

## ICA Research Conference 2008

### *The Role of Co-operatives in Sustaining Development and Fostering Social Responsibility*

Riva del Garda (Trento, Italy) October 15-18 2008

#### PROVISIONAL PROGRAMME

##### WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 15

**8.00 p.m.** Welcome cocktail reception

##### THURSDAY, OCTOBER 16

**9.00 a.m.** Conference check in

**9.30 a.m.** PLENARY SESSION

9.30 a.m. Ivano Barberini, President ICA

9.45 a.m. Carlo Borzaga, University of Trento / EURICSE, IT

10.00 a.m. Lou Hammond Ketilson, University of Saskatchewan / ICA, CAN

10.15 a.m. Giulio Sapelli, University of Milan, IT

**10.45 a.m.** Coffee Break

**11.15 a.m.** PARALLEL SESSIONS

**11.15 a.m.** Presentation of Global 300 Project

*Chair: Roger Spear \**

The Global 300 Project, by Hassan Kashef, ICA

**Presentation of EURICSE**

*Chair: Giulio Sapelli*

The European Research Institute on Cooperative and Social Enterprises (EURICSE), by Carlo Borzaga

**12.45 a.m.** Lunch

**PLENARY SESSION**

**2.00 p.m. Recent Contributions of Human Sciences in Understanding and Explaining Co-Operatives**

*Chair: Lou Hammond Ketilson \**

2.00 p.m. *Circles, not a Pyramid: Cooperatives, the Social Economy and the Roles of History*  
by Ian MacPherson, B.C. Institute for Co-operative Studies, CAN

2.30 p.m. *Co-operatives from an Organisational Perspective*  
by Roger Spear, Open University, UK

3.00 p.m. *The Political Significance of Cooperatives: a Scandinavian Perspective*  
by Victor Pestoff, Institute for Civil Society Studies, Ersta-Sköndal University College, SW

3.30 p.m. *New Trends in the Theory of Cooperative Firms*  
by Ermanno Tortia, Università di Trento

4.00 p.m. *The Social Economy and Institutional Change. Constructing a Conceptual Framework,*  
by Margie Mendell, Concordia University, CAN

**4.30 p.m. STUDY VISIT TO A LOCAL CO-OPERATIVE**

**8.00 P.M. GALA DINNER**

**FRIDAY, OCTOBER 17**

**PLENARY SESSION**

**9.00 a.m. The Role of Co-operatives in Developing and Transforming Countries**

*Chair: Lou Hammond Ketilson \**

9.00 a.m. Keynote speech by Prof. Yohanan Stryjan, Södertörns Högskola, SW

**9.30 a.m. PARALLEL SESSIONS**

**Cooperatives' Potential in Post-transition Countries**

*Moderator: G. Galera*

*S. Nalecz, Role of Co-operatives in Poland*

*Z. Chyra-Rolicz, Experiences of Social Economy in Poland: Ideas and Practices*

G. Guri, *Agricultural Cooperatives: An Imperative for the Development of Social Economy? Lessons From Rural Albania*  
A. Grigoryan, T. Hakhnazaryan, N. A. Kwapong, *Farmers Organization in the Development of Agriculture in the South Caucasus: Case of Armenia*

### **Co-operatives and Sustainable Economies**

*Moderator: M. Mendell*

M. Gertler, *Knowledgeable Enterprise: Co-operatives and the Prospects for Sustainable Economies*

M. Lafleur, *Coopérative et Développement Durable (Cooperative and Sustainable Development)*

L. M. Findlay, *The Co-operative University and Co-operative Economies: A Schematic for Sustainability*

### **Global Poverty and Social Development**

*Moderator: Y. Stryjan \**

S. G. Schram, *Co-operatives: Pathways to Economic, Democratic and Social Development in the Global Economy*

S. Vicari, *Understanding Co-operatives' Potential in Fighting Global Poverty in a Human Development Perspective*

T. Köppa, P. Hytinkoski, *Co-operation and Co-operatives as Machines of Social Development and Innovations*

### **Co-operatives and Welfare Services**

*Moderator: V. Pestoff*

T. Tuominen, N. Heino, I. Jussila, *A Role of Co-operatives in Production of Welfare Services: Analysing Accounts of Finnish Experts*

W. Bartlett, P. Allen, V. Perotin, J. Roberts, *Social Enterprises in the NHS in England: the Role of New Providers and their Impact on Quality and Innovation*

A. Kurimoto, *Co-operative Elderly Care Services Contributing to Community Building*

**11.00 a.m. Coffee Break**

### **PLENARY SESSION**

**11.30 a.m. Co-operative and Social Enterprise Concern for the Community: The Emergence of New Fields of Activity**

*Chair: Lou Hammond Ketilson \**

11.30 a.m. Keynote speech by Prof. Carlo Borzaga, Università degli Studi di Trento / EURICSE, IT

**12.00 A.M. PARALLEL SESSIONS**

**Co-operatives Addressing Ethnic and Social Problems**

*Moderator: R. Spear \**

I. M. Findlay, *Bridging the Traditional and Social economy: The Case of the Northern Saskatchewan Trappers Association*

L. Hammond Ketilson, K. Brown, *Financing Aboriginal Enterprise Development in Canada: the Feasibility of Using Cooperative Models*

**The Role of Co-operatives as Poverty Reduction Agents**

*Moderator: A. Noya*

S. Vicari, P. De Muro, S. Marcone, *Co-operatives's Role to Fight Poverty in Developing Countries: the Commitment of Legacoop*

R. Simmons, J. Birchall, *The Role and Potential of Co-operatives in the Poverty Reduction Process*

A. Othman, *Enhancing Co-operative Movement to Achieve Malaysia's Development Goals*

**Co-operatives and Public Policy**

*Moderator: G. Sapelli*

L. Clarke, M. Diamantopoulos, I. Findlay, *Snakes and Ladders: Co-operatives, Social Enterprise and Public Policy in Saskatoon's Core Neighbourhood*

M Altman, *The Good, the Bad and the Ugly: Economic Theory, Corporate Governance, Economic Agency and Public Policy*

**Cooperative Banks and Finance**

*Moderator: S. Goglio*

T. Turtiainen, *Financial Co-operatives and Rural Outreach in Developing Countries: A Tool to Involve Rural Poor in Economic Life*

Y. Alexopoulos, P. Davis, *A Co-operative Solution in the Provision of Financial Services: the Case of Greek Co-operative Banks*

M. Levin, *Mission, Members, Money, Mayhem? Financing a Swedish Support System for the Social Economy*

**1.30 a.m. Lunch**

**PLENARY SESSION**

**3.00 p.m. The Nature of Cooperatives and their Social Responsibility and Accountability**

*Chair: Lou Hammond Ketilson \**

3.00 p.m. Keynote speech by Prof. Lorenzo Sacconi, Università degli Studi di Trento, IT

**3.30 P.M.**

**PARALLEL SESSIONS**

**Cooperative Social Responsibility and Social Auditing**

*Moderator: L. Sacconi \**

D. Da Pieve, B. Piccinato, P. Tomasin, *Making Co-operative Social Accounting More Responsive*

V. K. Sapovadia, *Cooperative Social Responsibility Audit: Strategy or Compulsion? The Emerging Trend of Indian Co-operatives*

M. Karthikeyan, *Social Audit of Oromia Coffee Farmers Cooperative Union in Oromia Region, Ethiopia*

**Co-operative identity and labour relations**

*Moderator: A. Noya*

N. Richez-Battesti, O. Boned, *La Responsabilité Sociale de l'Entreprise dans les Banques Coopératives Européennes: Vers une Affirmation Identitaire Coopérative? (Cooperative Banks and CSR: Promoting the Coops Identity)*

S. Smith, *Consumers' Co-operatives in a Competitive Marketplace: is there room for ethics?*

L. Haiven, J. Haiven, *Do Co-operatives Protect Workers' Rights? Lessons from Canada*

**Use of Input and Output Analysis**

*Moderator: E. Tortia*

A. Nese, R. Troisi, *Endogenous Choices, Rights and Optimal Allocation. The Case of Social Enterprise*

A. Hoyt, *Use of Input-Output Analysis to Determine Economic Impact of Utility Cooperatives in the United States*

M. D'Alessio, O. W. Maietta, *The Determinants of Innovations in the Italian Food Industry: a Comparative Analysis on Micro-data*

**Co-operatives and Legal Frameworks**

*Moderator: S. Depedri*

N. Heino and T. Tuominen, *Institutional Pressures of Cooperative Banking Group in Finland: Contradictory Demands of Co-operative Banking Law and Competition Regulation*

F. Avsec, *Investor Members and the Double-Track Cooperative Legislation in the European Economic Area and in the USA*

R. Dobrohoczki, *The Importance of Co-operative Law and its Interpretation in the Postnational Constellation*

**5.00 p.m.**

**Coffee Break**

**6.00 p.m.**

**ICA Research General Meeting**

*Chair: L. Hammond Ketilson*

## SATURDAY, OCTOBER 18

### 9.00 A.M. PARALLEL WORKSHOPS

#### Co-operative Culture, Education and Participation

*Moderator: L. Hammond Ketilson \**

S. Novkovic, *A Diagnostic Tool for Management of Co-operative Firms*

A. Martin, *Renouveler Le Paradigme Coopératif Par l'Education (The Cooperative Paradigm: Moving Towards a Renewed Educational Path)*

R. Sundaram-Stukel, B. Hueth, *Organisational Heterogeneity within the cooperative sector: a US perspective*

#### Values of Co-operatives and Social Enterprises

*Moderator: I. MacPherson \**

K. Mancinone, *CADIAI, the Value of Relations. Social Capital in Social Cooperative: a case study*

S. Murakami, *Trust and Commitment of Cooperative System Financial Institutions in Retail - Studying the Effectiveness of the Relationship Marketing Approach*

A. McLeod, *Holy Cooperation: The Economy of Reconciliation*

### 10.30 a.m. Coffee break

### 11.30 a.m. CLOSING REMARKS

Carlo Borzaga and Lou Hammond Ketilson

*\* Chair/moderator to be confirmed*