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Latest news

► Cooperatives: potential solutions to wipe out hunger and poverty, according to the President of Costa Rica



The cooperative model offers unique solutions to “free people from hunger and poverty in a globalized world in which crises, including climate change, touch everyone,” said Laura Chinchilla, President of Costa Rica, in a speech last week at the FAO.

Using her own country as an example, the President emphasized that cooperatives can make major contributions to sustainable development and the competitiveness of small agricultural producers.

[The FAO also appointed two special ambassadors for cooperatives](#)

► Four cooperative leaders inducted into the Cooperative Hall of Fame



Four outstanding leaders have been inducted into the Cooperative Hall of Fame, the cooperative community's highest honour in the USA.

These cooperative leaders were recognized at a dinner and induction ceremony held in Washington on May 22, 2012.

[Find out more about the inductees](#)

► Results of studies to be revealed for the first time at the 2012 Summit



The results of groundbreaking international studies will be revealed for the first time at the 2012 International Summit of Cooperatives.

These studies document and expand what we know about cooperatives and mutuals in economic and business terms. Very few studies have been done on the cooperative movement, and this research establishes historic milestones in the quantitative and qualitative analysis of cooperatives and their impact on the global economy.

[Find out the areas of study of the six research groups](#)

► Rio+20: the Mont-Blanc Meetings Association organizes a side event



The Mont-Blanc Meetings Association (MBM) will take part in the United-Nations Conference on Sustainable Development (UNCSD) in Rio de Janeiro, Brazil. The side event will be held on Tuesday, June 19.

This meeting will focus on the resolution about Social and Solidarity Economy (SSE), to be inserted in the final text of the Conference.

[Find out more](#)

Interview

► The cooperative model has so much to contribute to our globalized societies, according to Enzo Pezzini

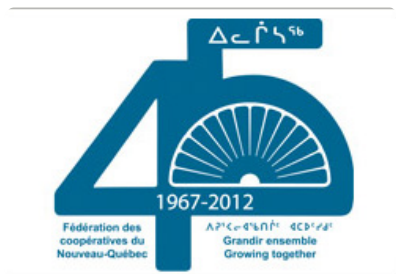


Italy's cooperative system is such a successful and versatile model that it inspires many other organizations. And few people know as much about this system as Enzo Pezzini.

[Read the interview](#)

Program

► Fédération des coopératives du Nouveau-Québec: Board of Directors meeting



From October 9 to 11, 2012, the Fédération des coopératives du Nouveau-Québec (FCNQ) will be holding a meeting of its Board of Directors, marking its 45th anniversary!

This event will bring together 14 Nunavik cooperatives and take place alongside the International Summit of Cooperatives.

[Find out more about this meeting](#)

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