

Institute to examine many facets of cooperative sustainability

ACE Members, students and friends are invited to attend the 2008 ACE Institute in Ottawa at the historic Lord Elgin Hotel, just steps from Canada's Parliament buildings. A welcome reception will be held at the hotel July 29, to kick off three days of networking, education and discussion on the sustainable cooperative, the Institute's theme.



Françoise Morissette will help open the Association of Cooperative Educators Institute in Ottawa on the morning of July 30th and assist participants to define their roles in sustaining cooperatives through organizational strength and expanding leadership capacity.

Made in Cooperative Leadership

When Françoise Morissette, Faculty and Fellow at the Industrial Relations Centre of Queen's University in Kingston, Ontario started research for her book *Made in Canada Leadership*, she stumbled across the democratic and ideological virtues of cooperatives and credit unions. She and her colleague interviewed a wide variety of cooperative leaders as well as experts involved in leadership development programs. She was so impressed by cooperative leadership that she asked Alban D'Amours, then president and CEO of the Desjardins Group which has deep roots in Quebec's financial cooperative movement, to write the forward for the book. D'Amours, a strong advocate of the cooperative model both in Canada and on the international scene, readily agreed.

Creating a Sustainable Leadership Team

Join British Columbian Alisdair Smith, National Learning Facilitator for CUSOURCE®, on the afternoon of July 30 as he challenges and provokes us to consider "Sustainable Leadership." What might sustainable leadership look like, what might a sustainable leadership team behave like, what might its characteristics be and very importantly, how might we develop it in ourselves and in those we educate? This interactive session will provide new academic and practical perspectives, and learning exercises designed to build sustainable leadership in your organization and in the organizations we serve.

Following Smith's presentation, Toronto's Laurie Mook will also present a session on social accounting.

Learning from Ottawa-area cooperatives and their goal to be sustainable

ACE is trying something new at the next ACE Institute. Mobile Learning Sessions will fall between workshops and lectures to be held at the Lord Elgin Hotel.

Participants will be able to choose between two tours of Canada's Capital Region to explore how cooperatives have adapted to the needs of their members and better cooperate with the environment.

Looking forward and taking really green advice

Sustaining youth will be a critical piece of the final day's sessions and workshops, and youth cooperators will spell out their ability to integrate into existing cooperatives and their desires for new ventures. Participants will also have the opportunity to learn from each other and about research in cooperatives and credit unions. The Institute will end with some very practical advice and a toolkit to help participants recognize sustainable practices in their workplaces.



ACE Institute participants have a chance to visit Mountain Equipment Co-operative, a Canadian leader in sustainability.

2008 ACE Institute program committee

Serving on the 2008 ACE Institute program committee are: Quintin Fox of the Canadian Co-operative Association, Colette Lebel of La Co-op fédérée, Joan Ellis of CUSOURCE® Credit Union Knowledge Network, Fiona Duguid of Canada's Co-operatives Secretariat, Cathy Statz of Wisconsin Farmers Union, Robin Puga of the University of Victoria, Leslie Mead and Cathy Chamberlain of ACE, Denyse Guy of the Ontario Co-operative Association and Sylvia Rios Ortiz, COSVI. Registration for the Institute will be posted on www.ace.coop in May.

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The Sustainable Cooperative

2008 ACE INSTITUTE
July 29- August 1 ♦ Ottawa, Ontario



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EDUCATION



LEADERSHIP



The annual ACE Institute is the only conference dedicated solely to highlighting innovative programs in cooperative education. It provides a unique opportunity to network across boundaries with educators, researchers and others whose mandate is to develop educational programs for cooperatives and credit unions.

INSTITUTE HIGHLIGHTS INCLUDE:

- ♦ Research Emphasis
- ♦ Keynote Speaker
- ♦ Cooperative Study Tours
- ♦ Workshops & Panels
- ♦ Awards Banquet
- ♦ Spanish/English/French Simultaneous Translation

Registration information will be available in May 2008.

LODGING:

Lord Elgin Hotel
100 Elgin Street
Ottawa, Ontario, CANADA
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Make reservations directly with the hotel at 1-800-267-4298. **Reservation deadline is July 1, 2008.**

Institute Room Rate: CAN\$142.00 single/double. In order to receive the Institute rate, be sure to indicate you are with ACE.

MORE INFORMATION:

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