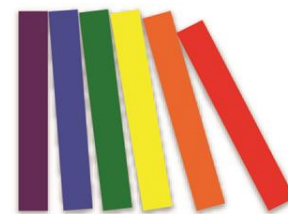


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President's Report

Darryl Reed

This message is full of much excitement about recent events and initiatives, while being tinged with a deep sense of sadness at the loss of a dear colleague and a pioneer in the co-operative movement, Ian MacPherson. The two are deeply intertwined, as Ian's work and vision seems to be written all over our current efforts and plans for the future.

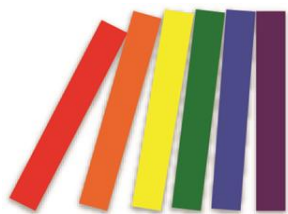
This past June we held our annual meeting at the University of Victoria, where the Centre for Co-operative and Community-based Economy (CCCBE)—an institution founded by Ian—played host. The conference was a huge success, due in large part to our program chair, Fiona Duguid, our local event co-ordinator, Ana Maria Peredo who is the director of the CCCBE, and her indefatigable assistant, Sandy Polomark. We are also grateful to Mirta Vuotto of the University of Buenos Aires who gave the keynote address for the conference, which focused on worker co-operatives and social dialogue in Argentina. At the conference, we broke new ground by expanding our collaboration with other associations, organizing sessions with Food Studies and Development Studies, along with our traditional joint panels with ANSER. We also held a successful workshop for students focusing on *Researching the Role of Co-operatives in Community Economic Development*. Everyone was delighted with Donna Balkan receiving the CASC Award of Merit. Fittingly, it was also announced that CASC was going to establish a Fund in the name of Ian MacPherson to support student conference travel, research, and engagement with the sector.

Shortly after our conference in June, the Canadian Co-operative Association (CCA) and its francophone counterpart, le Conseil canadien de la coopération et la mutualité (CCCM) concluded an agreement to form one new national organization, tentatively called Co-operatives and Mutuels Canada (CMC). Again, Ian's history comes into play here. Not only was he one of the key players who promoted the formation of the CCA, but he also served as the first president. While we are still striving to work ever more closely with the sector, we are building on an inimitable example and a strong foundation laid down by Ian.

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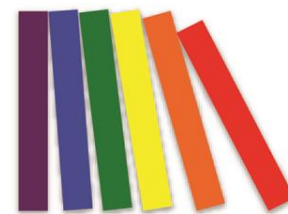
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On the research front, there are also exciting developments. First of all, congratulations are due to Sonja Novkovic, who was recently elected to serve as the head of the ICA's Committee on Co-operative Research. In taking up this position, she is following not only in the footsteps of Lou Hammond Ketilson, her immediate predecessor, but also Ian MacPherson who held the office for many years. Meanwhile, CASC is continuing on with its strategic planning efforts around collaborative research projects, as well as participating in a large international mapping project on Social Enterprises, led by Jacques Defourny from Liege. Again we are following a path laid down by Ian, who among other things, served as the director of the Social Economy Hub, which provided leadership for our largest collaborative effort to date, the very fruitful Social Economy Suite Research Partnerships.

In other news, some of our colleagues at St. Mary's have begun organizing an international association of co-operative business educators – with Sonja Novkovic and Karen Miner taking the lead. This is an exciting development, and again embodies the type of collaboration that Ian had advocated for many years, which we are only now being able to realize.

In the spring we will be meeting at Brock University, in Ian's native province of Ontario. It will be an odd feeling not having Ian present at a CASC conference, but we will celebrate the legacy that he has provided us and, more importantly, we will commemorate him by continuing the work that was so dear to him. We hope you can join us.

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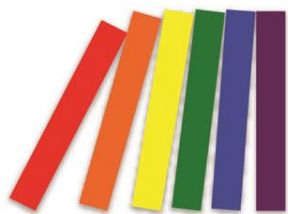
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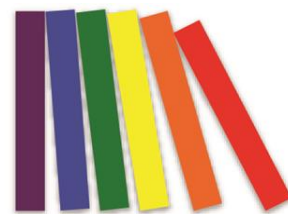
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In Memoriam

Ian MacPherson

Isobel Findlay

The global co-operative movement is mourning the loss on November 16, 2013, of one of its leading lights: Ian MacPherson, co-founder of the Canadian Association for the Study of Co-operation (CASC) and chair of the International Co-operative Alliance (ICA) committee that revised the international principles for co-operatives in 1995 and adopted a Co-operative Identity Statement for the twenty-first century at its Manchester Congress.

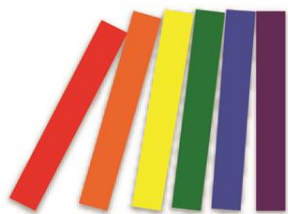


Ian MacPherson earned his MA and PhD in History at the University of Western Ontario. After teaching at the University of Winnipeg and in London, England, in 1976, Ian moved his young family to Victoria, BC, where he would have a long and successful career at the University of Victoria. Ian leaves a lasting legacy on the UVIC campus where most recently he served as Director, Co-operative Initiative for Peace and Social Inclusion; one of his last published books celebrated the 50th anniversary of UVIC.

Ian was an academic par excellence, having achieved distinction in all areas of academic endeavour. He was one of the leading authorities on co-operative history in the world, authoring and editing some twenty books, including *A Century of Co-operation*, the 2009 commemorative book marking the 100th anniversary of Canada's organized co-operative movement, and writing more than 120 academic and seventy non-academic papers. He has also made significant contributions as an administrator, serving as Chair of the History Department (1981-1989) at the University of Victoria, as well as the Dean of Humanities (1992 –1999). In addition Ian was founding director of the British Columbia Institute for Co-operative Studies (2000-2008—now the Centre for Co-operative and Community-Based Economy (CCCBE), and served as co-director of the Social Economy Hub (2005-2012), the national voice for the Canadian Social Economy Research Partnerships, a six-year, \$13,000,000 research project of the Social Science and Humanities Research Council of Canada.

One of the founding members of our research association, Ian's greatest contributions at the university, perhaps, came as a teacher and mentor. A talented lecturer who always knew how to engage his audience, Ian was a supportive mentor and supervisor to innumerable students over the years, always generous with his time, his insights, and his passion for the co-operative movement.

Winner of the ICA Rochdale Pioneers Award in 2005, Ian MacPherson was the exemplar of an engaged intellectual, having played leadership roles in the co-operative sector for over forty years and making a co-operative impact in over 70 countries. He served on numerous boards including



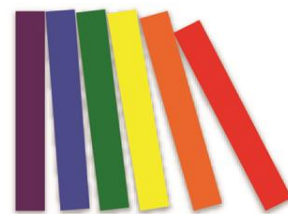
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consumer and health co-ops in Winnipeg and Victoria; a childcare co-op in Victoria; and several credit unions in Victoria. He served on the Board of BC Central Credit Union, 1983 to 1992 (President, 1987-89), and the boards of the Canadian Co-operative Credit Society, the Co-operative College of Canada, the Co-operative Union of Canada, and the Canadian Co-operative Association. He was the founding President of the latter organization, 1989 to 1995. He served on the board of the International Co-operative Alliance (ICA) 1989-1995.

Ian will be sorely missed by all who were privileged to meet him. His vision and inspiration have left an enduring mark on co-operators everywhere.

The CCA has created a special blog commemorating the life of Dr. MacPherson, for more details, visit: www.IanMacPhersonMemorial.blogspot.ca.

The [Co-operative Development Foundation of Canada](#) (CDF), in partnership with the [Canadian Co-operative Association](#) and the [Canadian Association for Studies in Co-operation](#) (CASC), has created the Ian MacPherson Legacy Fund to support student engagement with the co-operative sector.

A major consumer co-operative federation in Japan, the Seikatsu Club Consumers' Co-operative Union, has honoured the memory of Ian MacPherson with a \$10,000 contribution to the legacy fund bearing his name. The Tokyo-based Seikatsu Club with 30 member co-ops representing 300,000 members, most of whom are women, specializes in the sale of healthy and organic foods.

In addition to the Japanese donation, the CCA board has agreed to donate \$15,000 to the fund and there are plans for donations from a number of co-ops and credit unions from across Canada. In addition, nearly \$3,000 in donation has been received from individuals via the CDF web site.

To make a donation, scroll to "Donation Designation" and specify "Ian MacPherson Legacy Fund."

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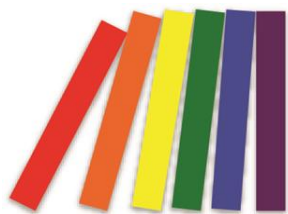
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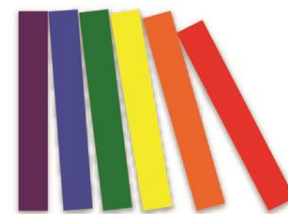
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29th Annual CASC Conference

Isobel Findlay

Cooperating @ the (Cutting) Edge: Innovating for Social Inclusion, Sustainability, and Solidarity/ La coopération @ l'avant-garde: L'innovation au service de l'inclusion sociale, du développement durable et de la solidarité

A review of events at the 29th Annual Conference of the Canadian Association for Studies in Co-operation (CASC)/L'Association Canadienne pour les Études sur la Coopération (ACÉC) held at University of Victoria, June 24-27, 2012

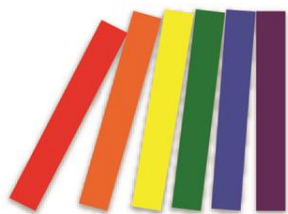
Another co-operative venture, the 29th CASC/ACÉC annual conference got started on June 3 with a well-attended student workshop *Researching the Role of Co-ops in Community Development* co-sponsored with Réseau de recherche pour mesurer la différence cooperative/ Measuring the Co-operative Difference Research Network and Canadian Co-operative Research Network/ Réseau canadien de recherché sur les cooperatives. The workshop reached out to students at institutions that do not have a history of co-op research in efforts to build the next generation of co-op researchers. In addition to meeting other student researchers interested in making a difference, the day included these highlights:

- Co-operatives as a model for community development (nationally and internationally)
- Co-op research, research methodologies, and contributions to community development
- Proposal writing workshop
- Opportunity to workshop thesis or project proposal and present it for feedback from academics

Thanks to all the student participants and to Darryl Reed, Michael Gertler, Isobel Findlay, Mirta Vuotto, Marcelo Vieta, JJ McMurtry, Jessica Gordon Nembhard, Denyse Guy, and Maria Basualdo for their contributions to the day's success.

This year in addition to our ongoing sponsorship of joint sessions with the Association for Nonprofit and Social Economy Research (ANSER) on June 6th, we sponsored joint sessions with the Canadian Association for Food Studies (CAFS) on June 4th and the Canadian Association for Studies in Development (CASID) on June 5th. As part of this collaboration, we organized a special roundtable panel on teaching for the Social and Solidarity Economy. We aim to deepen these relationships and foster new ones with other associations in future years.

We offered sessions that involved or were of interest to local practitioners, including two roundtables: one on co-operative federations and another on co-operatives in the Victoria area. With CCCBE, we co-sponsored a half-day workshop by Stacey Corriveau, BC Centre for Social Enterprise, on changes to legal structures in British Columbia opening opportunities for the Community Contribution Company.



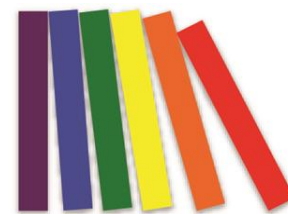
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Dr. Mirta Vuotto, our keynote speaker from the University of Buenos Aires, was generous in her several formal presentations from the student day on as in her informal networking throughout the conference. A sociologist and economist, Dr. Vuotto has published extensively in several languages, sits on the board of numerous academic journals and has served on the ICA Co-operative Research Committee and as a Board Member of the Canadian Social Economy Hub. We could have had no better guide than Professor Vuotto to walk us through some of the challenges and opportunities of the social and solidarity economy in South America. Her engagement with worker co-ops was especially revealing of relations between structural problems in labour markets and the empowering resourcefulness of worker co-ops rooted in local experience and need. She documented well the key role governments can play in assisting this process, but also the steep and persistent challenge in moving to dialogue towards new convergences of remediation and creativity.

From the opening day, we had opportunity aplenty to network and enjoy culinary and other delights. The opening reception at Cadboro Commons was jointly hosted with the Measuring the Co-operative Difference CURA, and the reception on 4 June was co-hosted with the Centre for Co-operative and Community-Based Economy. And the banquet and awards ceremony at the Faculty Club was as usual shared with ANSER. Donna Balkan was the surprised and most deserving recipient of the 2013 CASC/ACÉC Award of Merit presented by colleague and CASC Vice-president Erin Hancock.

CASC/ACÉC AGM

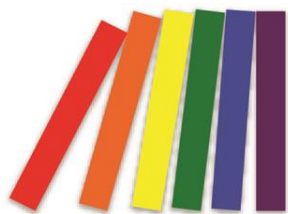
Donna Balkan announced the five winners of CASC scholarships (see p.8).

Board Elections

There were several continuing members: Fiona Duguid, Isobel Findlay, Erin Hancock, Ana Maria Peredo, and Marcelo Vieta. Two members' terms had expired: Darryl Reed and Monica Adeler. Monica would not stand again and she was thanked for her contributions to CASC and congratulated on her PhD defence and on the birth of her second child. Darryl agreed to stand again for election. Alli Floroff was nominated and accepted the nomination for the other position. No other nomination being accepted, nominations closed. Darryl and Alli were acclaimed for two-year terms.

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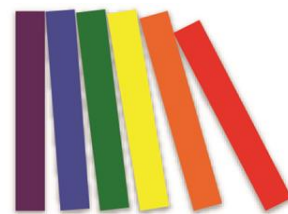
We remain hugely indebted to those who have helped organize this year's conference, especially the local organizer Ana Maria Peredo, the Director of the Centre for Co-operative and Community Based Economy (CCCBE), and her assistant Sandy Polomar. We also need to acknowledge the tremendous work done by our program chair, Fiona Duguid, and other members of the program committee (Isobel Findlay, Darryl Reed and Marcelo Vieta), and by the other members of our board (Monica Adeler and Erin Hancock, who did a lot of the heavy lifting on organizing the student workshop), as well as by our assistant at the Centre for the Study of Co-operatives at the University of Saskatchewan, Marion Hewitt Pollock.



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29th Annual CASC Conference Photo Gallery



Donna Balkan wins the CASC Merit Award

Erin Hancock

Donna Balkan, Communications Manager of the Canadian Co-operative Association, was awarded the Canadian Association for Studies in Co-operation Merit Award at the annual co-op research conference of CASC in June in Victoria, BC.

Donna has been a steward of the CASC scholarships for a number of years, she enthusiastically promotes the work of Canadian co-op researchers and she elevates the awareness of co-operatives across our country (and beyond).

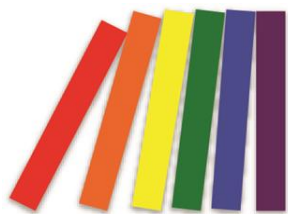
Donna has an uncanny ability to keep her finger on the pulse of co-op research. In addition,

Donna also engages in research as a practitioner.

At the conference in June she presented a study of Canada's largest co-ops and how they showcase (or fail to showcase) co-op identity on their websites. She created metrics to rank performance on measures of co-op communications.

CASC's board and members were thrilled to celebrate someone who has contributed so much. If you would like to congratulate her, you can do so on twitter using #coopresearch or by email at donna.balkan@coopscanada.coop





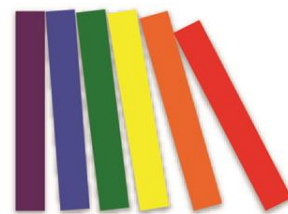
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Five students win CASC scholarships

Donna Balkan



The role of agricultural co-ops in the developing world and the links between co-operation and sustainability are just a few of the topics being explored by the recipients of CASC's 2013 scholarships, administered by the Canadian Co-operative Association (CCA). The scholarship winners were announced at the CASC conference in Victoria in June.

Sara Elder, a PhD candidate in Resource Management and Environmental Studies at the University of British Columbia, received the **\$3,000 Amy and Tim Dauphinee Scholarship** to support her research on how farmers' co-ops in Nicaragua deal with the rise of Walmart and other multinational food supply chains. The Dauphinee scholarship is funded by the Ontario Credit Union Charitable Foundation.

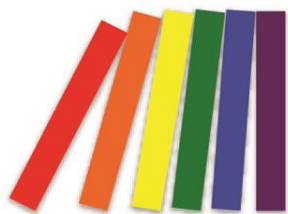
Josée Charbonneau, an IRECUS graduate who entered a PhD program in applied humanities at l'Université de Montréal this fall, received the **\$1,000 Alexander Fraser Laidlaw Fellowship**, funded by the Co-operative Housing Federation of Canada. Her research deals with the links between co-operative principles and sustainable development.

Sustainability was also a topic of interest to **Justin Ellerby**, one of three recipients of the **Lemaire Co-operative Studies Award**, funded by CCA's Lemaire endowment. Mr. Ellerby, who is pursuing an MBA in Community Economic Development at Cape Breton University, is researching the relationship between sustainability and economic democracy, with a focus on pro-ecological behaviours in worker co-ops.

For the first time, a high school student entering her first year of university also received a **Lemaire Award**, which is aimed at both undergraduate and graduate students who are personally involved in co-operatives above and beyond their academic work. **Brooke Yashyshyn**, who entered the University of Saskatchewan's Edwards School of Business this fall, was one of the founders of Tigers Credit Union, a branch of Swan Valley Credit Union at Swan Valley Regional Secondary School in Manitoba.

The third **Lemaire Award winner** was **Anne-Marie Merrien**, who has been involved in the development of several co-ops at and around l'Université de Montréal. A PhD candidate in applied humanities, she has been exploring the long-term effects of co-operation on justice, peace and dignity.

The call for applications for the 2014 CASC Scholarships will be launched in January 2014. For more information, contact Erin Hancock at erin.hancock@coopscanada.coop.



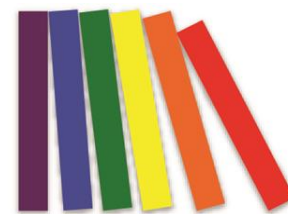
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Dr. Sonja Novkovic named new Chair- ICA Committee on Co-op Research

Darryl Reed

Congratulations to Sonja Novkovic – Sonja has not only been elected to the ICA Committee on Co-operative Research (ICACCR), but will also serve as the chair of the committee. In taking up this position, Sonja is continuing a tradition of CASC leadership in international research, as she takes over the position from Lou Hammond Ketilson (with Ian Macpherson also previously having served in this position). I am sure that Sonja can count on the support of CASC in taking up this position (and that many CASC members will consider participating in the 2014 ICACCR conference in Croatia. Congratulations Sonja.

Mitch Diamantopoulos wins Best Article Award



Many congratulations to CASC member Mitch Diamantopoulos (School of Journalism, University of Regina), winner of ANSERJ BEST ARTICLE AWARD for his article “Cooperative Development Gap in Québec and Saskatchewan 1980 to 2010: A Tale of Two Movements” which appeared in Vol. 2 (No 2) of ANSERJ. Mitch received the award at the 2013 CASC-ANSER Banquet at the University of Victoria.

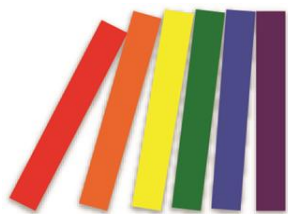
Mitch was also recipient of the 011/2012 *ANSER Dissertation Award for his PhD dissertation, Globalization, social innovation, and co-operative development: A comparative analysis of Quebec and Saskatchewan, 1980-2010.*

International Co-operative Governance Symposium held in Halifax in September

Erin Hancock

Karen Miner, Managing Director of Co-operative Management Education and Dr. Sonja Novkovic, Professor at Saint Mary's University co-organized an international gathering from September 5-7 in Halifax, Nova Scotia to talk all things governance and co-ops. The conference attracted over 100 participants from Canada as well as practitioners and researchers from the USA, Jamaica, Scotland, Finland and beyond. Conference themes included member participation, director education, accountability and policy. CASC's President Darryl Reed spoke about governance fair trade and CASC's Vice President Erin Hancock launched the concept for a new co-operative governance education portal that is currently in development. A conference paper will soon be available and all other details from the conference are available here:

<http://www.smu.ca/academic/sobey/mm/governance-symposium.html>



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Director Lou Hammond Ketilson Receives

Major University Award

Heather Acton

We are thrilled to announce that our director, [Lou Hammond Ketilson](#), has received the University of Saskatchewan's **Award for Distinction in Community-Engaged Teaching and Scholarship** at Spring Convocation 2013.

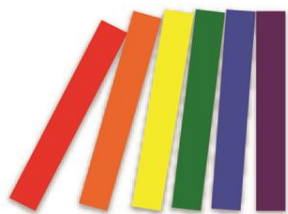
Lou has been a leading scholar, researcher, advocate, and mentor for co-operative businesses and organizations for most of her career. Her skills in reaching out to and building strong relationships with a diverse range of individuals, groups, organizations, and institutions around the world have not only made for a successful career, but have also helped build many successful co-operatives and enhanced the university's reputation.

Lou currently holds an academic position in the Johnson-Shoyama Graduate School of Public Policy. She was previously a faculty member in the Department of Management and Marketing at the Edwards School of Business and is a former associate dean of graduate programs with the college. She also chaired the [International Co-operative Alliance Committee on Co-operative Research](#) and is a past-president of the [Administrative Sciences Association of Canada](#).



Engaged in community-based scholarship her entire career, Lou is well equipped to help the Centre for the Study of Co-operatives fulfil its mandate of community outreach and engagement. She is recognized nationally and internationally for her research and publications on financial co-operatives, Aboriginal co-operative development, gender diversity, and leadership in co-operatives. Her work has a strong policy focus, specifically the role that co-operatives play in achieving sustainable economic and social

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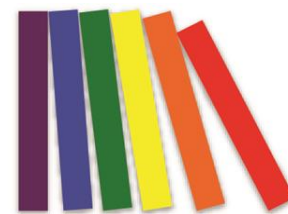
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Marguerite Mendell wins Prix du Québec

Isobel Findlay & Erin Hancock

Marguerite Mendell — economist, professor and interim principal of Concordia's School of Community and Public Affairs (SCPA) — has received the Prix du Québec, the highest distinction awarded by the Government of Quebec, for her scholarship and engagement in the field of social economy. The Prix du Québec recognizes individuals whose innovative spirit and work has contributed to the development of Québec society.



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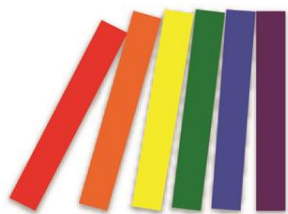
Since joining the university in 1984 as a postdoctoral fellow in the PhD Humanities program, Mendell has made significant contributions to the SCPA and the Karl Polanyi Institute of Political Economy, where she has served as director since 1987. Her collaborations with practitioners in community economic development, social economy and the social finance sector have resulted in innovations in public policy at the municipal, provincial and federal levels.

"I am delighted, honoured and humbled to be receiving this award," says Mendell. "My research has been based on the dynamic nature of Quebec society — a place I love. To be recognized by the government at this stage in my career is very rewarding, but also overwhelming!"

Mendell's expertise on public policy continues to be sought worldwide. Earlier this year, her presentation at the United Nations Research Institute for Social Development in Geneva shed new light on the theme of social and solidarity economy. In November, she was the keynote speaker at the 2013 Social Economy Global Forum, co-hosted by the mayor of Seoul and the Government of Quebec.

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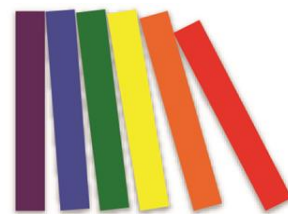
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“Discover the Co-operative Difference” Great tool for educating about co-ops

Erin Hancock

CCA's free online orientation program for co-op staff, members and directors as well as students and educators

Take a walk down 'co-op Main Street', learn about the co-operative principles and values, explore the different types of co-ops and get to know some of Canada's flagship co-ops. This free online program was launched in the spring of 2012 in order to provide an orientation tool that gets people acquainted with the co-operative movement in Canada and beyond in an accessible way. Users can log in as many times as they would like and take it at their own pace. Over 350 people have used the program from over 125 different organizations. Use co-op week as a time to encourage people to understand the depth and breadth of this diverse sector! Add it to your website, your employee orientation program, your board training plan or your member outreach strategy today. www.thecoopdifference.coop/ Feel free to contact Erin Hancock, Manager of Research and Education at the Canadian Co-operative Association at erin.hancock@coopscanada.coop with any questions.

Logging on:

To access the program, visit <http://www.thecoopdifference.coop/>

Click **New User Registration** on the right

Enter your information and create a password, then click **Create Account**

Click the [Discover the Co-operative Difference Program for co-operative members and employees](#) link at the bottom of the screen

Click **Add to Cart** (even though we program is free, this step is required), then **Check Out Now**

Click the box to agree to the terms and then the **Complete Purchase** button

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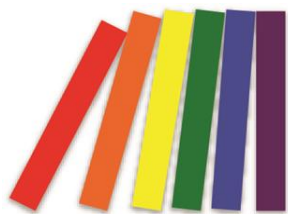
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Staying Informed about Co-op Research

Erin Hackock

If you're not yet aware of the Canadian Co-operative Research Network, visit s.coop/research today to check it out. The site serves as the online hub for co-operative research in Canada and beyond.

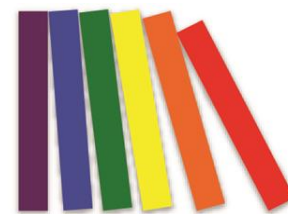
Featuring a research library, researcher profiles, project ideas, an event calendar and weekly updates on new/publications/opportunities, it's a one stop shop to stay informed. You can enter your email on the main page to receive news directly (1-3 times per week). You can also stay informed about news via facebook at www.facebook.com/CCRNRCRC or twitter @CCRNRCRC



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STRENGTHENING CUBA'S FARMER CO-OPERATIVES – Through Co-operative Education and Training

Wendy Holm

Still standing after the collapse of the former Soviet Union and 52 punishing years of US economic blockade, socialist Cuba – already a global leader in sustainable food production – is about to show the world what sustainable communities are all about. Cuba is going co-op.



Building on the success of coops in the farm sector, Los Lineamientos (“the policy guidelines”) promises support for the development of worker cooperatives across the economy as many large state sectors step back to allow more efficient forms of enterprise to emerge. Co-mingled with small, micro enterprise, the new economic model Cuba is building has resonance for us all. Which is why the coop community is stepping forward to help.

As Los Lineamientos¹ moves Cuba towards a more co-operative, people-centered economy, Cuba's farm co-ops have an important role to play. This project STRENGTHENING CUBA'S FARMER CO-OPERATIVES Through Co-operative Education and Training will support an ANAP²-led, three-year education and training program to a) enhance the ability of Cuba's farm cooperatives to achieve social, economic and sustainability goals and b) assist in the development of common skills needed by Cuba's three types of coops to enable them to successfully come together in more complex, “new type” (second-tier) organizations.³ ANAP's project proposal is posted at <http://www.wendyholm.com/ANAP.Prop.English.pdf>

This initiative grew out of a December 2011 series of Havana workshops on cooperatives. The proceedings of this conference are presented in the document Walking the Walk (<http://www.theholmteam.ca/HAVANA.WORKSHOPS.Dec.2011.pdf>). This led to an invitation to 4 Cubans to attend IMAGINE 2012 and SUMMIT meetings in Quebec City in October 2012, the International Year of Co-operatives as guests of Saint Mary's University, Desjardins and Vancity Guests. This project is part of the “practical” track for the farm sector as identified in February 2013 by 3 of the 4 Cuban delegates to IMAGINE 2012/SUMMIT. For further background see <http://www.wendyholm.com/Report.to.IDRC.Cuba.2013.pdf>

A team of international advisors (Wendy Holm, Sonja Novkovic, Tom Webb, Marcelo Vieta and Bob Yuill) has stepped forward to assist in the mobilization of resources needed to effectively implement ANAP's training objectives (e.g. support for educational resources, use of tools such as the Coop Index, train-the-trainers programs). Profiles of the advisory team are presented at <http://www.wendyholm.com/Team.Profiles.pdf>

The objective is to work together with the Cubans to develop a training model that will empower all three types of Cuba's farm co-operatives to a) improve their internal (associative and organizational) integration of co-operative values, principles, management and governance and b) facilitate their ability to come together as strong second-tier entities.⁴

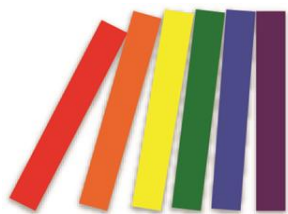
All this depends on funding. Here is an excellent chance to amp up your Principle 6 engagement! Find out how easy it is to support this work: <http://www.wendyholm.com/Oct21.Cuba.Co-op.Training.Program.ANAP.pdf>

¹ Los Lineamientos is a set of policy guidelines adopted by the Cuban government in the Spring of 2011 – after extensive grass roots consultation - to renovate and modernize Cuba's economy consistent with the goals and values of socialism.

² ANAP (Asociación Nacional de Agricultores Pequeño) was founded by Cuba's private farmers in 1961.

³ A second tier co-op is one whose members are co-operatives. Correctly undertaken, moving to a second tier offers benefits to all.

⁴ Cuba supports the creation of more complex, “new type” (second tier) cooperatives. To accomplish this effectively CPA's, CCS's and UBPC's must come to the table with the same solid understanding of co-operative principles, values and organization.



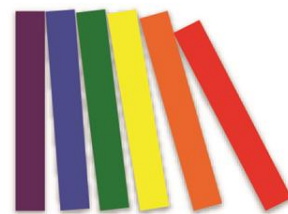
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CONGRESS 2014 Brock University

Brock University (with 17,000 full-time students and nearly 600 faculty) is located atop the **Niagara Escarpment** in Ontario's **Niagara peninsula**. Niagara is framed by Lake Ontario, Lake Erie and the Niagara River. The escarpment cuts dramatically across the region, with the **Bruce Trail** following its miles of majestic vistas. The peninsula has a population of 427,000 — but more than 12 million visitors come to Niagara every year.

Niagara's towns and cities include **St. Catharines**, **Niagara Falls**, **Niagara-on-the-Lake**, **Welland**, **Thorold**, **Port Colborne**, **Fort Erie**, **Grimsby** and **Lincoln**. It also has the rural municipalities of **Wainfleet** and **West Lincoln**.

Brock is in **St. Catharines, Ontario**. Located within an hour's drive of Toronto, Hamilton, and Buffalo, N.Y., Brock is easily accessible and close to major attractions, airports, and shopping.

Brock's campus is small and interconnected, with the feel of a small community – you could walk from one end of campus to the other in less than 10 minutes. And you'll always know where you are at Brock. Just look up! The Schmon Tower stands 13 stories and can be seen from almost every location on campus, and St. Catharines

Brock is growing

"For a decade, Brock has had the second-highest growth of students of any Ontario university.

More than \$300 million in construction has been committed or commissioned to expand the campus. In recent years, we've constructed:

- new student residences;
- the Plaza building, home of a new campus store and academic space;
- the **Jack and Nora Walker Canadian Centre for Lifespan Development Research**, a facility unique in Canada
- a new **International Centre**

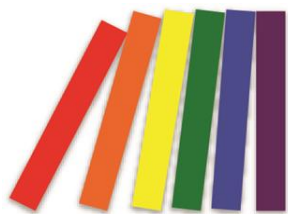
Construction is ongoing for the **Cairns Family Health and Bioscience Research Complex**, a state-of-the-art facility where students and professors will explore new frontiers in green science and health and wellness.

And in downtown St. Catharines, work has started on the **Marilyn I. Walker School of Fine and Performing Arts**, a landmark campus that will support digital media and creativity, and help revitalize downtown St. Catharines.

Brock is green

Brock has a park-like setting atop the Niagara Escarpment in Ontario's Niagara peninsula. Brock's campus is part of a **UNESCO Biosphere .Reserve**.





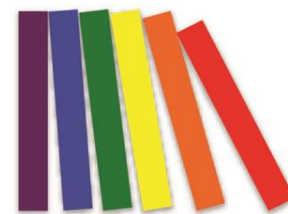
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Call for Papers

Co-operating across Borders: Expanding the Boundaries of the Social and Solidarity Economy

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Conference Theme

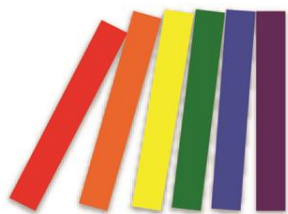
The very nature of the co-operative movement - with its wide range of organizational forms and a presence in virtually all sectors of the economy – inevitably leads it to cross borders and expand boundaries – geographic, social, cultural, political and economic. Co-operatives have a long history, dating back to the 19th century, of not only working within local communities, but also of moving outward to affiliate and collaborate with other communities. In our increasingly global economy, this proclivity of co-operatives to move outwards is only enhanced – facilitated by advances in communication and transportation and impelled by new economic realities. The theme of this year's annual conference draws analytic attention to the variety of ways in which co-operatives, and the social and solidarity economies in which they are embedded, innovate as they move across borders, break down barriers and expand boundaries.

Conference Topics

We invite potential participants to submit proposals that in some way reflect ways of “co-operating across borders”. This could mean across the boundaries of geography, sector, community, academic discipline, theoretical frameworks, demographics and/or industry. Proposals on the following topics are welcome, as are others within the theme.

Elevating co-operative business and expanding conceptual borders

- Co-operative Management Structures and Practices
- Co-operative Ownership and Governance Structures and Practices
- Co-operative Business and Marketing Strategies
- Value-chain and scaling
- Innovation and Entrepreneurship in Youth and Student Co-operatives
- Innovation and Entrepreneurship in Green Production
- 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
- Regulation including state and non-state regulations
- Finance, micro-finance, and credit unions
- Co-operative types (i.e., worker co-ops, financial co-ops, consumer co-ops, agricultural co-ops, etc.)



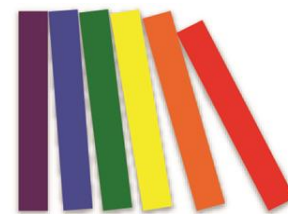
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Expanding beyond borders

- Co-operatives and Development
- Transnational Co-operation among Co-operatives: Bridging North-South Divides
- Innovation and Entrepreneurship in Fair Trade, Poverty Reduction, and Local Development Strategies and Practices
- International Co-operatives
- Innovation and Entrepreneurship in crisis and conflict contexts

Building bridges

- Fostering Co-operation among Co-operatives
- Innovation and Entrepreneurship in Inter-co-operation between Co-operatives Innovation and Entrepreneurship in Aboriginal Communities
- Business Conversions to Worker Co-operatives: Recuperating Businesses, Saving Communities
- Co-operatives connection to food sovereignty and local food development

Defining new economic and social boundaries

- Mainstreaming the Co-operative Advantage
- Moving Beyond Crises and Marginalization via Co-operative Values and Practices
- Political and economic boundaries
- Co-operatives and social movements
- Community economic development
- Collective entrepreneurship

Submission Guidelines

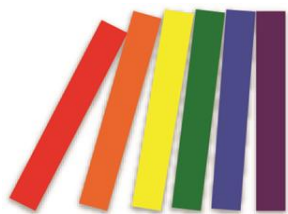
We invite researchers, students, and practitioners to submit any of four types of proposals:

(1) The **Individual Paper** provides the presenter with the opportunity to present on a topic for approximately 20 minutes. They will join 1-2 other presenters of a similar theme. There will be time for a Q and A.

Individual paper 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) The **Panel** Proposal creates a space for a group (3) of presenters who have a common theme in their presentations to self-select to present together. Presenters will have approximately 20 minutes each to present. There will time for a Q and A.

Panel proposals should include: a) the title of the panel; 2) a 150 word description of the issue or theme that the panel investigates and how the individual papers relate to the theme/ issue; 3) the names, affiliations and contact information for all panel participants, and; 4) 150 word descriptions of all panel presentations.



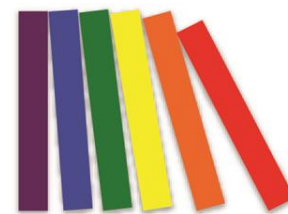
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(3) The **Roundtable** is an opportunity for moderated discussion. A panel of discussants will be posed ideas or questions on a topic by a moderator and the audience. Discussants are not expected to and should not deliver formal papers.

Roundtable proposals should include: a) the title of the roundtable; 2) a 150 word description of the issue or theme that the roundtable investigates (including some possible questions); and 3) the names, affiliations and contact information for all participants including the moderator (if decided).

(4) The **Workshop** is an opportunity for a topic to be presented and interacted with in a dynamic and engaging manner. It should involve audience participation.

Proposals should include a) the title of the workshop; 2) a 150 word description of the issues or theme that the workshop investigates; 3) the name(s), affiliations and contact information for all workshop presenters, and 4) a short description of what methods will be used to make it a workshop.

All abstracts and proposals are due on **January 10th, 2014**. We encourage those would want to be in a joint session to please submit as early as possible. They may be submitted either in English or French. No more than two presentations per person will be permitted.

All proposals are subject to peer review. Applicants will be informed of acceptance by February 28th, 2014. A directory of conference delegates will be published in the CASC 2014 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.

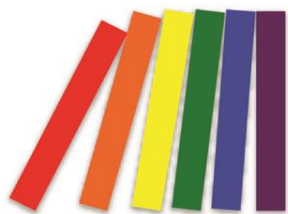
Conference Information

This year's CASC conference will be held from May 26th to May 29th, 2014, during the Annual Congress of the Canadian Federation for the Humanities and Social Sciences (CFHSS) 2014 at Brock University, St Catharines, Ontario, 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 2014. 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.

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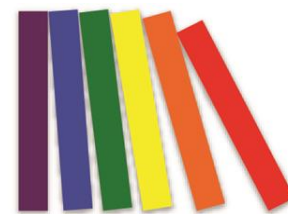
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Coopérer au-delà des frontières : étendre les limites de l'économie sociale et solidaire

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Thème de la conférence

La nature même du mouvement coopératif, avec son vaste éventail de structures organisationnelles et sa présence dans pratiquement tous les secteurs de l'économie, l'amène inévitablement à franchir des frontières et à étendre les limites géographiques, sociales, culturelles, politiques et économiques. Les coopératives ont une longue tradition, remontant au XIX^e siècle, de ne pas se limiter à travailler à l'intérieur des collectivités locales, mais d'ouvrir sur l'extérieur afin de s'associer et de collaborer avec d'autres collectivités. Dans le contexte d'une économie de plus en plus mondialisée, cette propension des coopératives à s'ouvrir sur l'extérieur est d'autant renforcée qu'elle est facilitée par les avancées au chapitre des communications et du transport et encouragée par de nouvelles réalités économiques. Cette année, le thème de notre conférence annuelle propose une analyse attentive des façons dont les coopératives, et du même coup les économies sociales et solidaires qui les enchâssent, innoveront en franchissant les frontières, en faisant tomber les barrières et en étendant les limites.

Sujets de la conférence

Nous invitons les participantes et les participants à soumettre des propositions qui reflètent sous un angle ou un autre des façons de « coopérer au-delà des frontières ». Cela peut vouloir dire au-delà des limites de la géographie, d'un secteur, d'une collectivité, d'une discipline universitaire, d'un cadre théorique, de la démographie ou d'une industrie. Des propositions abordant les sujets suivants seront admises tout comme d'autres portant sur la thématique.

Améliorer les entreprises coopératives et étendre les frontières conceptuelles

Les structures et 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

Chaîne de valeurs et calibrage

L'innovation et l'entrepreneuriat dans les coopératives jeunesse et les coopératives étudiantes

L'innovation et l'entrepreneuriat dans la production écologique

Le « développement durable » est-il la nouvelle valeur de la coopération au XXI^e siècle?

Le rôle de l'éducation dans la promotion de l'innovation et de la coopération

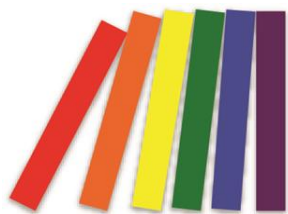
Le rôle de la recherche dans la promotion de l'innovation et de la coopération

Le rôle des politiques publiques dans la promotion de l'innovation et de la coopération

La réglementation y compris les réglementations gouvernementales et non gouvernementales

Le financement, le microfinancement et les coopératives de crédit

Les catégories de coopératives (c'est-à-dire coopératives de travailleurs, financières, de consommation, agricoles, etc.



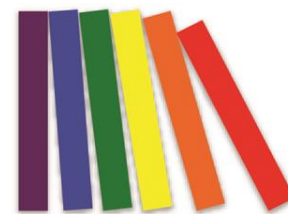
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S'étendre au-delà des frontières

Les coopératives et le développement

La coopération transnationale entre coopératives : créer des ponts entre le Nord et le Sud

L'innovation et l'entrepreneuriat en commerce équitable, la réduction de la pauvreté et les stratégies et pratiques de développement local

Les coopératives internationales

L'innovation et l'entrepreneuriat dans le cadre de crises et de conflits

Bâtir des ponts

Encourager la coopération au sein des coopératives

L'innovation et l'entrepreneuriat dans l'intercoopération entre les coopératives

L'innovation et l'entrepreneuriat en milieu autochtone

La conversion d'entreprises en coopératives de travailleurs : remettre sur pied des entreprises, sauver des collectivités

Le lien des coopératives à la souveraineté alimentaire et au développement de produits alimentaires locaux

Définir de nouvelles frontières économiques et sociales

L'intégration de l'avantage coopératif

Les valeurs et les pratiques de coopération pour échapper aux crises et à la marginalisation

Les frontières politiques et économiques

Les coopératives et les mouvements sociaux

Le développement économique et communautaire

L'entrepreneuriat collectif

Lignes directrices pour les propositions

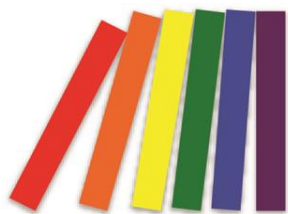
Nous invitons les chercheurs/chercheuses, les étudiants/étudiantes et les praticiens/praticiennes à soumettre des propositions s'inscrivant dans l'une ou l'autre des quatre catégories suivantes :

Communication individuelle — la personne dispose d'environ vingt minutes pour faire son exposé sur le thème choisi. Une ou deux autres personnes dont la communication porte sur un thème similaire se joindront à elle. Il y aura une période de questions et de réponses.

Les propositions de communication individuelle 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 en 150 mots de la communication (qui apparaîtra dans le programme), incluant un argumentaire qui établit le lien entre la présentation, 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.

Panel — une tribune permettant à un groupe de trois (3) présentateurs/présentatrices abordant un thème commun de s'autosélectionner afin de faire leur présentation ensemble. Chaque personne disposera de vingt minutes pour faire son exposé. Il y aura une période de questions et de réponses.

Les propositions de panel doivent inclure : a) le titre du panel; 2) une description en 150 mots de la thématique examinée et du lien entre les exposés individuels et cette thématique; 3) les noms, affiliations et coordonnées de tous les membres du panel; et 4) une description en 150 mots des exposés de chacun des membres du panel



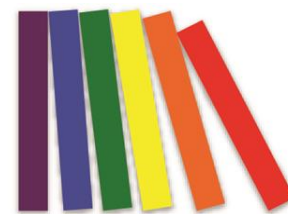
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Table ronde — un groupe de discussion dirigée. Un modérateur ou une modératrice ainsi que le public soumettront des questions ou des idées sur une thématique donnée auxquelles réagiront les membres de la table ronde. Les membres de la table ronde n'ont pas à soumettre de communication officielle.

Les propositions de table ronde doivent inclure : a) le titre de la table ronde; 2) une description en 150 mots de la thématique examinée (y compris quelques questions possibles); 3) les noms, affiliations et coordonnées de tous les membres de la table ronde, y compris du modérateur ou de la modératrice (si la personne est connue).

Atelier — une possibilité de présenter de façon dynamique et participative un sujet autour duquel interagir. L'atelier devrait faire appel à la participation du public.

Les propositions d'atelier doivent inclure : a) le titre de l'atelier; 2) une description en 150 mots de la thématique examinée; 3) les noms, affiliations et coordonnées de tous les animateurs et animatrices; et 4) une courte description des techniques utilisées pour faire de la présentation un atelier.

Les résumés et les propositions doivent tous être soumis au plus tard le **10 janvier 2014**. Nous invitons les personnes désireuses de participer à une séance conjointe de soumettre leurs propositions le plus tôt possible. Vous pouvez les soumettre en français ou en anglais. Deux présentations maximum par personne seront permises.

Toutes les propositions feront l'objet d'un examen par les pairs. Les personnes sauront si leurs propositions sont acceptées d'ici le 28 février 2014. Un répertoire des délégués/déléguées à la conférence sera publié dans le programme de la Conférence de 2014 de l'ACÉC; si vous ne voulez pas que votre nom, vos coordonnées et votre affiliation y figurent, veuillez nous en aviser au moment de soumettre votre résumé.

Renseignements au sujet de la conférence

Cette année, la conférence de l'ACÉC se déroulera du 26 mai au 29 mai 2014 dans le cadre du congrès annuel de 2014 de la Fédération des sciences humaines (FSH) qui se tiendra à l'Université Brock, à St. Catharines en Ontario au Canada. Les participantes et participants de la conférence de l'ACÉC doivent s'inscrire sur le site web du congrès de la FSH <http://www.fedcan.ca/en/congress>) La période d'inscription, qui comprend des réductions pour inscription hâtive, commencera en janvier 2014. Les frais d'inscription à la conférence de l'ACÉC comprennent l'inscription au congrès de la FSH et les frais d'adhésion d'un an à l'ACÉC. Les personnes désireuses d'assister au banquet annuel de l'ACÉC, une activité organisée conjointement avec l'ARES, devront déboursier un montant additionnel. On peut trouver des renseignements sur l'hébergement et les tarifs réduits de voyage ainsi que de l'information sur le lieu d'accueil dans le site web du congrès de la FSH. Pour de plus amples renseignements sur l'ACÉC et son assemblée générale, y compris sur les conférences principales, les plénières et les panels, le banquet et pour d'autres nouvelles, veuillez consulter le site web de l'ACÉC (www.coopresearch.coop) ou nous écrire à casc.acec@usask.ca.

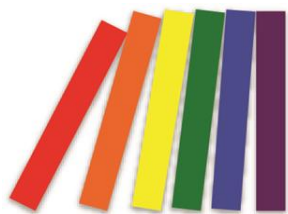
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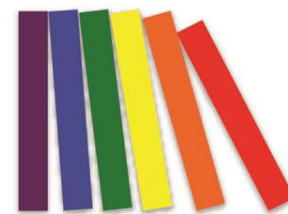
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Association for Nonprofit and Social Economy Research

ANSER/ARES 2014 CONFERENCE
*Nonprofits and the Social Economy,
Pursuing Borders without
Boundaries*
Seventh Annual Conference
May 28-30, 2014
Brock University

We invite you to submit proposals for individual papers, panels, or roundtable discussions on topics related to nonprofits, co-operatives, social enterprises, community economic development, and the social economy in Canadian, comparative, or international contexts.

Proposal abstracts, in either official language, must be submitted online by January 12, 2014, at:
<http://conferences.uvic.ca/index.php/anser-ares/anser-ares2014/index> A link to the online system is also available on our Website at www.anser-ares.ca. Any questions can be directed to anserconference@gmail.com.

For more information, you can email us at anserconference@gmail.com or check the ANSER conference website and follow @anser2014 and #anser2014 on twitter for updates about keynote speakers, plenary panels, banquet details and the other exciting events we have organized for your visit.

A special joint issue of the International Journal of Co- operative Management and Journal of Co-operative Accounting and Reporting

Guest editor: Sonja Novkovic
Special issue on co-operative
governance

We welcome a critical approach that will question the essence of co-operative type of business and the evolving practices that may jeopardize the co-operative identity, but we also welcome best practice solutions to some of the potential problems and risks faced by co-operatives under the pressure of market competition, or oligarchy.

Both theoretical and applied research papers, as well as practical executive reports will be considered. All submitted articles will be subject to peer review process.

Submission deadline:
March 1 2014

Paper length:
5000 words for research papers, and 2000 words for executive reports.

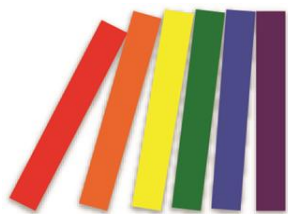
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ICA-CCR international research conference Cooperatives in local and regional development
Pula, Croatia June 25-28, 2014
www.ICA2014.coop

We invite practitioners, researchers, and policy makers in the cooperative and social and solidarity economy to submit an abstract no longer than 300 words on the above topics, or other topics related to co-operative studies. Proposals for presentations or for panels (up to 6 participants) and sessions (three or four presenters of research papers on a common theme) are welcome.

The abstracts should be submitted by email to: Sonja Novkovic: snovkovic@smu.ca indicating ICA2014 and the family name of the corresponding author in the subject area (eg. **ICA2014- Smith**). The message should indicate clearly the type of proposal - paper abstract, panel, or a session. A panel or session proposals need to include names of all presenters, as well as abstracts of all three papers for a session.

Deadlines:
Abstracts: March 1, 2014
Notification of acceptance: April 1 2014
Early bird registration: May 15 2014



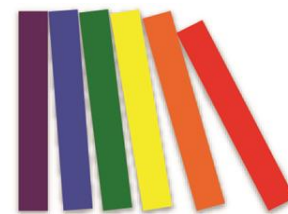
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Centre of Excellence in Accounting and Reporting for Co-operatives (CEARC) Research Grants

Proposals due: **EXTENDED TO
JANUARY 15, 2014**

The Centre of Excellence in Accounting and Reporting for Co-operatives (CEARC) has made a research fund available for research in accounting and reporting for co-operatives and credit unions. There is only one call for proposals per year. A total of \$20,000 is available for this call. These funds may be awarded to more than one recipient. For example, the funds could be given to 2 people (\$10,000 each) or to 4 people (\$5,000 each).

Submit Grant Applications via e-mail to:

Dr. Jeff Power, Chairperson
Research Committee
Centre of Excellence in Accounting
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c/o Cathy Mason, Administrative
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Questions should be directed to
the Chairperson of the CEARC
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Call For Applicants: Comparative Co-operative Law Programme - Canada

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auspices of the Co-operative
Governance Initiative (CGI)** In
collaboration with the *Canadian
Co-operative Research Network -
Réseau canadien de recherche sur
les coopératives*
*Measuring the Co-operative
Difference Research Network*

The Co-operative Governance Initiative is an interdisciplinary, multi-year research programme developed and carried out at the Critical Research Laboratory in Law & Society at Osgoode Hall Law School. The CGI takes its cues from the co-operative movement and investigates community-based forms of organizing civil action and approaches to economic sustainability at the intersection of state and society from a legal/governance perspective.

For more information, go to:
<http://www.criticalresearchlab.org/crl/project/co-operative->

<http://www.cooperativedifference.coop/>

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The Journal of Entrepreneurial and Organizational Diversity (JEOD) launches a call for papers for a special issue on:

"The Cooperative Advantage for
Community Development"

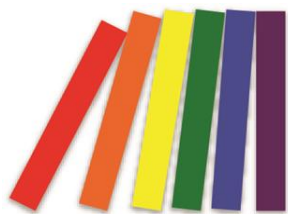
Guest editors:

Marcelo Vieta and Doug Lionais

The Journal of Entrepreneurial and Organizational Diversity (JEOD) invites researchers to submit theoretical, empirical, or historical papers or case studies that analyze, demonstrate or critique the cooperative advantage for community development. We encourage papers from the perspectives of organizational, management, development, environmental, or cooperative studies, or from the broader fields of economics, sociology, geography, anthropology, or other social sciences. Papers must have a sound analytical base. We are open to different research methodologies, as long as they are relevant to the topic and employed rigorously.

Please direct any further inquiries to the issue's guest-editors:
Marcelo Vieta
(marcelo.vieta@euricse.eu) or
Doug Lionais
(doug.lionais@cbu.ca), or to Ilana
Gotz, JEOD Managing Editor
(ilana.gotz@euricse.eu).

Deadline for submissions:
February 1, 2014.



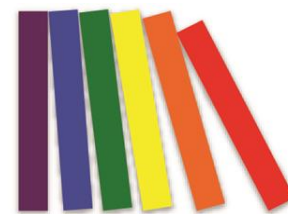
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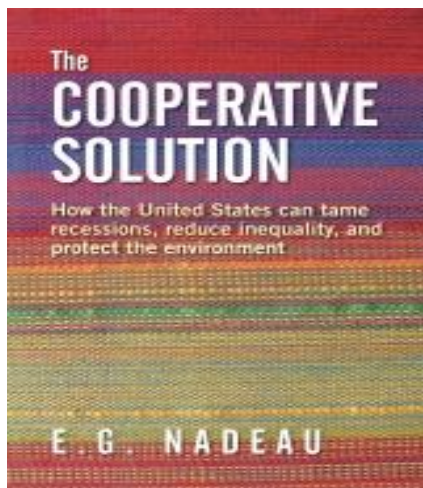
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Worth Reading: Books about Co-ops



The Cooperative Solution by E.G. Nadeau

Are you concerned about the power of large corporations and other special interests to control the US economy and influence our political system? Are you worried about recurrent recession in our society, and threats to our environment, especially from potentially devastating changes in our climate? The Cooperative Solution not only analyses why these problems occur, but recommends ways that you and your neighbors can participate in solving them.

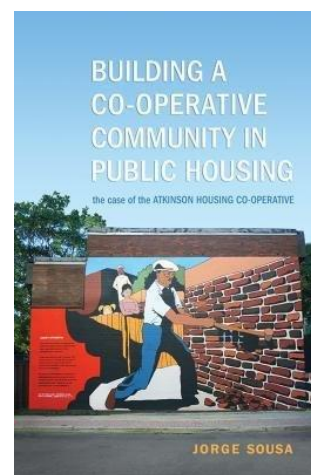
The book makes the case that cooperatives are the solution to many of the major economic, social, and environmental problems in the United States today. The basic tenet of the essay is that co-ops are democratically controlled and are motivated primarily by the goal of providing services to their members, not by generating profits for their owners and investors.

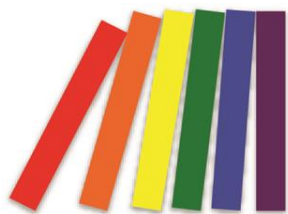
As a result of this democratic, services-first design, co-ops are much more likely to avoid the negative consequences of economic institutions primarily driven by the quest for ever-increasing profits. This latter model of economic development has led to over 200 years of economic instability, inequality, and environmental degradation in the United States. In the coming decades, co-ops can lead the way to undoing these fundamental flaws in our economic system.

Building a Co-operative Community in Public Housing by Jorge Sousa

Public housing projects were the original form of government supported housing for low-income residents. Over the last fifty years many projects have struggled with high crime rates and numerous social problems. One solution proposed to address these ongoing issues is granting residents decision-making power within their community by converting into a co-operative. Building a Co-operative Community in Public Housing follows the journey of a Toronto public housing complex as it was converted into a resident-operated co-operative, a first in Canada.

Jorge Sousa traces the story of Alexandra Park, which became the Atkinson Housing Co-operative in 2003 after a ten-year conversion process. Sousa, who himself was raised in the community, provides an empirical account of the contributing factors that influenced its decision to pursue community-based control, as well as the experiences of both residents and government officials engaged in this process. Finally, Building a Co-operative Community in Public Housing offers a framework for other communities facing similar circumstances who want to learn how to go about undertaking this process.





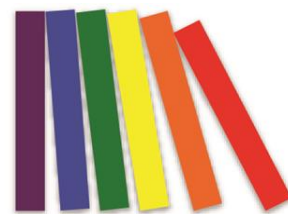
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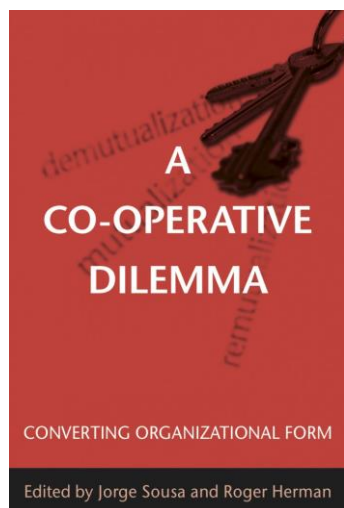
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Based on the experience of both academics and practitioners, this book focusses on an issue of paramount importance to co-operatives, non-profits and other social economy organizations, development specialists, and policy makers. Twelve case studies from Canada, Australia, Ireland, and the United States explore the factors that lead businesses to consider converting their organizational form and the processes involved in the decision to mutualize, demutualize, or remutualize.

Cases include the credit union system in Australia, Lilydale Poultry Co-operative in Western Canada, the Prudential Insurance Company in the United States, the Atkinson Housing Co-operative in Toronto, the Coop Santé Aylmer Health Co-op in Quebec, and dairy co-operatives in Ireland.

Although current research provides important insights into the reasons behind business conversions, there is a notable absence of inquiry into the underlying issues that motivate and inform the process of altering an organizational form. This book addresses these concerns.

Published by the Centre for the Study of Co-operatives, University of Saskatchewan
324 pages / \$20 plus gst, shipping and handling / ISBN 978-0-88880-571-3 -

The International Handbook On Social Innovation Collective Action, Social Learning and Transdisciplinary Research by Frank Moulaert, Diana MacCallum, Abid Mehmood, Abdelillah Hamdouch

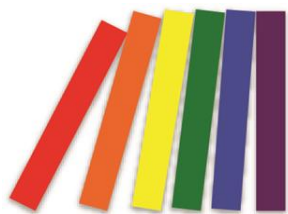
Edited by Frank Moulaert, KU Leuven, Belgium, Diana MacCallum, Curtin University, Australia, Abid Mehmood, Cardiff University, UK and Abdelillah Hamdouch, University of Tours, France

Social innovation may not be a new idea but it is clearly an idea whose time has come, not least because the traditional models of innovation – narrowly framed technical models – have run their course and no longer resonate in a world of societal challenges. This Handbook has two great merits – it brings conceptual rigour to the debate and it provides compelling narratives of social innovation in practice.'

– Kevin Morgan, Cardiff University, UK

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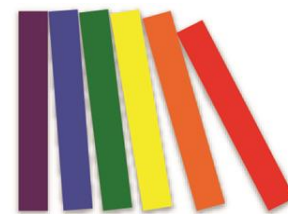
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Social economy and social entrepreneurship – Social Europe guide/Volume 4 (29/04/2013)

The Social Europe is a bi-annual publication aimed at providing an interested but not necessarily specialized audience with a concise overview of specific area of EU policy in the field of employment, social affairs and inclusion. It illustrates the key issues and challenges, explains policy actions and instruments at EU level and provides examples of best practices from EU Member States. It also presents views on the subject from the Council Presidency and the European Parliament. The fourth volume in the series describes the vivid world of social economy organizations (such as cooperatives, associations, mutual and foundations) as well as the more recent phenomenon of social entrepreneurship, i.e. business created to achieve social rather than financial goals. In addition, it illustrates trends towards greater social responsibility among citizens/consumers, for-profit companies and financial institutions. Finally it reviews

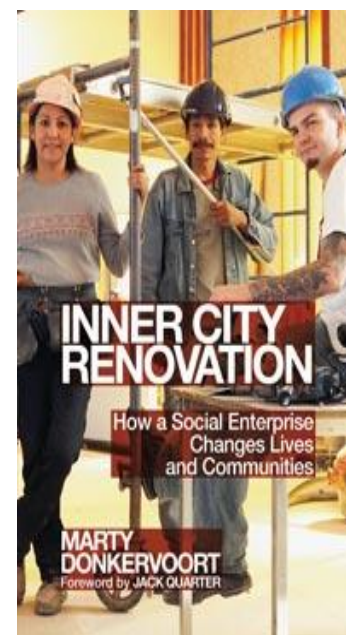
ways in which European and national policies support the social economy and social enterprise. The guide is available in printed format in English, French and German

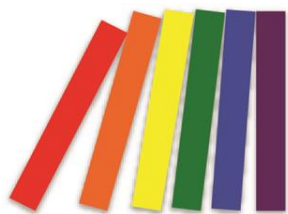
Inner City Renovation by Marty Donkervoort

"This book gives an insight into personal leadership, enterprising solutions and value creation, making it as relevant to practitioners engaged in social enterprise, urban regeneration and community empowerment as it is to policy makers and students with an interest in social responsibility."

— Gerry Higgins, Founder, Social Enterprise World Forum

Inner City Renovation (ICR) is a much-lauded social enterprise in Winnipeg's North End which has become an example of the potential for social enterprises to support people living on society's margins and engage them in a productive livelihood. This book, written by former ICR general manager and board member Marty Donkervoort, documents the impacts this social enterprise has on its employees and on their community and reflects on the capacity of social enterprises as an alternative to corporate capitalism.





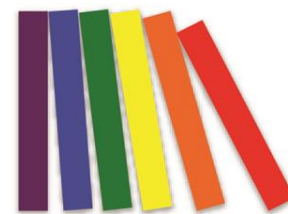
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Cooperation, Community, and Co-ops in a Global Era by Carl Ratner

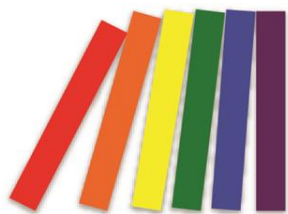


Human history is largely the story of communities, punctuated by examples of cooperatives--in fact, our level of cooperative behavior is one of the attributes that makes us most human. In recent years, however, concepts such as rugged individualism and social Darwinism have competed against cooperative ideas for supremacy, and today's climate of global economic crisis has found these "me-first" concepts wanting. Now, an important new book posits that current political solutions to acute world problems are inadequate, and that modern society needs to look to its communal roots for recovery--and perhaps survival. Cooperation, Community, and Co-ops in a Global Era argues for a societal paradigm shift and details how such a transformation might be accomplished. Taking the evolutionary long view, its author demonstrates how cooperative principles can make a social system not just more efficient and less wasteful of time and resources, but also more democratic, empowering, and fulfilling for everyone involved. In making this compelling case, he:

- Explains cooperation as a form of life that can resolve current crises and enhance human development. Shows how most of

human history has been cooperative. Explains modern obstacles to cooperation that must be overcome. Explicates a cooperative social philosophy: its psychology, social relations, property relations, governance. Articulates a psychological theory of cooperation that includes comparative research with animals, evolutionary processes, biological issues, and cultural issues. Explains how cooperative enterprises have practiced cooperation. Provides examples of co-op strengths and weaknesses from on-site research into European and American co-ops. Articulates a revisionist history of the cooperative movement that includes relations with socialist theory and the labor movement. Explains implications of cooperation for democracy and interpersonal relations such as love. Social scientists, co-op members, policy makers, social philosophers, mediators, community builders, social reformers, and all those concerned with a viable solution to contemporary crises will find Cooperation, Community, and Co-ops In A Global Era stimulating and informative.

Springer, Nov 15, 2012 - Psychology - 245 pages



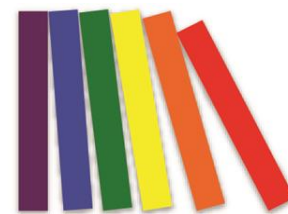
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Handbook On The Economics Of Reciprocity And Social Enterprise by Luigino Bruni and Stefano Zamagni

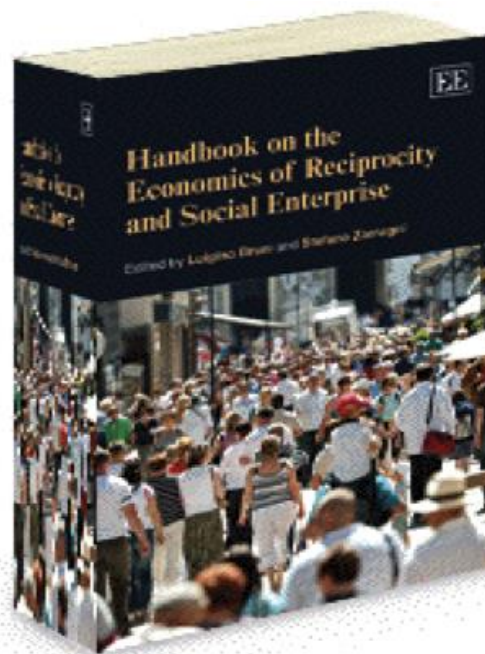
The recent era of economic turbulence has generated a growing enthusiasm for an increase in new and original economic insights based around concepts of reciprocity and social enterprise. This stimulating and thought-provoking Handbook not only encourages and supports this growth, but also emphasises and expands upon new topics and issues within the economics discourse.

Original contributions from key international experts acknowledge and illustrate that markets and firms can be civilizing forces when and if they are understood as expressions of cooperation and civil virtues. They provide an illuminating discourse on a wide range of topics including reciprocity, gifts and the civil economy, which are especially relevant in times of crisis for financial capitalism. The Handbook questions the current phase of the market economy that arises from a state of anthropological pessimism. Such anthropological cynicism is one of the foundations of the contemporary economic system that is challenged by the contributors.

This highly original and interdisciplinary Handbook will provide a fascinating read for academics, researchers and students across a wide range of fields including economics, public sector economics, public policy and social policy.

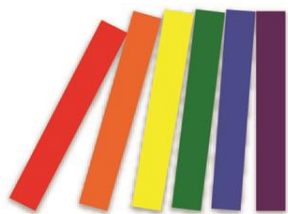
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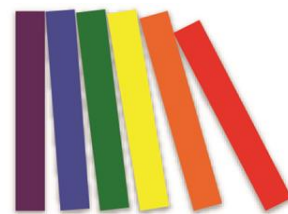
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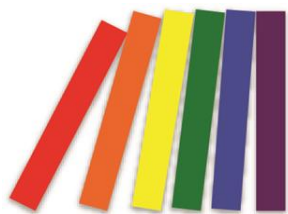
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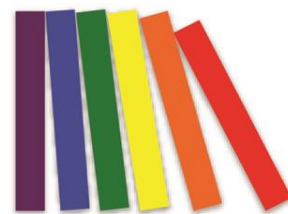
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The 2014 scholarship competition is now open (January 2014) and the deadline for all scholarships is March 31, 2014.

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Alexander Fraser Laidlaw Fellowship

The Co-operative Housing Federation of Canada established the Laidlaw Fellowship to honour Dr. Alexander Fraser Laidlaw, the father of the non-profit co-operative housing movement in Canada. An outstanding Canadian adult educator and co-op leader, Dr. Laidlaw served the cause of the co-operative movement for over 40 years. Author of *Cooperatives in the Year 2000*, Laidlaw fostered the social purpose of the co-op movement while always advocating sound business methods for co-operative organizations.

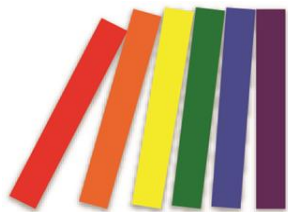
The Laidlaw Award, valued at \$1,000, is available to graduate students only. The award is based on the applicant's academic record, as well as on the importance of the proposed research activities to the development of the co-op movement in Canada or abroad. **Applicants must either undertake studies at Canadian universities or university-equivalent colleges (regardless of citizenship) or be Canadian citizens or landed immigrants studying at such institutions outside Canada.** To be eligible to receive the award, recipients must undertake their proposed study within one calendar year of the fellowship being awarded.

Amy and Tim Dauphinee Scholarship

The Ontario Credit Union Charitable Foundation established the Amy and Tim Dauphinee Scholarship in recognition of the outstanding contribution these two leaders made to the development of the credit union movement and the Ontario Credit Union Charitable Foundation.

Tim, a retired scientist from the National Research Council, and Amy, who passed away in 2010, had a strong commitment to co-operatives, education and research. Both served as local directors on a number of organizations. Amy was the first woman elected to the board of directors of Credit Union Central of Ontario and served for 22 years.

The award, currently valued at \$3,000, is available to graduate students only. The award will be based on the applicants' academic records and on the importance of the proposed research activities to the development of the co-op movement in Canada or abroad. **Applicants must either undertake studies at Canadian universities or university-equivalent colleges (regardless of citizenship) or be Canadian citizens or landed immigrants studying at such institutions outside Canada.** To be eligible to receive the award, recipients must undertake their proposed study within one calendar year of the fellowship being awarded.



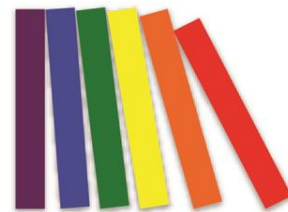
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Lemaire Co-operative Studies Award

Louis Lemaire, a co-operative pioneer, dedicated much of his life to organizing co-operatives in Saskatchewan and willed part of his estate to the Co-operative College of Canada (now the Canadian Co-operative Association) to support co-operative studies.

Available to both undergraduate and graduate students, the Lemaire awards are intended to encourage students to undertake studies which will help them contribute to the development of co-operative in Canada or elsewhere. These awards are also intended to support students who have been involved in co-operatives, preferably in leadership positions as volunteers or employees.

Eligible candidates will have been involved with co-operatives, must demonstrate reasonable knowledge and understanding of co-op principles and their application, and be able to indicate how the proposed studies will contribute to the co-op movement.

Full-time or part-time students, taking full- or partial-credit courses at any university or university-equivalent college are eligible to apply. Eligible candidates must take a minimum of one course about co-operatives. The bursaries will be awarded in multiples of \$1,000 to a maximum of \$3,000. The amount of the awards will be proportional to the significance and contribution of the studies to the advancement of co-operatives. **Applicants must either undertake studies at Canadian universities or university-equivalent colleges (regardless of citizenship) or be Canadian citizens or landed immigrants studying at such institutions outside Canada.** To be eligible to receive the award, recipients must undertake their proposed study within one calendar year of the fellowship being awarded.

Please note that the awards and scholarships listed above are intended to support studies about co-operative businesses and organizations - they are not intended to support co-op work/study programs in other fields of study.

PLEASE SUBMIT THE APPLICATION FORM, TOGETHER WITH SUPPORTING MATERIAL,
BY MARCH 31, 2014 TO:

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