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Coop fédérée helps remove linguistic barriers in education for cooperatives, credit unions and caisses populaires

A recent donation of several thousand dollars from Quebec-based **La Coop fédérée** to translate the Association of Cooperative Educators' newsletter and key communication pieces assists North and Central American and Caribbean educators to better share information and research about cooperative practices.

The association, created more than 55 years ago, has strived to include Spanish, and more recently, French, as part of its annual institute and reference materials. Only since December has it published its newsletter in Spanish and in June, will launch its first French version of its quarterly.

“ACE members have always had open minds and a genuine curiosity to learn what other members were achieving,” says Leslie Mead, executive administrator. “Now, communication and sharing of ideas will happen constantly across cultures as we publish our newsletter covering best practices, and update our web’s functionality in three languages.” She adds that the association’s board is grateful for the support from the agricultural cooperative.

ACE is a membership organization that brings together educators and cooperators across cooperative sectors as well as national boundaries. The resulting cross pollination of ideas enhances cooperative development, strengthens cooperatives, promotes professionalism and improves public understanding. Most ACE members come from the United States, Canada and Puerto Rico while membership from the rest of the world is growing. For additional information about ACE, go to www.ace.coop.