



## Latest news

### ► Jacques Attali: less austerity and isolation, more economic growth



«The world is set for incredible economic growth, but to achieve it, countries must not close themselves off.» This was writer and economist Jacques Attali's message in a speech he gave last week in Montreal before the members of the French Chamber of Commerce in Canada.

Jacques Attali will be one of the keynote speakers at the Summit. He will be speaking in Quebec City on October 11, 2012.

[Our feature on Jacques Attali in Montreal](#)

## Interviews

### ► The cooperative model is at a crucial stage in its development according to Andrew Bibby



A keen observer of the cooperative movement for the past 30 years, the British writer and financial journalist Andrew Bibby granted us an interview during which he traced the milestones of the cooperative movement and the challenges that lie ahead.

This interview is a prelude to the speech Mr. Bibby will be giving on October 10 at the Summit.

[Read the interview with Andrew Bibby](#)

### ► “Multinationals will have a new political force to reckon with: cooperatives” - Louis Favreau

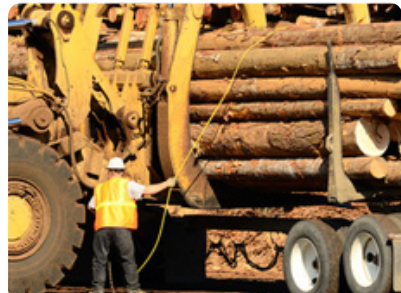


The cooperative movement brings a new dynamic to the world stage, says Quebec sociologist Louis Favreau. Member of the Program Validation Committee of the International Summit of Cooperatives, Mr. Favreau believes that in the future «multinationals will have a new political force to reckon with: the cooperative movement.»

[Read the interview with Louis Favreau](#)

## Program

### ► Forestry and cooperative issues: Discussion workshop October 7-8



The discussion workshop focusing on forestry and cooperative issues, which will be held October 7–8, is one of the many complementary events taking place alongside the 2012 Summit.

The workshop's main objective is to assemble leaders and representatives of forestry cooperatives from around the world to build a solid network and promote a better understanding of this nerve centre of the economy.

[To find out more and register for the workshop](#)

## Cooperatives around the world

### ► Friedrich Wilhelm Raiffeisen: a visionary pioneer of financial cooperatives



In this first article in a series on the global cooperative movement, we will be focussing on the work of Germany's Friedrich Wilhelm Raiffeisen.

A leading figure in the development of financial cooperatives, both in Europe and around the world, Raiffeisen inspired many pioneers who set up banks or credit unions at the beginning of the 20th century.

[Read a summary of Raiffeisen's work](#)

### ► A profile of the Canadian cooperative movement in The Globe and Mail



The Globe and Mail recently published an eight-page information feature on the Canadian cooperative movement to mark the International Year of Co-operatives.

Entitled The Power of Co-operatives, this information feature contains a series of articles that look at the many sectors in which Canadian cooperatives are active.

[See the information feature](#)

## Our partners

### ► The Canadian agri-food sector: Strategic partners for the Summit



The strategic role that agriculture plays around the world is unquestionable. And the participation of Canadian agricultural and agri-food cooperatives at the 2012 Summit emphasizes how important they view this not-to-be-missed global event.

That's why the Summit is thrilled to be able to count on the invaluable support provided by Agropur, La Coop fédérée, as well as PwC Canada, which has a wealth of international expertise with agricultural cooperatives.

[To find out about these three Summit partners](#)



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