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OF COOPERATIVES**
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Newsletter – July 18, 2012

Contest

► The Win a dream trip to Quebec City contest closed on July 14.



Visit our site at www.2012intlsummit.coop on **Wednesday, August 15, 2012** to find out who won.

Good luck to everyone who entered!

News

► July 7, 2012, an important date for the cooperative movement



In honour of the International Day of Cooperatives, celebrated on July 7, United Nations Secretary General Ban Ki-moon encouraged “all stakeholders to continue building awareness and pursuing policies to strengthen cooperatives everywhere,” in a message issued on June 26, 2012.

[Read the full message from Ban Ki-moon](#)

Interview

► “...recognizing that women represent maybe more than half of the members of cooperatives.” - Sylvia Okinlay-Paraguya



Sylvia Okinlay-Paraguya granted us an interview during which she explained the role of women in management positions and how women can gain better access to senior positions within cooperatives. She also pointed out that organizations have to be made aware of the importance of gender equality and gender balance.

[Read the full interview with the Summit](#)

Program – complementary event

► Come out to the first International Summit of Funeral Cooperatives



As part of the 2012 International Summit of Cooperatives, funeral cooperatives, mutual enterprises and democratic organizations the world over working in the funeral sector are invited to the first-ever international meeting of its kind.

Organized by the Federation of Funeral Cooperatives of Quebec, this meeting will be held in Quebec City from October 4 to 8, 2012.

[Program and Registration](#)

Program

► Three reasons to register for Imagine 2012



“Imagine 2012 will be a generator of innovative ideas in the area of sustainable economic development for the decision-makers attending the International Summit of Cooperatives. This conference will provide an opportunity to look at the global economy through a cooperative and mutualist lens in order to better meet the needs of individuals and communities, and ultimately contribute to sustainable prosperity and create a better world,» says J. Colin Dodds, President of Saint Mary’s University.

[See three reasons to register](#)

Our partners

► Two key players from Western Canada’s cooperative movement



The Summit is pleased to be able to count on the support of two partners from the financial sector that are responsible for helping many communities in Western Canada thrive.

[Read the profiles of these two financial partners](#)



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