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ICA Research Conference

“People before profit: the response of co-operatives to the global financial crisis and economic recession”

2-4 September 2009, Oxford, United Kingdom

PROGRAMME

2 September (Wednesday)

Afternoon Arrival and Registration
18:00~ Drinks Reception (followed by Dinner in the College Hall)

3 September (Thursday)

09:00 ~ 10:00 Opening Plenary
Lou Hammond Ketilson, Roger Spear
Keynote Presentation (**Jonathan Michie**)

10:30 ~ 12:00 **Workshop 1**

Co-operative responses to the banking crisis and economic recession

- **Ian MacPherson** - What differences does a century make? The International Movement Confronting Global Crises, the early twentieth and twenty-first centuries.
- **Edgar Parnell** - UK Consumer co-operation: recession and re-birth
- **Silvio Goglio and Yiorgos Alexopoulos** - Financial regulation and economic distress; is there a future for financial co-operatives?

New directions in co-operation

- **Yiorgos Alexopoulos and Peter Davis** - Developing Community Co-operative Solutions for Energy Conservation, Distribution and Generation: First Results of an Empirical Approach in the UK and its wider implications for Co-operative Banking and Finance.
- **Christina Clamp, Carol Coren, Mike Bowie**: Weathering the Economic Crisis through Worker Co-op Green Job Creation
- **Sean Hamil** - The financial performance of Scottish league football and its implications for the future survival of Scotland's football clubs? Do supporter-controlled

supporters' trusts (co-operatives) have a role in any successful re-structuring of Scottish professional football?

Theories of co-operation

- **Sigismundo Bialoskorski Neto, Marcelo Barroso, Amaury José Rezende** – Governance of co-operatives and management systems: an agency theory approach
- **Jose Vargas-Hernandez** - Relationships between institutional economics of co – operation and the political economy of trust
- **Michael Levin**: Welfare State Regimes and Development Agencies – Path dependence, “intelligent design”, evolution or what?

13:15 ~ 14:45

Workshop 2

Co-operative responses to the banking crisis and economic recession

- **Pasquale de Muro and Sara Vicari** - Human development and economic democracy: which contributions of co-operatives in the current global crisis?
- **Remi Adeyemo** - Co-operatives in the Domestic and International Trade Arena
- **Itziar Villafanez Perez** – Basque co-operatives and the Crisis; the case of Mondragon

New directions in co-operation

- **Aisling Moroney, Bob Briscoe, Olive McCarthy, Mary O’Shaughnessy and Michael Ward** – Putting the Co-operative Approach at the Centre of Local Food Economies: The Case of Farmers’ Markets in Ireland, the USA and UK
- **Akira Kurimoto** - Consumer-Producer Alliance in the Food Chain: Rationales and Evolution of Sanchoku
- **Samantha Lacey** - Co-operative Approaches to Environmental Management

Co-operative governance/member participation/leadership

- **Meaghan Ross** - Are Worker Co-operatives Ideal Sites of Participation For Workers? A discussion of the Factors Impeding the Realization of Full, High Level Participation by Members in Worker Co-operatives
- **Reuven Shapira** - Co-operatives Can Weather the Crisis with a Succession System that Will Elevate Servant Transformational Leaders

15:15 ~ 16:45

- **Maria Fredigou-Malama:** The Emergence of Corporate Social Responsibility: Consumer Co-operatives in Sweden

Workshop 3

Co-operative responses to the banking crisis and economic recession

- **Tony O'Rourke** – Banking for the community in an era of financial turmoil: Airdrie Savings Bank and the issue of bank ownership and governance
- **Simeon Karafolas and George Konteos** - Local financial factors influencing activities of Greek co-operative banks
- **J J McMurtry** - Un-banking Ourselves: Credit Unions, the Credit Crisis, and Economic Alternatives

New directions in co-operation

- **Dan Badelescu** - Emerging Technologies & Natural Resources; Blurring of the North-South Divide through Co-operative Governance
- **Tapani Köppä and Pekka Hytinkoski** - From talkoot to commons-based peer production – and back?
- **Eliisa Troberg and Pekka Hytinkoski** - A theoretical framework for an evaluative study on the web-teaching of co-operation

Co-operative governance/member participation/leadership

- **Vanna Gonzalez** - Coping with Crisis: Multi-Level Governance, Social Services and Italian Social Co-operatives
- **Lou Hammond Ketilson and Kimberley Brown** - A Post-Merger Governance Review: The Case of Advantage Credit Union
- **Sonja Novkovic and John McNamara** - Measuring Democracy in the Workplace: Effects on External Stakeholders
- **Sonja Novkovic, Ryszard Stocki, Peter Hough** - Participation in Worker Co-operatives: Forms, Measurement and Results

4 September (Friday)

09:00 ~ 10:30

Workshop 4

Co-operative responses to the banking crisis and economic recession

- **Marina Teixeira Trindade**, Francisco de Assis Ferreira Filho, Sigismundo Bialoskorski Neto – last 10 years performance of the credit co-operatives in Brazil

- **Krishnappa Ramesha** - Are Financial Co-operatives Better Equipped to Withstand Disorders in Financial Markets? An Assessment of Financial Co-operatives from India
- **Paul Jones** - Banking on a fresh start – an analysis of The Co-operative Bank's initiative to enable prisoners obtain bank accounts.

Comparative advantages of co-operatives

- **Kandiah, Paramasvaran** – Can housing co-operatives provide a people-centred alternative?
- **Rob Rowlands** - Recognising Ownership: Developing a Mutual Neighbourhood

Co-operative law reform and regulation

- **Edward DeBarbieri** - Co-operative Law Reform and the Global Economic Crisis: How Innovative Public Policies Can Guide Us through Market Booms and Busts
- **Hans-H Münkner** - German legislation with special emphasis on co-operative groups
- **Robert Dobrohoczki** - Rethinking Co-operative Difference as Public Policy: Co-operative Commonwealths in Seas of Global Capitalism

Panel on money

- **Mary Mellor, Molly Scott Cato, Peter North** - An End to Monopoly Money: Restoring the Status of Money as a Source of Common Wealth

11:00 ~ 12:30 **Workshop 5**

Comparative advantages of co-operatives

- **Lou Van der Valt and J Lotz** - Did the conversion from co-operatives to companies really benefit the farmer?
- **Alastair Thomson and Richard East** - Slow Capital – a new co-operative opportunity

Co-operative development/employment creation

- **Veena Nabar** - Formalizing the Informal: Co-operativising Those at the Margin – The Indian Experience, Global Contexts and Future Directions
- **Richard Simmons** - Co-operatives, Poverty Reduction and Local Economic Development in Serbia
- **Yohanan Stryjan** - Community Under Strain: Co-operatives, transition and transformation in CE Europe

Comparative advantages (2)

- **David Erdal** - Survival in an industry under pressure: the case of Tullis Russell vs. Inveresk.. Success based on employee ownership; destruction of value by plc ownership.
- **Virginie Perotin, Monica Gago, and Fathi Fakhfakh** - Is the investment decision different in worker co-operatives and conventional firms?
- **Anthony Jensen** - Worker Co-operative Buyouts of Failed Companies in Italy

13:30 ~ 15:00 **Workshop 6**

Comparative advantages of co-operatives

- **Elia Garcia Marti, Cristina Pedrosa Ortega** - Innovation in the governance of the co-operation among co-operatives as a strategy to face the global economy
- **Carlo Borzaga and Sara Depedri** - The relevance of people's involvement: the case of multi-stakeholder governance of social co-operatives
- **Silvia Sacchetti, Roger Sugden, Ermanno Tortia** - Creative knowledge and social enterprises

Co-operative development/employment creation

- **Peter Couchman** - The 'Better Way' - reconnecting the HOW and WHAT
- **Nina Immonen** - Development of Support and Consultant Services for Co-operative Entrepreneurship and Social Economy in Finland for 2009-2013
- **Holger Blisse** - An investment fund investing in shares of co-operative companies? (short presentation)
- **BK Mishra** - Development of the fishery co-operative sector in India

Membership and empowerment in co-ops:

- **Francesco Burchi and Sara Vicari** - To be or not to be a member of a primary co-operative in Brazil: any difference in people's empowerment?
- **Sudha Kornginnaya** - Strengthening the Spirit of Enterprise- The Co-operative Way
- **Sally Griffiths** - Understanding how co-operatives can engage with the growing youth population in Africa and what the potential impacts of being a co-operative member can have on a young person's life