



ANNUAL REPORT 2019

OVERVIEW OF THE YEAR

Thank you to all the members and participants who joined us last year in Montreal for our Annual Institute! 2019 has been an exciting year for ACE.

Two new directors joined the Board: Hannah Scott and Yvan Rouillé. The Board has held a total of 9 meetings, plus some special meetings to deal with specific topics.

Social Media Activity

1,407 followers on **Facebook** (@ace.educators.coop), 1,786 followers on **Twitter** (@ACEeducators) and 70 followers on **LinkedIn**. Our mailing list has 1,408 contacts. Visit our Website to sign up today!



PROJECTS

Co-creation Project

ACE has submitted an educational project to the **CHS Foundation** and it has been accepted! In the fall of 2019, ACE offered workshops to raise awareness on some of the best co-op practices in the ag sector. ACE participated in the delivery of 2 in-person and one virtual presentation/workshops. Many thanks to the CHS Foundation for their engagement and for the financial support.

CENet and the Online community

The **Cooperative Educators Network** (CENet) offers free, open and curated learning paths on different co-op subtopics (from agriculture to inclusion) and intended for a variety of audiences from board directors to the co-op curious, as well as a showcase of the various digital co-op libraries, news, events, etc. In partnership with **The Toolbox for Education and Social Action** (TESA Collective) and **Grassroots Economic Organizing** (GEO), CENet team began gathering and reviewing co-op educational material – everything from PowerPoints to online games to YouTube videos and academic articles in English, French and Spanish. **Visit today and please spread the word: ED.COOP**

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2019 ACE Institute

In 2019, ACE organized its annual institute in collaboration with the Canadian Association for Studies in Cooperation (CASC) and the International Cooperative Alliance Committee on Cooperative Research. The theme was Cooperative Entrepreneurship: Theories and Best Practices. The event took place in Montreal from May 27 to 31, 2019.

The 2019 edition of the ACE Institute offered a day dedicated to youth, more than 35 breakout sessions, workshops and panels, and three different coop tours. A total of 198 people participated in the event.

Participants' satisfaction rates for our 2019 Institute are also very high. For example, 90% of the participants questioned were satisfied with the general organization of the event, 82% said they were satisfied with the visits of the co-ops and 90% of the participants would recommend a colleague to attend the Institute. This this huge success would not have been possible without the support of our sponsors, which are the following:

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- Growmark
- La Coop fédérée
- La Fondation du Conseil québécois de la coopération et de la mutualité
- IRÉCUS
- Conseil de la coopération de l'Ontario
- Citadelle
- Agropur

2020 ACE Institute

Due to COVID-19, ACE was not able to host their 2020 annual Institute in person. Due to the fact, ACE was able to completely change their formatting and present to their members and the community the ACE Webinar Series, part of the Cooperation Virtual Institutes (in partnership with Cooperative and Mutuels Canada).

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