

Association of Cooperative Educators honors five during Winnipeg Institute

WINNIPEG, MANITOBA, July 2011 -- Five leaders will be acknowledged for advancing education within cooperatives and teaching about their economic and social purposes at the annual Association of Cooperative Educators banquet, held on July 28 at the University of Winnipeg.

Four of the five honorees are from Winnipeg. Monica Adeler, an instructor at the University of Winnipeg, receives the new John Logue ACE Award recognizing those who connect educational resources to practical and cooperative solutions benefitting communities. The University of Winnipeg is also recognized for its assistance to bring the ACE Institute to Winnipeg for the first time.

Also honored by the association will be SEED Winnipeg Inc. Executive Director Cindy Coker for inspiring volunteers and employees on both sides of the Canada/U.S. border. Hers is the Reginald J. Cressman ACE Award acknowledging those who demonstrate outstanding commitment to staff development.

Arctic Co-operatives Limited is lauded for bringing governance and employee education to the Far North and garners the Outstanding Contribution to Cooperative Education and Training award. Nominator Brendan Reimer of the Canadian Community Economic Development Network says the federation, "leaves a legacy of stronger cooperatives, empowered people and more vibrant communities."

The 2011 William Hlushko Award to Young Co-operative Educators is to be given to José Julián Ramírez Ruiz of the Liga de Cooperativas de Puerto Rico for overseeing the use of radio and print media as well as other methods to reach and teach cooperative members across Puerto Rico.

The association is meeting at the University of Winnipeg from July 26-29. Conference participants are also touring local cooperative organizations including Neechi Foods Co-op, Assiniboine Credit Union and Arctic Co-operatives Limited. The Institute theme is Opening New Doors: Explore innovations and ask what's possible in cooperative research, education and development to lead social and economic change.

ACE members are educators, researchers, communicators, and students and developers of cooperatives and credit unions, primarily in Canada, United States and Puerto Rico. An annual Institute, held in a different city each year, allows members to learn from one another and their host region, and highlights new learning about cooperatives and credit unions.

Learn more at www.ace.coop. More information on the 2011 ACE Institute is posted in English, French and Spanish on www.2011ACE.com.

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