



Newsletter - April 11, 2012

## Latest news

### ► Agricultural and agri-food sector: 10 expert speakers at the 2012 Summit



Agricultural cooperatives help producers become financially secure, while promoting greater food security globally.

This is why the growth of the cooperative business model in the agricultural sector will be a key topic of discussion at the Summit.

The Summit organizers will be making a special place for this key sector of the cooperative model: 10 expert speakers and many of the top agri-food cooperatives have already confirmed their attendance.

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### ► Venice conference: the ideals and realities of cooperatives



In addition to the drafting of an appeal to the European Union governments, the Venice (Italy) conference organized in March by Euricse was also a forum to discuss issues relating to the status of cooperatives and the importance of social capital.

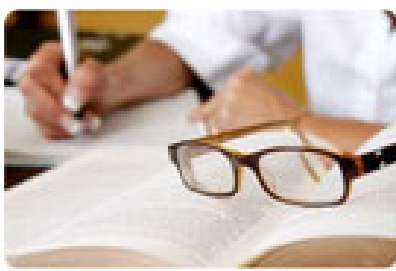
The speakers and attendees identified two priority areas that the global cooperative movement should focus on.

Some of the highlights of the conference sessions are summarized below.

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## Program

### ► Call for scientific papers: deadline for proposals has passed



The Summit's committee of experts has received a number of proposals for scientific papers from researchers interested in the cooperative model.

The committee now has the difficult task of deciding which proposals to accept. The announcement will be made on April 27.

The Summit organizers would like to sincerely thank everyone who submitted a proposal.

[Read the technical information](#)

### ► Cooperative communicators will meet at the Summit



The Summit will host the first international forum on communications issues in the cooperative movement.

The event, which will bring together communications researchers and professionals working in the cooperative field, will take place on October 8 in Quebec City.

[Information and registration](#)

## The Summit around the world

### ► Berlin conference: very successful meetings for the Summit



The Summit took part in the International Conference on the Cooperative Responses to Global Challenges held in Berlin, Germany, in March.

The objective of this international conference was to develop an interdisciplinary platform for setting the research agenda in the field of cooperative studies beyond 2012, and the Summit took part in some very successful meetings.

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### ► Congratulations to Abdullah Kutlu, winner of a 2012 Summit pass



Stéphane Bertrand, the Executive Director of the 2012 Summit, who happened to be attending the International Food and Agricultural Congress in Turkey this past February, decided to visit Mr. Kutlu and deliver his prize in person.

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## Our partners

### ► Crédit Mutuel and Crédit Agricole: two very special partners for the 2012 Summit



The 2012 Summit is honoured to announce two major partners from the cooperative financial sector in France and greater Europe: Crédit Mutuel and Crédit Agricole.

Crédit Mutuel and Crédit Agricole are two of the most successful cooperatives on the International Co-operative Alliance (ICA) Global 300 list, making their presence at the Summit a welcome and highly anticipated addition.

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