



## News

### ▶ A second Summit being considered for 2014



The first International Summit of Cooperatives was a huge success — so successful, in fact, that the 3 hosts are talking about organizing another Summit in 2014.

According to the 3 co-hosts—the International Co-operative Alliance (ICA), Desjardins Group and Saint Mary's University — the Summit provided an opportunity to demonstrate the amazing power of cooperatives to build a better world and to develop concrete strategies that will enhance their contribution.

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### ▶ Cooperation Week 2012: cooperatives enterprises build a better world



Cooperation Week 2012 is held from October 14 to 20. It's an opportunity for members of cooperatives, savings banks and credit unions to celebrate the fact that they have collectively helped build this country and to recognize their continuing contributions at home and abroad.

Cooperation Week 2012 is a special one, as it takes place during the International Year of Cooperatives. It is a great opportunity to highlight the contributions that cooperative enterprises have made in building a better world.

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## Major Summit events

### ▶ According to Madeleine K. Albright, the strength of the cooperative movement will contribute to building a better world



The presence of renowned guest speaker Madeleine K. Albright, former U.S. Secretary of State, delighted those present at the highly-anticipated lunch conference presented by PwC. This is just one of the high-profile and remarkable events that made up the 2012 International Summit of Cooperatives.

She feels that the strengths of the cooperative movement are high-quality goods and services, the commitment of members to the movement and democratic values that defend the well-being of members and the community as a whole.

[Read about Ms. Albright's speech](#)

### ▶ Cooperators of the world: it's time to kick-start a pendulum swing!



Panel members participating in the case study "Doing business our way – Winning strategies for doing business differently" clearly emphasized 4 common values: trust, justice, fairness and efficiency.

They were unanimous in stating that a balance of these 4 values will be the growth barometer and driving force behind cooperatives.

[See how to make a pendulum swing](#)

### ▶ Cooperating in building the future



At the International Summit of Cooperatives, where 2,800 people passionate about the cooperative movement gathered from 91 countries, Monique F. Leroux, Chair of the Board, President and CEO of Desjardins Group, took an enlightened and clear look at the cooperative model.

Ms. Leroux stated that more than ever, the world needs cooperation and that it is up to the believers to become the leaders that bring our cooperative movement to the next level. Now is the time to cooperate in building the future.

[Read Ms. Leroux's message](#)



## Hosts of the 2012 Summit



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