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Co-op development distinguishes honorees for education awards



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CLEVELAND, July 19, 2010 -- Co-op development is a common interest of this year's Association of Cooperative Educators (ACE) Institute honorees. Five individuals or associations will be recognized at the ACE Awards Banquet on July 29 at the Cleveland Marriott Downtown at Key Center.

Included is a new award in memory of the late **John Logue**, the founder of the Ohio Employee Ownership Center (OEOC). It will be introduced to honor those whose educational programs, technical assistance and research lead to innovative cooperatives that promote democratic work environments and economic sustainability.

OEOC will receive the ACE Contribution Award to thank it for sharing its experience creating the groundbreaking Evergreen Cooperative business model for worker ownership in Ohio.

Wyoming consultant **Audrey Malan**, former executive director of CooperationWorks!, is recognized for contributing to the body of knowledge and training for cooperative developers. She receives the Outstanding Contribution to Cooperative Education and Training award.

Jen Heneberry of the Ontario Co-operative Association is a co-op development manager who has used many media to reach several audiences. She earns the William Hlushko Award to Young Cooperative Educators for those under 36 years of age.

Bob Cohen, CEO of the Braintree Business Development Center, a non-profit serving business startups and emerging companies in Ohio, and program coordinator of the new Cooperative Development Center at Kent State University, gains the Reginald J. Cressman ACE Award for his work to educate employees as well as help create new cooperative worker-owners.

Participants of the 2010 ACE Institute July 27 - 30 in Cleveland will explore workers' ownership of businesses. They will also discuss ways educators can respond to North America's new movement toward more democratic and sustainable enterprise. Information on the 2010 ACE Institute is posted in English, French and Spanish on www.2010ACEInstitute.com.

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.

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