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ICA CCR Symposium on

“Successful Approaches to achieving a Collaborative Research”

17 November 2009, Room 5, CICG, Geneva, Switzerland

The recent financial meltdown and ensuing economic crisis has shown the co-operative business model to be resilient, with great potential to sustain communities and economies world wide. This outcome has generated new and welcome interest in the model. But while we have some empirical evidence to explain why this is so, we lack extensive comparative data to answer many of the questions being raised by those newly interested. Exploring ways to generate more of this necessary empirical evidence is the focus of the 17 November Symposium organized by the ICA Committee on Co-operative Research.

Our keynote address will introduce the theme of the Symposium and present the results of a study prepared for the ‘Duisenberg Lecture’ at the annual meeting of the IMF/World Bank in Istanbul, October 2009. This report released by Rabobank focuses on the direct and indirect effects of the crisis for European co-operative banks. The crisis entails both clear opportunities and challenges for co-operative banks in the coming five years.

Subsequent sessions will examine the research needs of co-operative leaders and decision makers. Examples of strategies for building collaborative networks and research partnerships will be highlighted. And finally, an opportunity will be provided to explore means for developing a more coordinated and collaborative research agenda.

The ICA Committee on Co-operative Research invites all General Assembly delegates and observers concerned with this important theme to join with us in a full-day program of events on Tuesday 17 November, 2009. Our program for the day follows.

Agenda

- 8:30 Registration

- 8:45 Welcome and Introductory Remarks
 Dr. Lou Hammond Ketilson, Chair, ICA Committee on Co-operative
 Research

- 9:00 Keynote Presentation
 “*Cooperative Banks in the New Financial System*”
 Dr. Hans Groeneveld, Senior Vice President Corporate Strategy, Rabobank

The ICA Committee on Co-operative Research(ICA CCR) is a thematic committee of the International Co-operative Alliance(ICA).

- 10:00 Refreshment break
- 10:30 Panel I: “What kind of Research Information do Co-operative Decision Makers Require?”
- Speakers:
- Mr. Paul Hazen, President and CEO, National Cooperative Business Association, US
- Ms. Carol Hunter, Executive Director, Canadian Co-operative Association, Canada
- Prof. Suleman Chambo, Principal and Associate Professor of Economics and Co-operative Management, Moshi University College of Co-operative and Business Studies, Tanzania
- Chair: Dr. Gianluca Salvatori, CEO, European Research Institute for Cooperatives and Social Economy
- 11:30 *Summary of Results, September 2009 Annual Research Conference of the Committee on Co-operative Research*
- Dr. Lou Hammond Ketilson, Chair, ICA Committee on Co-operative Research
- 12:00 Lunch
- 1:15 Panel II: “Successful Approaches To Achieving a Collaborative Research Agenda”
- Speakers:
- Dr. Ann Hoyt, Professor of Consumer Science, School of Human Ecology, University of Wisconsin-Madison, US
- Dr. Ian MacPherson, Professor of History, University of Victoria, Canada
- Ms. Anne Santamaki, President Eurocoop; SOK Corporation, Finland
- Chair: Dr. Shimelles Tenaw, University of Helsinki, Finland
- 2:15 Panel III: “Building a Research Network”
- Speakers:
- Dr. Gianluca Salvatori, CEO, European Research Institute for Cooperatives and Social Economy, Trento Italy

Prof. Faustine Bee, Deputy Principal Academics and, Associate Professor of Economics and Co-operative Management, Moshi University College of Co-operative and Business Studies Moshi Tanzania

Dr. G. N. Saxena, Director, Indian Farmers' Fertilizer Co-op Ltd., India

Chair: Dr. Ian MacPherson, University of Victoria, Canada

3:15 Coffee

3:30 Facilitated Session: "Developing a Strategic Body of Research"

Facilitator: Dr. Ann Hoyt

4:45 Closing