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## Bryan Tudor Named 2006 Global Co-operator

OTTAWA — The Canadian Co-operative Association has bestowed its coveted Global Co-operator Award upon Saskatchewan veteran co-operator Bryan Tudor. The Global Co-operator Award is the highest honour CCA can give to an individual who has consistently demonstrated an extraordinary commitment to the international development work of CCA and the Co-operative Development Foundation of Canada (CDF).



2006 Global Co-operator Bryan Tudor (l) is congratulated by past award recipient Jim Barr. (photo: David Shanks)

Co-operatives have been woven into the fabric of Mr. Tudor's life for over 30 years. He worked for Saskatchewan Wheat Pool for 27 years and began his involvement in the larger co-operative movement in the mid '70s while staffing co-operative youth seminars. Bryan's commitment to international development began with board positions with Save the Children-Canada and the Saskatchewan Council for International Co-operation (SCIC) in the 1980s and 1990s. In 1991, Bryan received the SCIC Global Citizen Award and from 1993 to 1995, Bryan was President of Save the Children-Canada. In 2002, Bryan received a Co-operative Merit Award -- jointly sponsored by the Government of Saskatchewan and the Saskatchewan Co-operative Association -- for his outstanding contribution to the co-operative sector.

Bryan's steadfast beliefs in co-operatives and international development came together when the Canadian Co-operative Association decided to expand its development education activities through its region offices in the 1990s. Bryan volunteered to be one of the Saskatchewan Wheat Pool representatives on Saskatchewan's International Development Education Advisory Committee and

since then, his dedication to building a better world through co-operation and co-operatives is clearly apparent through his volunteer work with the Canadian Co-operative Association's international development program.

Mr. Tudor was a member of the CCA International Program Committee for six years and provided technical assistance to CCA projects in China, Vietnam and Mongolia.

Beyond these international involvements, Bryan has been deeply committed to ensuring that CCA's message is heard in the province of Saskatchewan. His involvement with CCA's Development Education Volunteers Network has included the hosting of overseas visitors and hundreds of kilometers traveling to rural co-operative annual meetings where he would present CCA's international projects through his own experiences, and invariably leave people understanding the value of being involved in international development.

Bryan is also a strong supporter of the financial arm of CCA's development work, the Co-operative Development Foundation (CDF). Beyond donating personally, he coordinated the first annual CDF Golf Classic in Saskatchewan in 1995 and continues to volunteer at the Classic.

"Unfortunately, no itemizing of achievements can capture Bryan's quiet yet passionate mission to modestly live life as a true global citizen," said Saskatchewan Co-operative Association executive director Warren Crossman in his nomination letter. "Bryan's personal choices in life, the way he communicates and works with others, the way he inspires others to be better global citizens are all traits that only those blessed with knowing Bryan can completely appreciate.

"From what we have learned about Bryan over the past thirty years, he will not view the acceptance of this award as a personal achievement but rather as an opportunity to inspire others to become better global citizens," said previous Global Co-operator Award recipient Jim Barr, who presented the award at the 2006 CDF Annual Gala held in London, Ontario.

True to form, in accepting the award Mr. Tudor said "When it comes right down to it, what's really important for each one of us is that when we get close to the end of our lives, we should be able to look back on our lives and know that the world is a better place because of what we have been able to contribute."

"I am very grateful to CCA and CDF for providing an important and effective way for us as co-operators to make the world a better place."

Along with the Award, Mr. Tudor was given CCA Honourary Membership and a carving from Ghana.

Semi-retired, Mr. Tudor is executive director of the Saskatchewan Bed & Breakfast Association and lives in Lumsden, Saskatchewan.

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