



QUEBEC INTERNATIONAL 2014 SUMMIT OF COOPERATIVES

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A second International Summit of Cooperatives next year

Desjardins Group and the International Co-operative Alliance announce another Summit to be held October 6–9, 2014 in Quebec City

Quebec City, February 13, 2013 – The first International Summit of Cooperatives held last fall was so successful that another one is being organized for next year. The second Summit will take place in Quebec City, Canada, from **October 6–9, 2014**.

Desjardins Group and the International Co-operative Alliance (ICA) will be teaming up again for this major gathering of the cooperative and mutual community.

“We must continue to build on the success of this first International Summit of Cooperatives,” said Monique F. Leroux, Chair of the Board, President and CEO of Desjardins Group. “Our goal is to create a forum for decision-makers from the world's top cooperatives and mutuals to discuss complex issues. We want cooperative and mutual leaders to leave the Summit with a wealth of new ideas that will help boost the performance of their organizations.”

“The first International Summit of Cooperatives made an important contribution to the Blueprint for a Co-operative Decade that was adopted at the close of the International Year of Cooperatives,” added Dame Pauline Green, President of the ICA. “We must build on the momentum, cohesion, confidence and enthusiasm generated by the Year. With the support of our partners, the second Summit will allow us to take stock of progress and drive the Blueprint agenda”.

The Summit organizers believe the event met an essential business need for the 2,800 participants from 91 countries. It is imperative to build on this momentum and continue to offer cooperative and mutual leaders potential solutions to the ongoing challenges of growth and performance.

Given the scope and level of participation of the first Summit and the awareness it generated, this event is expected to play an increasingly influential role at the global economic, political and regulatory levels.

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