



International Co-operative Alliance (ICA)

ICA General Assembly
Programme of Meetings



“INNOVATION IN CO-OPERATIVE BUSINESS”

14-19 October 2007

ICA General Assembly Agenda & Programme of Meetings

- Agenda of the ICA General Assembly Business Sessions and Statutory Meeting
- Meetings of the ICA Global and Regional Sectoral Organisations and Thematic Committees
- Meetings of ICA Board and its committees, ICA Audit & Control Committee, ICA Asia-Pacific Standing Committee
- Other meetings of interest

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The ICA General Assembly is hosted by the Singapore National Co-operative Federation (SNCF)

15 August 2007

Convention Centre Access

The Raffles City Convention Centre forms part of Raffles City complex which comprises sister hotels - Raffles The Plaza and the Swissôtel The Stamford. It also includes the Raffles City Shopping Centre and Raffles City Tower.

The majority of selected ICA GA Singapore hotels are located within walking distance.

A MRT (metro) station, "City Hall" also services the RCC.

RAFFLES CITY CONVENTION CENTRE Venue of the ICA General Assembly



*Raffles City Convention Centre (RCC)
2 Stamford Road, Singapore*

Sunday, 14 October

Time	Meeting	Raffles City Convention Centre (RCC)
09:00 - 10:30	ICA Audit & Control Committee *	Orchard A
09:00 - 12:00	ICA Governance Working Group *	Orchard B
09:00 - 17:00	ICA Global Youth Conference **	Sophia
10:30 - 12:00	ICA President's Committee *	Orchard C
14:00 - 18:00	ICA Board Meeting *	Moor & Morrison

* By invitation only

** Prior registration required



Youth focus on Business Innovation

Co-operators 35 years of age and under will meet during the ICA Global Youth Conference to discuss the issues of youth co-operative business innovation through youth, entrepreneurship and employment. Contact globalyouthconference@sncf.org.sg for more information.

Monday, 15 October

Time	Meeting	Venue
09:00	17:00 ICA Board Meeting *	RCC, Moor & Morrison
09:00	17:00 13th Meeting of the ICA Asia-Pacific Consumer Sub-Committee on University/College Co-operatives *	Singapore National Co-operative Federation (SNCF), 510 Thomson Rd, #12-02 SLF Building
17:30	20:00 Meeting of Chairpersons of ICA Sectoral Organisations (Inter-SO Meeting) *	RCC, Sophia

* By invitation only



Tuesday, 16 October

Time	Meeting	Venue
09:00	12:00 ICA Communication Committee (ICACC) Executive Committee * and Seminar	RCC, Orchard B & C
09:00	13:00 Tourism International Co-operative Association (TICA) General Assembly	RCC, Indiana
09:00	13:00 International Co-operative Banking Association (ICBA) Executive Committee *	RCC, Hullet
09:00	17:00 Global Workshop on University/Campus Co-operatives	RCC, Moor & Morrison
09:00	17:00 ICA Asia-Pacific Regional Women's Committee and Study Tour	Carlton Hotel, Empress 2
09:30	17:30 ICA Research Conference	RCC, Enterprise
10:00	12:00 International Co-operative Fisheries Co-operative (ICFO) Executive Committee *	RCC, VIP « B »
11:00	13:00 ICA Sectoral Organisation for Energy Co-operatives: Info	RCC, Room to be announced
14:00	17:00 ICA Asia-Pacific Standing Committee *	RCC, Indiana
14:00	16:30 International Co-operative Fisheries Co-operative (ICFO), Plenary	RCC, Orchard B & C
14:00	18:00 Global 300 – National 100 Lists Workshop	RCC, VIP « B »
15:00	18:00 International Co-operative Banking Association (ICBA) Ordinary Members' Meeting *	RCC, Hullet
17:00	21:00 CICOPA Executive Committee *	RCC, Mercury
18:30	20:00 ICA Expo Briefing and Cocktail	RCC, Hullet

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ICA Expo: International Co-op Trade Fair

ICA will hold an international trade fair "ICA Expo" 19-26 October 2008 in Lisbon (Portugal). Its aim is to strengthen co-operative trade and promote the growth of co-operative business. A briefing and cocktail will be held on 16 October in Singapore for interested participants.

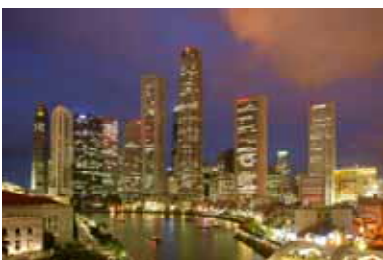


Wednesday, 17 October

Time	Meeting	Venue
09:00 10:45	ICA Gender Equality Committee (ICA GEC) Executive Committee *	RCC, Orchard C
09:00 11:00	ICA Housing Board *	RCC, Clark
09:00 13:00	CICOPA General Assembly **	RCC, Olivia
09:00 13:00	International Co-operative Banking Association (ICBA) Seminar	RCC, Orchard A & B
09:00 13:30	41st Meeting of the ICA Asia-Pacific Consumer Committee*	NTUC Fairprice Co-operative Ltd. 680 Upper Thomson Road
09:00 18:00	International Co-operative Agricultural Organisation (ICAO) Seminar & General Assembly	RCC, Morrison
09:00 17:00	International Health Co-operative Organisation (IHCO) General Assembly	RCC, Indiana
09:30 12:00	ICA Human Resource Development Committee (ICA HRD) Executive Committee *	RCC, Minto
09:30 12:30	Consumer Co-operatives Worldwide (CCI/CCW) Plenary	RCC, Sophia
11:00 13:00	ICA Gender Equality Committee (ICA GEC) Plenary	RCC, Moor
11:15 12:45	ICA Housing Plenary	RCC, VIP A
12:30 13:00	Consumer Co-operatives Worldwide (CCI/CCW) Executive Committee *	RCC, Sophia
14:00 16:00	ICA International Accounting Standards (IAS) Working Group Members Meeting *	RCC, Orchard C
14:00 17:30	CICOPA Seminar	RCC, Olivia
14:00 18:00	ICA Gender Equality Committee Conference	RCC, Sophia
14:00 18:00	ICA Human Resource Development Committee (ICA HRD) Workshop	RCC, Moor
14:15 16:30	ICA Housing Seminar	RCC, Minto
14:30 18:00	CCW/ICA Asia-Pacific Consumer Committee Seminar	RCC, Hullet
16:30 18:00	ICA International Accounting Standards (IAS) Working Group (Open Meeting)	RCC, Orchard C
19:00 21:30	ICA General Assembly Welcome Reception For registered ICA GA delegates only	RCC Ballroom

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ICA IAS Working Group welcomes GA Delegates

Tricia O'Malley, former member of the board of directors of the International Accounting Standards Board will join the IAS Working Group for an informal discussion at 16:30 on 17 October. ICA General Assembly delegates are welcome to participate. Ms O'Malley will address the ICA GA in the morning of 19 October.

Thursday, 18 October

ICA General Assembly Raffles City Convention Centre, Padang & Canning

09:30 10:30 **Opening Ceremony**

- Seah Kian Peng, Chair, Singapore National Co-operative Federation (SNCF) & Member of Parliament
- Dr Vivian Balakrishnan, Minister for Community Development, Youth & Sports and Second Minister for Information, Communications & the Arts
- Ivano Barberini, ICA President

11:00 12:30 **Keynote Speakers**

- José Manuel Salazar-Xirinachs, Executive Director, International Labour Organisation (ILO)
- David Cook, Chief Executive Officer, "The Natural Step"
- Lim Boon Heng, Minister in the Prime Minister's Office, Government of Singapore & Chair, Social Enterprise Development Council of the Singapore National Trades Union Congress (SNTUC)

12:30 14:00 *Buffet Lunch For registered ICA GA delegates only*

14:00 15:30

Session I: Business & Sustainable Development

- Raul Montemayor, International Federation of Agricultural Producers (IFAP)
- Jean-Luc de Feuardent, Confédération de la Coopération de la Mutualité et du Crédit Maritimes (CCMCM), France
- Bob Burlton, Co-operative Group, United Kingdom

Session II: Through the 300 to Business Innovation

- Hans Dahlberg, International Co-operative & Mutual Insurance Federation (ICMIF)
- Garry Cronan, ICA
- Mariana Guzman, Caja Popular Mexicana, Mexico
- Dae-Kun Chung, National Agricultural Co-operative Federation, (NACF), Korea
- Rajesh Srivastava, Rabobank, The Netherlands

16:00 17:30

Session III: Business & Sustainable Development

- Li Chungsheng, All China Federation of Supply & Marketing Co-operatives (ACFMSC), China
- Alexandra Wilson & Nicholas Gazzard, Co-operative Housing Foundation (CHF), Canada
- U.S. Awasthi, Indian Farmers' Fertiliser Co-operative (IFFCO), India

Session IV: Through the 300 to Business Innovation

- Seah Kian Peng, Singapore National Co-operative Federation (SNCF), Singapore
- Stefania Marcone, Coop Italia, Italy
- Tamotsu Ishikawa, National Federation of Workers and Consumers Insurance Co-operatives (ZENROSAI), Japan

Keynote Speakers

José Manuel Salazar-Xirinachs
(Costa Rica)



joined ILO as Executive Director of the Employment Sector in mid-2005. Prior to joining the ILO, he was Chief Trade Adviser and Director of the Trade Unit at the Organisation of American States (OAS) (1998-2005) and Minister of Foreign Trade of Costa Rica (1997-1998), a period that included Costa Rica's chairmanship of the FTAA process.

David Cook is Chief Executive Officer of "The Natural Step International"



whose aim is to develop a genuine commitment to, and competence in, sustainable development throughout society. Mr. Cook has led partnerships in a variety of sectors, including BP, Du Pont, Nike, Skanska, Co-operative Bank, Interface, Sainsbury's and Norsk Hydro. He is currently collaborating with the UN Global Compact.

Friday, 19 October

ICA General Assembly

Raffles City Convention Centre, Padang & Canning

Keynote Speakers



Lim Boon Heng is Minister in the Prime Minister's Office of

Singapore and concurrently Chair of the Social Enterprise Development Council of the Singapore National Trades Union Congress (SNTUC) which oversees co-operatives within the Singapore trade union movement including NTUC Fairprice and NTUC Income. He is also Minister in charge of elderly issues and a long standing Member of Parliament.



Tricia O'Malley (Canada) assumed the position of Co-ordinator

of the International Financial Reporting Interpretations Committee (IFRIC) of the International Accounting Standards Board (IASB) in July 2007 at the completion of her 6 year term as a member of the IASB. She has also been the first full-time Chair of the Canadian Accounting Standards Board (AcSB).

- 09:00 10:00 **Panel Session: Conclusions from Sessions 1-IV**
- Session 1: Anne Santamäki, SOK Association, Finland
 - Session II: Carol Hunter, Canadian Co-operative Association (CCA), Canada
 - Session III: Goh Ming Huay, NTUC Income, Singapore
 - Session IV: Shaun Tarbuck, International Co-operative & Mutual Insurance Federation (ICMIF)

- 10:30 12:30 **International Accounting Standards**
- Tricia O'Malley, Coordinator, International Financial Reporting Interpretations Committee (IFRIC) of the International Accounting Standards Board (IASB) and former IASB Board Member
 - Panel Presentation, IAS Working Group members

12:30 14:00 **Buffet Lunch** *For registered ICA GA delegates only*

12:45 15:00 **Distribution of voting cards and ballot papers**
ICA Registration Desk, RCC, Foyer

13:30 18:00 **ICA Statutory Business**

1. Opening and Welcome
2. Approval of Agenda
3. Approval of ICA GA 2005 (Cartagena) Minutes
4. Reports
 - Report of the President
 - Report of the Director-General
 - Report of the Audit & Control Committee
- Discussion
5. Elections for Board and Audit & Control Committee (A&CC)
 - Recognition of out-going Board and A&CC members
 - Ratification of ICA Vice-Presidents
 - Introduction of candidates for ICA Board and A&CC
 - Voting
5. Governance Progress Report
 - Report of the Governance Working Group
 - Report of the Restructuring Working Group
10. Motions and Resolutions
11. Presentation of the Rochdale Pioneer Award
12. Invitation to the General Assembly 2009
13. Any other business

19:30 23:30 **ICA General Assembly Farewell Dinner**
For registered ICA GA delegates only

2007 Global 300 Launch

This year's Global 300 list will be launched on Thursday, 18 October. It will be unveiled at the start of Session II of the concurrent business streams. This year we have greatly expanded our financial analysis of the largest co-operative and mutual businesses in the world.

Which ones are performing best? What sectors are competing most effectively in the global marketplace?

Two new features of this year's Global 300 programme are:

- A new (draft) measure of Corporate Social Responsibility (CSR) has been developed. Detailed case studies featuring best practices examples of CSR and co-operative values and principles will be unveiled at the launch.
- The Global 300 project has been expanded to include a new Developing 300 list of co-operative business drawn from up to 30 developing economies.



National 100 Workshop

A number of countries are now starting to develop their own Top 100 list of co-operatives based on the Global 300 approach. Learn how you can do this for your country by attending the "Global 300 - National 100 Workshop" on 16 October at 14:00. Speakers from the UK, France, Canada, Australia, and the USA will tell you how.

Highlights: ICA Sectors & Thematic Committees

ICAO (agriculture)

Challenges in the business environment confronting today's agricultural co-operatives will be the lead session of the ICAO seminar with national and international speakers invited to give presentations. The seminar will also address the role of agricultural co-operatives in rural development. The ICAO General Assembly will follow the seminar.

CICOPA (worker)

The CICOPA Seminar will focus on the development trends of industrial, service, artisans', worker and social co-operatives in the world today; CICOPA's mission and role within the ICA; and the Declaration on Worker Co-operatives and its implications for the development of worker co-operatives around the world. It will be preceded by a General Assembly including elections.

ICA Gender Equality Committee

The underlying importance of gender equality and equal opportunities for women and men in co-operatives is a driving force of innovation. The ICA GEC Conference will present case studies on how gender issues drive development and social and economic advancement.

ICA Housing

"The role the co-operative housing sector can play in combating climate change" will be the theme addressed by housing co-operative experts. It will be preceded by an ICA Housing Plenary meeting where its new website will be launched and elections will be held.

ICA Research Committee

How do co-operative organisations innovate? What does "innovation" mean within co-operative organisations? What are some of the most important innovations taking place today? Does the co-operative model encourage or discourage innovation? How can an innovative culture be encouraged within co-operatives? The ICA's International Research Committee will address such questions.



About Singapore

Area: 683 sq km/264 sq miles

Population: 4.3 million (2006)

Official languages: English,
Malay, Chinese & Tamil

Time Zone: GMT/UTC +8
(standard time)

Electricity: 230V 50 Hz

Currency: Singapore Dollar S\$
or SGD

ICA Registration Desk

Delegates are encouraged to pick up their badges and other meeting information as early as possible. The ICA Registration Desk will be located in the foyer of the Raffles City Convention Centre and will be open at the following times:

- 15 October - 14:00 - 18:00
- 16 October - 08:45 - 18:00
- 17 October - 08:45 - 18:00
- 18 October - 07:30 - 18:00
- 19 October - 08:45 - 15:00

Note that delegates are required to wear their badges to participate in the General Assembly sessions, the welcome reception and farewell dinner.

Helpful Information

Electric Plug Details: British-style plug with two flat blades and one flat grounding blade

Tipping: Prohibited at the airport and discouraged at hotels and restaurants that have a 10% service charge.

No Smoking: Smoking is prohibited in most areas such as elevators, government offices, cinemas, air-conditioned restaurants, public transportations, and other areas where "Non-Smoking" signs are displayed.

Public Transport: Taxis, Mass Rapid Transit (MRT) Trains, Buses. Taxis operate 24 hours & carry 4 passengers per car. Fare starts at S\$2.50 & charges S\$0.10 every 225m. MRT & buses operate from 6am till midnight and fare charges range between S\$0.90 to S\$1.90.

Visitors Help Desks: "Singapore Visitors' Centres" are located at the airport's « Arrival Halls » & « Transit Halls ».

Getting to Raffles City Convention Centre (RCC)

Taxi ride takes 30 minutes or less and costs approximately S\$20.00 from the airport. Also accessible by public transport MRT Trains at CG2 (Changi Airport Station) and get off at EW13/NS25 (City Hall Station).

Climate: Sunny throughout the year with occasional tropical downpours. Temperatures are 31C maximum and 25C minimum.

Indoor Temperatures : Convention centres, shopping areas and indoors are 23C or less.

Drinking Water: It is perfectly safe to drink water straight from the tap in Singapore. However, for those who prefer bottled mineral water, local supermarkets usually carry a wide selection.

Money Matters: Banks generally operate from 09:30 to 15:30 from Mondays to Fridays, and from

09:30 to 11:30 on Saturdays.

Apart from banks and hotels, money can be changed wherever the sign "Licensed Money Changer" is displayed. The airport and most shopping complexes have licensed money changers. Visitors are discouraged from changing money with unlicensed money changers. Credit card and travellers' cheques are widely accepted.

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