

Scholars Update

The CSC Scholars have participated in a variety of centre activities since joining us a year ago. Ten of the current twelve U of S scholars took part in an all-day workshop last summer at which important aspects of co-operative teaching, research, and possible collaborative projects were discussed.

No fewer than six scholars wrote papers and made presentations in the centre's seminar series during 2001–02. Some of these papers will be worked up for publication, either as centre occasional papers or in outside journals. Gordon Barnhart expanded his seminar on former Premier Walter Scott and his various early co-operative projects and presented it at several other venues over the course of the year. Two more U of S scholars are already booked for presentations next year.

A number of scholars have on-going projects with co-operative connections. Isobel Findlay has been heavily involved in developing the successful SSHRC strategic grant proposal on co-operatives and social cohesion, and is at work on a background paper for the project. She was also the organizing chair for a conference in May on Aboriginal community economic development and has given three presentations relevant to the Aboriginal cultures cluster. Marj Benson, produced a book-length publication with the centre this past year—*Conflict, Co-operation, and Culture*—which is being revised and expanded in 2002–03. The course on which the publication is based is being developed as a distributed learning course to be shared with other law schools. Sheryl Mills teaches a summer course in co-operative learning through the College of Education. And Louise Clarke has been a participant over the past year in a community-based strategic planning process in Saskatoon's core neighbourhoods spearheaded by QUINT, a community development corporation with a commitment to co-operatives.

Three scholars are involved in joint projects with centre fellows (Jill Hobbs with Murray and Brett in the Role of Farmers in the New Agriculture project, Eric Howe with Brett in hosting a delegation of German co-operators in September, and Jim Randall with Lou in the Community-University Institute for Social Research, CUISR, which has done two studies so far in conjunction with the centre). The connection with Jim Randall and CUISR also involves several other dimensions. Nora has been working with CUISR to produce the proceedings of a conference on urban housing issues in the prairie provinces. Roger is also

working with CUISR on a 2003 conference called CUexpo, which will examine and feature university-community partnerships such as the centre and its work.

Two scholars attended the Canadian Association for Studies in Co-operation meetings at University of Toronto in late May/early June, indicating a commitment to co-operative studies. And a number of scholars have called on Carol's assistance for research and reference support as they explore and become more familiar with co-operatives.