tim Dauphinee Scholarship** (graduate students only) []
- **Lemaire Co-operative Studies Award** (undergrad. or grad. students) []

Name: _____

Address: _____

Phone: _____ Email: _____

University/College: _____

Program: _____ Degree Sought: _____

Date of Entry into Program: _____ Expected Completion Date: _____

Please attach the following information on a separate sheet:

- Background Information
- previous degree(s); official transcripts
- academic awards; distinctions; scholarships
- letters of reference from two referees — one must be academic
- statement of interest in co-operatives
- experience with co-operatives (as either volunteer or employee)

Description of Project

Please attach an outline of your project. (Maximum of 4 pages for graduate students; 1 page for undergraduates. Format: Times 12 pt., 1.5 spacing, 2.54 cm (one-inch) margins.)

Please include the following:

- scope and objective of the project
- theoretical significance and practical importance
- relationship to existing research and literature
- methodology
- schedule of work in progress and work to be done
- name of supervisor and/or instructor

Applicant's signature Date

Return completed application by **March 31, 2011** to:

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