



Newsletter – August 1st, 2012

News

► Best Western: an inspirational example of cooperation



The Best Western hotel cooperative, the world's largest chain of independent hotels, is an inspirational example of cooperation, because it has proven to be more resilient during the financial crisis than its competitors. Its profits benefit members and associates rather than shareholders. And 100% of members' fees are reinvested in services for hoteliers.

[Read our article on this successful hotel cooperative](#)

► Do you need a visa to come to the Summit?



It's important to know that people from certain countries must have a visitor's visa, and the processing time varies considerably from one country to another. In Brazil, for example, it takes 21 days to process a visa application, while in China, it can take 7 to 14 days to receive a visa!

The Summit is only two months away, so don't delay! Apply for your visa today to avoid missing any of the Summit.

[Get all the information you need](#)

Interview

► "Cooperation is not an alternative, it is a choice." – Fortunatas Dirgincius



Cooperation is not an alternative; it is a choice to ensure the well-being of our communities, and a proven standard to implement in developing countries.

This summarizes the message delivered to the Summit by Fortunatas Dirgincius, Chairman of the Board and CEO of Lithuanian Central Credit Union (LCCU), in Lithuania.

[Read the interview](#)

Program – complementary event

► International conference on housing cooperatives: an event you won't want to miss!



This conference, focusing on the successes and challenges of housing cooperatives around the world, will take place on Friday, October 12, 2012, in Quebec City, Canada, in conjunction with the 2012 Summit.

Sylvie Moreau and Nicholas Gazzard, housing committee representatives with the International Co-operative Alliance (ICA), will be speaking at the conference.

[Consult the program and register](#)

Explore Quebec

► Take advantage of the guided tours being offered during the Summit!



Have you decided to attend the Summit? Take advantage of this opportunity to explore the fabulous Quebec City area and take home some unforgettable memories! Four guided tours are available.

[For more information about the 4 guided tours and to reserve](#)



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