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ACE's youth award winner delivers education many ways to many students



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CLEVELAND, July 19, 2010 -- Her students include government officials, renewable energy producers and university learners. Her classroom is the Web, a business school and the field. So diverse and successful are her efforts, that the Association of Cooperative Educators (ACE) has decided to give Jen Heneberry of the Ontario Co-operative Association (On Co-op), based in Guelph, Ontario, its 2010 William Hlushko Award for Young Cooperative Educators.

The annual award recognizes those 35 years or younger for achievement in cooperative education. As co-op development manager, Heneberry helps her association respond to more than 400 inquiries about new or existing cooperatives each year. In On Co-op's lobby for a provincial cooperatives secretariat, Heneberry visited politicians to help them understand the importance of cooperatives to the economy and society. She is a contributor to a chapter on "Building Bridges with Government" in the new book *Living Economics: Canadian Perspectives on the Social Economy, Co-operatives, and Community Economic Development*. In addition, she is the author of a plain language guide to provincial legislation.

Heneberry also wrote four modules contributing to the Co-operative Management Certificate program launched at York University, Toronto, in 2009. The program uses online and in-person delivery to help students understand more about cooperatives. Additionally, Heneberry is a regular contributor to webinars about cooperatives and renewable energy especially since the creation of the new Green Energy and Green Economy Act in Ontario. Earlier in her career, she was general manager of Positive Power Co-operative.

The ACE Awards committee who judged submissions noted that Heneberry demonstrates the spirit of the Hlushko award, including a passion for education and cooperation, as well as creativity in delivering her message.

Heneberry will receive her award at the ACE Institute Awards banquet at the Cleveland Marriott Downtown at Key Center at 7:00 p.m. on July 29. Ohio educator John Logue, who died last year, will also be recognized as a founder of the Ohio Employee Ownership Center (OEOC) at Kent State University. Named in his honor, the John Logue ACE Award will be given annually to individuals or organizations whose educational programs, technical assistance and research lead to innovative cooperatives that promote democratic work environments and economic sustainability.

Also, receiving awards for their contribution to knowledge about cooperatives and credit unions will be Audrey Malan who served as executive director of CooperationWorks!, Bob Cohen, CEO of the Braintree Business Development Center, a non-profit serving business startups in Ohio, and OEOC.

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. More information on the 2010 ACE Institute is posted on www.2010ACEInstitute.com in English, French and Spanish.

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