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Newsletter – June 20, 2012

News

► Madeleine K. Albright to speak at the International Summit of Cooperatives



The organizers of the 2012 International Summit of Cooperatives have confirmed that former US Secretary of State Madeleine K. Albright will be speaking at the event.

With her remarkable career and impressive communication skills, Ms. Albright is sure to be one of the highlights of the Summit.

[Find out more about Ms. Albright](#)

► A contest to highlight the International Day of Cooperatives



To highlight the International Day of Cooperatives on July 7, 2012, the Summit organizers want to encourage everyone to participate in the “Win a dream trip to Quebec City” contest. Register for the Summit between July 4 and 14, 2012 for your chance to win a dream trip valued at \$1,940.

[Find out what the trip includes](#)

► FC Barcelona: More than a club!



FC Barcelona is one of the most popular soccer teams on the planet. Its Catalan motto, Més que un club (more than a club), says a lot about how it's run: Did you know it's a cooperative?

[Get inspired by a sports team with a winning model](#)

► A great woman has left us



We were sorry to learn of the passing of Elinor Ostrom at the age of 78 after a courageous battle with cancer. Ms. Ostrom was scheduled to speak on cooperative economics at the Imagine 2012 international conference taking place in Quebec City from October 6 to 8, 2012.

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Interview

► Cirque du Soleil: an artistic example of cooperation



World-famous circus troupe Cirque du Soleil was founded in Quebec City by Guy Laliberté in 1984.

Cirque du Soleil will be helping to spread the word about the cooperative business model in its own unique way: by putting on a special performance during the 2012 Summit. Watch a video interview with Cirque President and CEO Daniel Lamarre.

[It's showtime!](#)

► Kathy Bardswick: “The International Summit of Cooperatives is a once-in-a-lifetime opportunity”



We asked Kathy Bardswick, member of the ICA Board of Directors, what the ICA intends to do to support the objectives of the Summit and about her perception of the cooperative movement in Canada.

[Read the interview](#)

Our partners

► Desjardins Group: best corporate citizen in Canada



Highly regarded magazine Corporate Knights has ranked Desjardins Group first on its list of the Best 50 Corporate Citizens in Canada.

This honour is all the more meaningful for Desjardins – one of the three co-hosts of the 2012 Summit – because it is being bestowed upon the company in this International Year of Cooperatives.

[Read the press release](#)

Programmation

► “Capitalism in crisis: how are cooperatives responding?” the theme of the latest issue of Revue vie économique



As part of the International Year of Cooperatives, the magazine explores the changes the cooperative movement is currently experiencing: the trend towards internationalization, the new critical distance vis-à-vis capitalism, the question of cooperatives' political neutrality, and the “greening” of certain networks thanks to Rio+20.

[Find out more](#)



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