

THE CO-OPERATIVE NETWORK OF SASKATOON INVITES YOU TO ATTEND
THE 2015 CO-OP WEEK LUNCHEON

WEDNESDAY, 14 OCTOBER 2015
PARK TOWN HOTEL, 294 SPADINA CRESCENT EAST
11:30AM REGISTRATION / 12:00PM HOT BUFFET

Over the last fifteen years, Germany has seen remarkable growth in renewable-energy co-operatives, which now number more than nine hundred. A unique feature of

**GERMANY'S RENEWABLE-ENERGY CO-OPERATIVES
POLICY, GOVERNANCE, AND SOCIAL INNOVATION**

these organizations is the involvement of large numbers of individual citizens in

policy, production, and distribution. The co-op model appears to provide the best institutional framework for involving citizens in the political, social, and financial aspects of renewable energy deployment, contributing significantly to sustainable local and regional development.

This past summer, representatives of the co-ops, academia, and government met in Berlin to take stock of the current state of the new co-operatives, governance questions that have arisen, and possibilities for future development. Brett Fairbairn attended that meeting and will report on what he learned there and on possible implications for Canada.

BRETT FAIRBAIRN is acting director of the Centre for the Study of Co-operatives and a professor in the Johnson-Shoyama Graduate School of Public Policy. His research and teaching are concerned with the history and interdisciplinary study of democracy, social movements, and co-operative enterprises in Canada and around the world. Brett models his scholarship on the idea of engagement between the academic world and the real-life issues of organizations and communities. In recognition of his public and scholarly contributions, he was awarded the Queen's Golden Jubilee Medal in 2002. A recent sabbatical took him to Germany, where



he became involved in meetings concerning the country's renewable energy co-operatives.

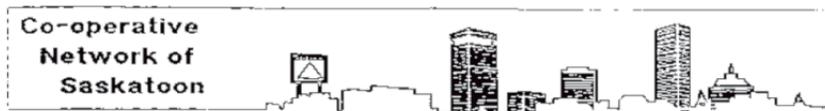
COST AND REGISTRATION

\$15 per person
(includes \$5 donation to CDF)

Please pre-register by calling the Saskatchewan Co-operative Association at 306-244-3702, emailing sca@sask.coop, or leave a voice message at 306-244-3702 by 1:00 pm on Friday, 9 October 2015.

Attendees can pay by cash at the door or by a cheque made out to the Co-operative Network of Saskatoon.

To control costs, the network will charge all who register and do not attend, or cancel after the registration deadline.



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