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2010 ACE Award recognizes Malan who shares the art and science of co-op development



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CLEVELAND, July 19, 2010 -- A cooperative developer with more than 20 years experience working with start-up and established producer, consumer and worker cooperatives and related organizations is the 2010 recipient of the Association of Cooperative Educator (ACE) Outstanding Contribution to Cooperative Education and Training award.

Audrey Malan who served as executive director of CooperationWorks!, a national organization of cooperative development centers and practitioners, from the early 2000s to late 2007, remains involved as a developer, trainer, and consultant based in Dayton, Wyoming.

Malan was instrumental in the development of “The Art & Science of Developing a New Cooperative Business” program for developers. She continues as its marketer and an instructor. She is also co-author of two publications that have contributed to successful co-op development and education. “Steps to Starting a Marketing Cooperative” and “Steps to Starting a Worker Cooperative” were published by the University of California Center for Cooperatives.

“Audrey is dedicated to social change through the cooperative model,” says ACE Executive Director Bill Patrie. He also commended her for leadership in communicating to audiences, including government officials, about the impact of cooperatives in rural America. Under Malan’s leadership, a quarterly is published and distributed.

Malan will receive her prize 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. Also, receiving awards for their contribution to knowledge about cooperatives and credit unions will be Jen Heneberry of the Ontario Co-operative Association, 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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