



Interview

► Our mission is to grow the cooperative sector in the global economy



This was one of the important statements made by Dame Pauline Green, President of the International Co-operative Alliance (ICA) in the interview she granted us.

She went on to say that the cooperative movement does not currently have a global brand, which is logical since inherently, it is a local phenomenon. In 2012, the ICA has to look beyond local possibilities and try to make an impact on global decision-makers by showing our strength and our distinctiveness across the world.

Dame Pauline Green will be speaking at the Summit on October 9 and 11, 2012. Her themes will be Towards a declaration – Experts' report and Ministerial round table: A role to play – Global socio-political influence.

[Read the interview](#)

News

► Cooperatives are the only type of enterprise where the work environment fosters the social trust of workers



Fabio Sabatini, Francesca Modena and Ermanno Tortia presented the findings of the first empirical investigation into the role of different types of enterprises in the creation of social trust.

Drawing on a unique dataset collected through the administration of a questionnaire to a representative sample of the population of the Italian Province of Trento, the authors found that cooperatives are the only type of enterprise where the work environment fosters the social trust of workers.

[Read our article and discover the findings of this investigation](#)

Program – complementary event

► “Financial cooperatives contribute to a better world”



This is the theme of the Global Cooperative Finance Summit that will be held on Monday, October 8, at the 2012 International Summit of Cooperatives, in Quebec City.

To celebrate the International Year of Cooperatives as declared by the United Nations, the International Co-operative Banking Association (ICBA), organizer of the Global Cooperative Finance Summit, wishes to emphasize the role and the importance of cooperative financial organizations in building a better world.

[See the program and register](#)

Cooperative movement around the world

► Two European countries that have a strong cooperative presence: France and Italy



In this third article in a series about the global cooperative movement, we take a look at the top two European countries that have a strong cooperative presence: France and Italy.

[Read the profiles of these two countries](#)

Contest

► Win a dream trip to Quebec City contest winner



The Summit is pleased to reveal the name of the big winner of the contest, which came to a close on last July 14. The winner will enjoy a dream trip valued at \$1,940 in beautiful Quebec City, the cradle of French North America.

[And the winner is...](#)



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