



News

► The Summit to be in Manchester



The festivities surrounding the 2012 International Year of Cooperatives carry on! From October 29 to November 2, 2012, the Co-operatives United festival will draw more than 10,000 cooperators, including Summit representatives, to Manchester, United Kingdom, to celebrate the end of this international year declared by the UN.

During the event, Monique F. Leroux, President and CEO of Desjardins Group, will present the Declaration of the International Summit of Cooperatives to Dame Pauline Green, President of the ICA.

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Groundbreaking international studies

► Two studies confirm that cooperatives have a tremendous need for funding



This is one of the findings of Deloitte, a research firm, from the first worldwide survey conducted on cooperative financing and capitalization since the global financial crisis of 2008. It was based on interviews with CFOs and cooperative leaders.

The results of the study “World map of the agricultural cooperative movement and its critical issues”, presented by PwC, also confirm that cooperatives will be faced with increasing funding needs and will turn to new sources to obtain it.

[See the key research findings of these 2 studies](#)

Prestigious honours

► Monique F. Leroux is honoured by France and Canada



On October 12, 2012, Monique F. Leroux, Chair of the Board, President and CEO of Desjardins Group, was decorated with the Legion of Honour. This prestigious honour was bestowed on Ms. Leroux by France for her exemplary commitment to the economic development of the French-speaking world and her contribution to the growth of the cooperative movement worldwide.

On November 23, 2012, Monique F. Leroux will receive the insignia of the Order of Canada for her contribution to the financial sector as a businesswoman, role model and mentor to women.

[Learn more](#)

Operational excellence

► The cooperative movement and operational excellence share the same values!



This is the first of 5 articles that will examine the world of cooperatives through the lens of operational excellence. This first article explores the values of cooperatives and their close similarities with those of operational excellence.

The author, Éponine Pauchard, an operational excellence consultant, offers insight into the values, inner workings and challenges of cooperative businesses as both an expert in her field but also as a volunteer who attended many of the events at the 2012 International Summit of Cooperatives.

[Read the article](#)

The Summit, a huge success!

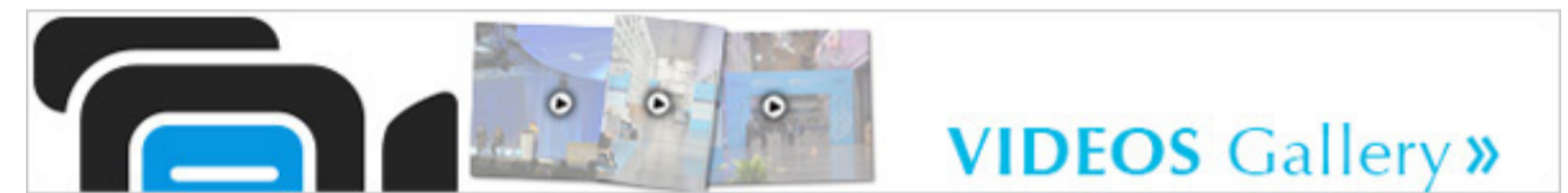
► Let's hear it for our Summit volunteers!



Based on everything we've heard, the first International Summit of Cooperatives was a huge success. And the numbers back it up: close to 2,800 participants from 91 countries, 156 speakers, 9 exclusive, groundbreaking studies and 25 complementary events held by various national and international organizations.

Organizing such a successful event depends not only on a large team of key people from the organization, but also many others who often work behind the scenes. Volunteers are the lifeblood of any type of event. They ensure that everything runs smoothly.

[Read the stories of 3 of our volunteers](#)



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