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ACE members recognize colleagues

MINNEAPOLIS, July 23, 2009 -- Participants of the ACE Institute in Minneapolis next week will have the opportunity to recognize cooperators and organizations that lead education.

Tanya Gracie of the Canadian Co-operative Association, Ottawa, and a graduate of the Southern New Hampshire University will receive the William Hlushko Award to Young Cooperative Educators.

*Gaining the award acknowledging an organization's contribution to ACE is Minnesota cooperative pioneer **Wedge Community Co-op**.*

William J. Nelson, president of the CHS Foundation based in Inver Grove Heights, Minnesota, will be presented with the **Reginald J. Cressman ACE Award** recognizing commitment to staff development.

*Receiving accolades for its successful board education, Programme de formation des élus, is **La Coop fédérée**, the federation of agricultural cooperatives in Quebec, Canada.*

Amy Fredregill, vice president of Cooperative Network in St. Paul, Minnesota, garners the award for Outstanding Contribution to Cooperative Education and Training.

David P. Swanson, chair of the Agribusiness, Rural Electric and Cooperatives Practice Group of global law firm Dorsey & Whitney LLP, Minneapolis, receives the award acknowledging professional contribution by an ACE member.

All awards will be presented July 29 starting at 7:00 p.m. at the Institute Banquet at The Depot Minneapolis.

ACE is a membership organization that links educators, researchers, cooperative members, and cooperative developers across cooperative sectors and national borders to enhance cooperative development, strengthen cooperatives, promote professionalism and improve public understanding.

Institute registration information and programs are at www.ace.coop in French, English and Spanish.

News Release
FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE --- *ACE Award recipients announced*

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