



# Annual Meeting of ICA Sectoral Organisations

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# Remit from Task Force to Sectoral Organisations Working Group

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- The role and relevance of Specialised Organisations
- Widening of their membership and that of ICA
- Improve relationships between ICA and Specialised Organisations globally and regionally
- Determine the precise services required
- Improve links with ICA President and Board
- Encourage business links between members
- Improve relationships between Specialised Organisations themselves



# Membership

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- Xavier Grosclaude ICMIF
- Claus Hachmann ICHO
- Bruno Roelants CICOPA
- Iain Macdonald ICA (Chair)



# Recommendations

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- A series of “Scientific Councils”
  - Made up of professional experts to share experience and good practice between SO’s, e.g. in the areas of finance, communications, development, marketing etc.
- SO’s should regularly invite the President and DG to their meetings as well as the Presidents of their regional bodies.



## Recommendations contd.,

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- Pooling of expertise especially in the fields of communications, development, research and training
- Establishing regional communications centres to ensure global co-operation between individual SO's and ICA – based, where possible, in existing offices.
- Provide a secondment programme to support ICA
- Each ICA Region to have an official responsible for SO liaison



# Recommendations contd,.

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- In particular,
  - that each Specialised Organisation should be financially self sufficient and responsible for its own administration.
  - Provision should also be made to support the appointment of a full time ICA Specialised Organisations Liaison Officer to manage the intersectoral dimension and to be able to fully act upon the recommendations of this report.



# General Assembly, Oslo 2003

## Restructuring Report.....

- *Sectoral Organisations are branches of ICA, and therefore all their members are affiliated to ICA as sectoral members.*
  - *Normally, those sectoral members who are eligible will also be full members of ICA.*
  
- *Members and Associate Members shall pay an annual subscription in proportion to their economic activities or on the basis of the aggregate business activity of their members.*
  - *Associate members pay on a reduced scale.*
  
- *Associate and Sectoral Members do not have voting rights in ICA's global or regional frameworks*



## Article 28.....

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The ICA Board may establish or dissolve, and recognise or withdraw recognition from Sectoral Organisations in such areas of economic and social activity of co-operatives as considered desirable.

The Sectoral Organisations shall:

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## Article 28 cont.

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- a) Draw up their Rules, which shall be approved by ICA Board;
- b) Report regularly on their activities to ICA Board and General Assembly;
- c) Be entitled to one representative at the General Assembly, who shall have full voting rights;
- d) Have the right to propose to ICA Board themes for discussion at the meetings of ICA Authorities;



## Article 28 cont.

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- e) Be responsible to their members and seek to establish a working collaboration with each other, where practicable and desirable;
- f) Collaborate with the ICA Head Office and Regional Offices, where practicable;
- g) Ensure that their regional organisations are established, and operate, in conformity with policies established by ICA and its Regional Assemblies, with regional chairs represented on global sectoral organisations;
- h) Self-finance their activities



# Policies, Procedures and Standing Orders

## **ICA Sectoral Organisations and Thematic Committees.**

In accordance with Articles 22 and 28 of ICA Rules, the ICA General Assembly recognised the Sectoral Organisations:

Agriculture	ICAO
Banking	ICBA
Consumer	CCI
Fisheries	ICFO
Health	IHCO
Housing	ICHO
Insurance	ICMIF
Tourism	TICA
Workers	CICOPA



# ....Policies, Procedures and Standing Orders

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## **ICA Thematic Committees**

- Research
- Gender
- Human Resource Development
- Communications



# Implications

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- Possible rule changes for S.O's
- Regional organisational structure
- Information and statistics
- Board representation
- Working Group
- Administration
- Liaison Officer



# ICA Liaison Officer

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Act as a co-ordinator between ICA Head Office and the nine sectoral organisations of ICA. His/her main tasks will be the following:

- policy promotion
- co-ordination
- lobbying
- resource development
- business links
- membership promotion
- research and representation



# In particular.....

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- Co-ordinate and monitor the activities and meetings of the sectoral organisations
- Set up cross-sectoral « scientific councils » to ensure good practice
- Ensure ICA representation at the major meetings, at least once a year
- Assist with changes in SO's Rules as needed
- Prepare regular reports for the ICA Board
- Monitor the contribution of SO's payment to ICA
- Encourage sectoral members to become full ICA members if qualified
- Organise annual meetings with the office bearers of sectoral organisations
- Liaise with appropriate ICA staff according to subject matter, especially communications
- Send regular information to SO's concerning ICA global activities
- Make sure that SO information is updated with latest information/statistics/work plans



# Resources....

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The Working Group report, endorsed by the Board proposes funding this position through an annual contribution from each Sectoral Organisation



# Proposed Contributions..

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ICAO	CHF 10,000
ICBA	CHF 10,000
CCI	CHF 10,000
ICFO	CHF 10,000
ICHO	CHF 10,000
IHCO	CHF 10,000
ICMIF	CHF 10,000
CICOPA	CHF 5,000
TICA	CHF 3,000
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Total	CHF 78,000