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President's Report Darryl Reed

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Collaboration is the key theme of this message, as over the past few months CASC has been actively investigating ways that we can extend and deepen the ways

that we co-operate with other research organizations and networks.

One of the main avenues of collaboration has involved CASC's participation in the Canadian Co-operative Research Network (CCRN), a national network of organizations and individuals involved in promoting, undertaking, and disseminating co-operative research. As part of its commitment to CCRN, CASC is working to develop and integrate its website, social media presence, and overall communication strategy with the work of

the CCRN. This should become evident soon, when we launch our new website.

Another major collaborative project has involved the development of a strategic planning process for co-operative research. In March, we hosted two meetings to consolidate our work in this area. On March 14th, we hosted a teleconference in which CASC members, along with partners from the Canadian Co-operative Association (CCA) and Co-operative Secretariat, agreed upon a process for developing research priorities. We also reviewed research priorities for the coming years and had some initial discussions on developing research proposals.

On March 15th, CASC and the CCA organized a meeting in Ottawa to examine increased collaboration of co-operative research relating to international development. Participating in the event, in

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CASC Merit Award Nominations Do you know a deserving CASC/ACÉC member?

The CASC board would like to invite you to submit nominations for the 2013 CASC Award of Merit. The award is to recognize an individual's outstanding leadership and contributions to the field of co-operative studies, their mentorship of students and others in understanding the intricate workings of co-operatives, and to acknowledge their ongoing support of CASC.

CASC recognizes that we have many leaders in our midst who have contributed in a variety of ways to raising the profile of co-operatives and co-operative studies through their research

on the co-op model. The theme of this year's conference—Cooperating @ the (Cutting) Edge: Innovating for Social Inclusion, Sustainability, and Solidarity / La coopération @ l'avant-garde: L'innovation au service de l'inclusion sociale, du développement durable et de la solidarité—recognizes the valuable contribution of co-operatives to equitable, healthy, and sustainable communities.

The award is one way to recognize the contribution researchers make to addressing the real life challenges cooperators face, documenting insights,

and chronicling the vibrant growth of the movement. Past winners of the award include Alain Roy, Jack Quarter, Ian MacPherson, Lou Hammond Ketilson, Leslie Brown, Sonja Novkovic, Greg MacLeod, and Marie Bouchard.

The deadline for nominations is May 1, 2013. Please email Darryl Reed at dreed@yorku.ca, providing the individual's name and a short statement explaining your reasons for the nomination. The award will be presented at the banquet on June 6 in Victoria.

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addition to members of CASC and the CCA, were representatives from several development studies programs, the Chantier de l'économie social and the

International Development Research Council (IDRC). Follow-up meetings are being planned for June in Victoria, during the CASC conference.

Speaking of which, CASC will be collaborating in new (and old) ways at Congress. First of all, we are delighted that Mirta Vuotto from the University of Buenos Aires has agreed to deliver the keynote address. Dr. Vuotto participates in a variety of international research networks (including sitting on the

ICA's Committee on Co-operative Research). We anticipate that her visit will facilitate closer relationships in the future with her and her colleagues.

At Congress this year, CASC will also hold joint sessions with three other professional associations. On June 4th, we will be organizing sessions with the Canadian Association for Food Studies (CAFS). On June 5th our collaboration will involve sessions with the Canadian Association for Development Studies (CASID). On June 6th, we will continue our collaboration with the Association for Non-profit and Social Economy Research (ANSER), with joint sessions and our annual joint

banquet.

Another special event that we are happy to participate in, this time with the Centre for Co-operative and Community-Based Economy (University of Victoria), is a reception to be held on June 4th to celebrate a new initiative on Peace Studies which is being hosted by the Centre and led by Ian Macpherson.

Finally, we are delighted to announce that we are organizing a special workshop for students on June 3rd. Please do encourage your students to attend!

Check out the draft program on our website and the agenda for the student event later in the Newsletter.

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Content NEEDED!

If you have any information that you would like published, including publications, initiatives, research outcomes, upcoming events, general news, please forward it findlay@edwards.usask.ca. Letters to the editor are welcome. Please make all submissions by October 15th, 2013, to ensure publication.

Submissions for Newsletter: Dr. Isobel Findlay
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CASC-ACEC Conference 2013: Victoria, BC – June 4th to 6th



University
of Victoria



Most events will be held at the University of Victoria, in the David Strong Building (pictured above)

International Keynote Speaker **Prof. Mirta Vuotto**

Director and Professor, Centro de Estudios de Sociología de Trabajo (Centre for Research on the Sociology of Work), Facultad de Ciencias Económicas (Faculty of Economics), Universidad de Buenos Aires (University of Buenos Aires).

Prof. Mirta Vuotto is an Argentine sociologist and economist and one of Latin America's foremost scholars on cooperatives and the social and solidarity economy. She has published books and numerous articles in Spanish, French, Portuguese, and English on the sociology of work, co-operative practices and policies in Argentina

and internationally, and, more generally, on the social and solidarity economy. Her edited books, *Economía social: Precisiones conceptuales y algunas experiencias históricas (Social economy: Conceptual clarifications and some historical experiences)* (Buenos Aires: Altamira, 2003) and *La construcción de políticas públicas en el campo de la economía social (The construction of public policy for the social economy)* (Buenos Aires: Prometeo, 2007), have been important reference points for social economy studies in Latin America.

Prof. Vuotto is on the editorial board of the journals *Economía Solidária e Ação Cooperativa*. Universidade do Vale do Rio dos Sinos (Unisinos),

Brazil; *Economie et Solidarités Revue du Ciriéc-Canada*; and *Sociedade em Debate*. Escola de Serviço Social/UCPEL Brazil. She also serves on the scientific committee

of the Centre International de Recherches et d'Information sur l'Economie Publique, Sociale et Coopérative (CIRIEC); is Vice Chair (South America) of the Committee on Co-operative Research, International Co-operative Alliance (ICA); and served as International Board Member of the Canadian Social Economy Hub.



Researching the role of co-ops in community



Host, Isobel Findlay

**FREE
Student
Event!**

**University of
Victoria,
June 3**

Calling all post-secondary students with an interest in community development whether local, regional, national, or international!

You are invited to attend a one-day event on June 3 at the University of Victoria, Victoria, BC. co-hosted by

Highlights:

- learn about co-operatives as a model for community development (nationally and internationally) and co-op research
- learn about research methodologies and how researchers contribute to community development
- have an opportunity to workshop your thesis or project proposal and present it for feedback from academics
- meet other student researchers interested in making a difference

Host: Isobel Findlay of the Centre for the Study of Co-operatives, University of Saskatchewan

the Canadian Association for Studies in Co-operation, the Measuring the Co-operative Difference Research Network, and the Canadian Co-operative Research Network.

This is your opportunity to meet and learn together with students from diverse associations meeting at the Congress of the Humanities and Social Sciences.

Learn about the co-operative research landscape, about research methodologies relevant to co-ops and community development, and take part in a proposal writing workshop. Workshop your thesis or research proposal and get feedback from leading researchers.

Hear from international keynote speaker Dr. Mirta Vuotta, Director and Professor, Centro de Estudios de Sociología de Trabajo (Centre for Research on the Sociology of Work), Facultad de Ciencias Económicas (Faculty of Economics), Universidad de Buenos Aires (University of Buenos Aires).

For further details, see the programme. Register at <https://www.surveymonkey.com/s/MDVBK98>

Register by May 17th, space is limited!

Schedule	
9:00	Opening (overview of objectives and day)
9:15	Introductions
9:30	Conceptual overview of role of co-ops in local and community developing and Q&A with Darryl Reed of York University
10:30	Break
11:00	Introduction to co-operative research in Canada and internationally (researchers, themes, methodologies)
11:45	Introduction to research methods for community development
12:15	Lunch
1:00	Proposal writing- Taking the guesswork out of preparing your proposal with Isobel Findlay
1:30	Nuts and bolts of meaningful research: Participatory action research, research in the south
2:30	Break
2:45	Workshop on thesis proposals (students can present their research ideas or proposals for feedback – 5 minutes per student)
3:30	Panel from co-op researchers (J.J. McMurtry, Jessica Gordon Nembhard, Denyse Guy, Maria Basualdo)

Co-organized by:

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Réseau de recherche pour mesurer la
DIFFÉRENCE COOPÉRATIVE



Measuring the Co-operative Difference
RESEARCH NETWORK



Canadian Co-operative
Research Network

Réseau canadien de recherche
sur les coopératives

Nominations for CASC Representative to the ICA's Committee on Co-operative Research

Over the years CASC has been fortunate to have several of its members serve on the International Co-operative Alliance's Committee on Co-operative Research (ICACCR) –<http://ica.coop/en/ica-committee-co-operative-research>. Currently, one of our members, Lou Hammond Ketilson serves as the Chair of the Committee (and Ian MacPherson also sits on the committee). Lou's term will be ending shortly, however. This means that CASC should nominate someone else to serve on the committee.

CASC has not historically had a procedure for nominating people to sit on this committee, so at our most recent board meeting we adopted a procedure. It was decided that we should issue a call for nominations before our annual general meeting and then at the annual general meeting we would vote to select a nominee. We are hereby issuing this call for nominations.

In terms of criteria for the position, we have determined that two conditions are the most important: (1) The nominee should have some history of participating in ICACCR events and discussions (e.g., attendance at the Annual ICACCR conference); (2) The nominee must

be willing and able to secure their own financing for participating in the work of the ICACCR (e.g., attending meetings), as the ICACCR is not able to provide financial support.

If you are interested in being nominated to be a member of the ICACCR, please let us know before the CASC AGM (though we will also accept nominations from the floor, we would strongly encourage you to inform us beforehand). We would ask that you prepare a short statement on your interest in the position, which you can send to Darryl Reed (dreed@yorku.ca), President of CASC.

About the ICACCR

ICA Committee on Co-operative Research (ICACCR) is a thematic committee of the International Co-operative Alliance. It is a bridge between academic research and the co-operative world.

ICACCR began its work in 1957 as the Research Officers Group. In the 1970's the group changed its name to the ICA Research, Planning and Development Group reflecting the widening scope of activities and aspirations to provide practical input to co-operative economic and social concerns. The Committee today

functions as a network open to all those interested in sharing research on the co-operative model of enterprise.

Objectives

The ICACCR aims at strengthening activities and making the work of researchers more visible, particularly to managers and co-operators so that research results can be applied to current co-operative issues. For example, questions concerning social audit, co-operative principles, innovation, globalization and the local dimensions of co-operatives, developing co-operative advantage and the emergence of new wave co-operatives have all been reviewed from both a practical and theoretical stance.

Activities

One of the main activities of the ICACCR is the organization of research conferences at the global and regional levels. Its main activity is the Annual International Research Conference, although regional research conferences are also organised. The papers of the international conference are published in special issues of the *ICA International Review of Co-operation* and via other Research Information Sources.

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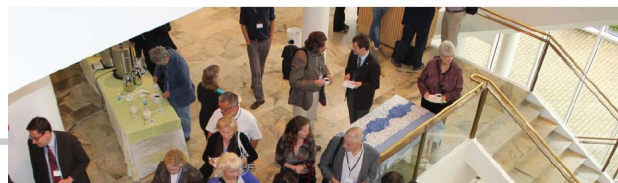
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NEW OPPORTUNITIES FOR CO-OPERATIVES: NEW OPPORTUNITIES FOR PEOPLE

PROCEEDINGS OF THE 2011 ICA GLOBAL RESEARCH CONFERENCE, 24-27 AUGUST, 2011, MIKKELI, FINLAND

JOHANNA HEISKANEN, HAGEN HENRÿ, PEKKA HYTINKOSKI AND TAPANI KÖPPÄ (EDS.)



2013 Conference Schedule Highlights

By Fiona Duiguid

CASC – At the cutting edge

This year CASC will join 7000 other researchers at the Canadian Federation of Humanities and Social Sciences Congress in Victoria. It is looking to be a very dynamic and stimulating line up.

We are happy to announce that Dr. Mirta Vuotto from the Universidad de Buenos Aires and former Director of the Center for Social Work will be our keynote speaker this year. Her presentation is titled “Worker Co-operatives and Social Dialogue: The Argentine Case”. Her insights into co-operatives, social economy and the solidarity economy in Argentina and globally will be informative and thoughtful.

This year CASC is teaming up with a number of other like-minded associations. We will be holding joint sessions with our friends at Association for Nonprofit and Social Economy Research (ANSER). These sessions will highlight co-operatives’ varying role in social economy. We will also host a joint banquet at the Faculty Club where the CASC award will be announced.

In another event we will join with the Canadian Association for Food Studies (CAFS) to offer a half day of joint sessions and a lunch panel on food, co-operatives and sustainability. We will jointly host sessions that highlight the important connections between poverty reduction, food security, credit unions, co-operatives,

and microfinance with the Canadian Association for the Studies in International Development (CASID).

The CASC program committee is looking forward to insightful presentations, seeing old friends, and developing connections with researchers in other disciplines. If you would like to register please visit the Congress website at <http://www.congress2013.ca/home>.

We welcome you and look forward to seeing you in Victoria in June. If you are a student requiring travel funding, you can contact Darryl Reed.

News from the Centre for Co-operative and Community-Based Economy, University of Victoria



Ana Maria Peredo honoured with Victoria Leadership Award



Dr. Ana María Peredo is a recipient of the 2013 University of Victoria Community Leadership Award. Peredo, director of the Centre for Co-operative and Community-Based Economy and a professor in the Gustavson School of Business, says, “It is a tremendous honour to be included even as a nominee for this award, let alone a winner. I am grateful for the support of UVic, and I am in debt to many people—I hope they know who they

are!—who contribute to my everyday work that is being recognized here. These are really team awards.”

Ana María has linked the university and the community through her teaching, her research, and her leadership. She has created numerous opportunities for undergraduate and graduate students. Her work explores the role of business in alleviating poverty and

fostering sustainable communities, locally and internationally. Peredo says, “The leadership ceremony is an example of a community coming together to celebrate the search for solutions to social challenges. We in Victoria have a special social ecosystem that makes us a vibrant community. The diverse ways in which communities come together is what keeps me excited in my academic life.”

Indigenous Models of Community Economy

The Centre for Co-operative and Community-Based Economy hosted a panel presentation on Indigenous Models of Community Economy at the University of Victoria's 2013 IdeaFest.

Panelists included Na'cha'uaht (Cliff Atleo Jr.), UVic alumnus and U of Alberta PhD candidate, Dr. Rod Dobell, CCCBE Senior Advisor, and Dr. Ana María Peredo, CCCBE Director and Professor in the Gustavson School of Business.

Atleo spoke about neoliberal economic pressures in Nuu-chah-nulth territories and the efforts of some people to re-establish economic practices rooted in traditional Indigenous principles. Dobell addressed the "commons" and "open access resources" including his experience with the Clayoquot Alliance and localized decision making on resource development. Based on her extensive work with the Andean communities, Peredo identified our need to redefine "prosperity" as well as the value of "embedded economies."

The topics that were introduced by the panelists stimulated an active discussion covering a range of questions from faculty, students and community members including the problem of perpetual growth in most contemporary economic systems and the challenge of scaling up fruitful local community practices to larger regional or national scales. The substantially interactive session illustrated that this is a crucial topic not often addressed in a cross-disciplinary manner.

Co-operative Initiative for Peace and Social Inclusion



For over 200 years, the international co-operative movement has advocated peace and social inclusion. It has done so partly because it often emerged during periods of war and social violence

and because of a commitment to economic democracy and social inclusion and its principle of being open to everyone who can use its services.

The Co-operative Initiative for Peace and Social Inclusion brings together researchers and practitioners concerned about this important theme in Co-operative Studies. It focuses on co-operatives that bring people together who traditionally have not collaborated effectively because of historic, ethnic, religious, or political reasons. It explores how co-operatives serve diverse members through the kinds of governance and managerial approaches they employ; their connections with other civil society organisations; and their understandings of co-operative thought.

An Executive Committee drawn from the University of Victoria and from other organisations, including the International Co-operative Alliance, will guide its work. Currently 40 research associates from 17 different countries will be involved in this work. This initiative will be under the direction of Dr. Ian MacPherson, Emeritus Professor of History and specialist in Co-operative Studies. The University of Victoria's Centre of Co-operative and Community Based Economy will host and support this work in association with the Centre for Global Studies. Learn more about the Initiative at the opening evening CASC conference reception at the Centre for Co-operative and Community-based Economy, June 4. Welcoming remarks by Centre Director Ana Maria Peredo; guest speaker Ian MacPherson.

Western Academy of Management: Santa Fe, New Mexico

Richard Tuck, University of Victoria, Robert Mittelman, Carlton University, and Ana María Peredo, Professor, Gustavson School of Business, University of Victoria, presented a paper on "Say When: A Theory of Peak Social Benefit" at the Western Academy of Management in Santa Fe, New Mexico on March 14th, 2013. This presentation addressed the increasing pres-

ures on social enterprises to become more businesslike.

In a workshop on Dissecting and RE-constructing the Conceptual Construct of Entrepreneurship, Ana María Peredo presented "Theoretical Perspectives on Entrepreneurship: The Collective as a Missing piece," March 15, 2013.

In a symposium on The Occupy Movement: On Campus and Wall Street, panelists including Ana María Peredo and colleagues from Northwestern U, New School for Social Research, San Jose State U, and U of New Mexico examined Occupy's impact, inequality and what it means for a Business School, March 15, 2013.

Social Economy Conference in Havana, Cuba

March 18-20, 2013

CASC and Canada Well Represented!

Sonja Novkovic, Professor of Economics, St. Mary's University and **Ana María Peredo**, Professor, Gustavson School of Business, University of Victoria attended the Conference on Social Economy in Canada at the University of La Havana, Cuba (March 18-20, 2013). Both made presentations on behalf of the CURA co-leads to provide an overview of the sector in English Canada. The conference also had representation from Quebec's social economy.

Marie Bouchard, Professor, Université du Québec à Montréal, Ana María Peredo, Professor, Gustavson School of Business, University of Victoria and **Nancy Neamtan**, President Director-General at Chantier de l'économie sociale participated in a roundtable at the Canadian Embassy in the Havana (March 21, 2013). The event was attended by Cuban leaders and academics of the social economy as well as diplomats and development agents from diverse countries.



Marie Bouchard



Sonja Novkovic



Nancy Neamtan



Ana Maria Peredo

News from the Centre for the Study of Co-operatives

Visiting Researcher

Scott Kim is a visiting researcher at the Centre as part of an MA internship for his degree in conflict transformation at the Eastern Mennonite University in Virginia, US. His main research interest is the intersection of the peace building and co-operative movements, with a primary focus on organizational peace building in co-ops. Scott

has worked with a variety of international relief and development organizations such as Korea Food for the Hungry International, the Korean Foundation for World Aid, and a refugee resettlement program in the US. Scott is fully engaged with the Centre, participating in all our meetings, seminars, conferences, and volunteering in many capacities. His intention is to pursue further studies at the Centre.

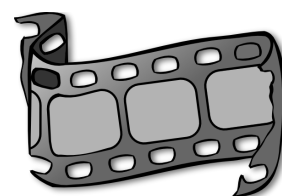


Canadian Co-operatives and Film Research Project

The Centre has a new collaborative project with George Melnyk, associate professor of Canadian Studies and Film Studies at the University of Calgary. The Co-operative College in the UK established a National Co-operative Film Archive in 1992 to preserve all film and photographic

material relating to the consumer co-op movement, to promote the use of films in co-op education, and to stimulate research. Professor Melnyk plans to develop a catalogue similar to that in the UK for Canada, which has no such archive, and launch an academic study of Canadian co-ops and film. The project will establish a Canadian Co-op Filmography, an on-line resource based at the Centre describing all films made on co-ops in Canada from 1930 to 2010, as well as

a Canadian Co-op Film Digital Archive, which will provide access to all co-op films made in Canada during the same period. It will include both English and French language material and will be an invaluable resource to



The Digitization Project

Two thousand and twelve saw the launch of the Centre's digitization project with the support of Saskatchewan History Online (SHO),

an organization that is helping to increase the availability of free online access to the province's cultural and historical record. SHO is assisting not only with digitization, but also with creating online exhibits that will reach a global audience. With a portal at <http://saskhistoryonline.ca>, Centre

personnel have begun to upload photographs, pamphlets, and artifacts from our historical collection. The site will eventually house a complete archive of the Centre's valuable holdings, including many print items too fragile for regular use.



The Saskatoon CarShare Co-operative

Centre staff person Audra Krueger has been heavily involved over the past year with the development of a car-share co-operative. After many meetings with a variety of potential partners and a great deal of research into best practices in car sharing across the country, members of the steering committee conducted a feasibility study, completed the bylaws for the organization, and submitted papers of incorporation. A community survey revealed good community support for the initiative and identified Saskatoon

neighbourhoods where it would likely be most successful. In July 2012, the Saskatoon CarShare Co-operative was officially incorporated, and Affinity Credit Union generously donated \$10,000 towards the

development of a business plan. The entire process has been invaluable in terms of the experiential learning involved in creating a co-op and also in building partnerships.



Visiting Professor

Dr. Carolin Schröder, a postdoctoral researcher at the Technical University of Berlin, has joined us at the Centre for April, May, and June 2013. With a background in urban planning, she has been focussing her research on participation and co-operation in urban and regional planning as well as urban governance and management forms. Her work is dedicated to the problems and opportunities offered by

interdisciplinary and transdisciplinary research, a recurring subject in her publications. Over the last decade, she has co-ordinated a number of research projects, has taught at several universities, and is currently responsible for the broad research area “participation” at the Centre for Technology and Society, Technical University of Berlin. We are delighted to have her with us over the next few months.



New Faces at CASC | Marion Hewitt Pollock CASC Research Assistant



Marion worked with the Centre for the Study of Co-operatives in 2012 to start the research to set up a CarShare Co-operative in Saskatoon. She is also a research assistant with Institutional Planning and Assessment at the University of Saskatchewan, looking at the relationship between economic indicators and post-secondary education funding in Canada.

She is currently a graduate student in public administration at the Johnson Shoyama Graduate School of Public Policy. She completed her undergraduate program in public administration and community service in French as a part of the French Cohort Program at Simon Fraser University. She studied at Sciences Po Paris for one year, focussing on sociology and gender studies.

Partner Organization Events in 2013

MEDESS—Conference on Social and Solidarity Economy in the Mediterranean Basin, Tunis, 2-4 May 2013.

More information at <http://medess.org/2013/en/medess-event/>

United Nations Research Institute for Social Development (UNRISD), Potential and Limits of Social and Solidarity Economy conference, Geneva, 6-8 May 2013.

For more information, see <http://www.unrisd.org>

COOPERATIVES DURING CRISIS AND POST-CRISIS PERIOD - COOPCY ICA Global Research Conference

June 12th – 15th 2013, Nicosia, Cyprus

The ICA global conference for 2013 hosted at the European University of Cyprus aims to bring together academia and industry in the crucial sector of cooperatives and social economy.

We are now in a long period of crisis, financial crisis at the beginning, but economic and social crisis thereafter. This crisis has several aspects and consequences, such as failure of enterprises, unemployment, even risk of failure for countries. We need to examine, therefore, the consequences for the cooperative and social economy entities; how they have behaved so far, which changes took place, and how they will emerge from the

crisis.

Discussion on crisis can refer to any period or particular situation. That may be on a national or international level, but it can be also on a local level or within a cooperative as entrepreneurial entity. Therefore the question of crisis is not applied to the actual crisis only; it is applied to any period and any circumstances.

Registration: Early Bird till April 15, 2013: Euro 250
Late registration after April 15: Euro 300

4th International EMES Conference on Social Enterprise, Liege, Belgium, July 1-4, Belgium -

<http://us4.campaignarchive1.com/?u=cd0600f0c535988f015ec93af&id=3b2ac0bbe6&e=8c6d3c26e5>

IV INTERNATIONAL GATHERING OF "THE WORKERS' ECONOMY," July 9-12, 2013, João Pessoa, Brazil ("Self-management and Work as Alternatives to the Global Economic Crisis")

The conference will be hosted by the Incubator for Social Enterprises (INCUBES) at the Federal University of Paraíba, and the Programa Facultad Abierta (Open Faculty Program) of the University of Buenos Aires.

For more information on the International Gathering of "The Workers' Economy" (including previous encuentros in 2007, 2009, and 2011):

www.recuperadasdoc.com.ar
<https://sites.google.com/site/estudiosdeltrabajouamx/>

International Co-operative Governance Symposium, St Mary's University - September 5-7, 2013

<http://www.smu.ca/academic/sobey/mm/governance-symposium.html>

From September 5th (evening) to September 7th, 2013, Saint Mary's University (Halifax, NS, Canada) will be hosting an International Co-operative Governance Symposium. The Symposium is a gathering of leading governance practitioners and researchers to discuss and debate the challenges and opportunities for co-operative governance at a global scale.

The format of the Symposium will be very interactive, and we anticipate an intimate gathering of governance experts (academic and practitioner). The group will be highly engaged and the agenda for the event will be molded around the interests and expertise of the participants. We are requesting proposals (May 1 deadline) for workshops, panels, and presentations from both academics and practitioners, and registration (\$250 Canadian) is now open. One of our confirmed participants is Glen Tully, President, Federated Co-operatives Limited. Glen states, "You can imagine how excited I was to see a Governance Symposium focused on discussing and debating the future of co-operative governance." Glen's interest in the symposium ties directly to his passion for board development, in particular, competency based board development approaches. For a co-operative like FCL, clarity of roles, responsibilities, and competencies is

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required so that the Board can be the best strategic asset possible for a very complex \$8.5 billion Canadian co-operative. Glen is confident that the Symposium will stimulate his thinking and provide valuable insight into his governance efforts at FCL.

From Bridging to Bonding: Examining the social enterprise research-practice continuum

Mount Royal University and Simon Fraser University

in collaboration with

the Social Enterprise World Forum

Date: October 1, 2013

Location: Mount Royal University, Calgary

The Institute for Nonprofit Studies at Mount Royal University and

Simon Fraser University are co-hosting a research day in collaboration with the Social Enterprise World Forum (SEWF-2013). We want to take advantage of researchers and practitioners who will be coming to Calgary from around the world to explore the multiple connections between social enterprise research and practice.

4th International CIRIEC Conference, Oct 24-26, Antwerp, Belgium

- Theme 1: Policy and ideology of social economy
 - Theme 2: Measurement and assessment of the social economy
 - Theme 3: Laws on social economy, legal statutes and types of

undertaking

- Theme 4: Financing mechanisms, state aid and public policies
 - Theme 5: Innovative management
 - Theme 6: Governance models
 - Theme 7: Network management, partnerships and stakeholders
 - Theme 8: Globalization and local anchoring
 - Theme 9: Social economy, social inclusion and fight against poverty
 - Theme 10: Social innovations, products and services

Call for papers

ABSTRACTS for the EMNET conference in Agadir in November 21 - 23, 2013.

NEW DEADLINES: Submission of the abstract: May 31, 2013 Confirmation of acceptance of the proposal: June 5, 2013

Further information will be published on http://emnet.univie.ac.at/emnet-2013/?no_cache=1

Recent EMNET publications: Special Issue in Managerial and Decision Economics, 3-5, 2013.

Springer Book: Network Governance (forthcoming in April 2013).

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The Journal of Entrepreneurial and Organizational Diversity

(JEOD) is now accepting manuscript submissions for its upcoming issues in 2013 and 2014.

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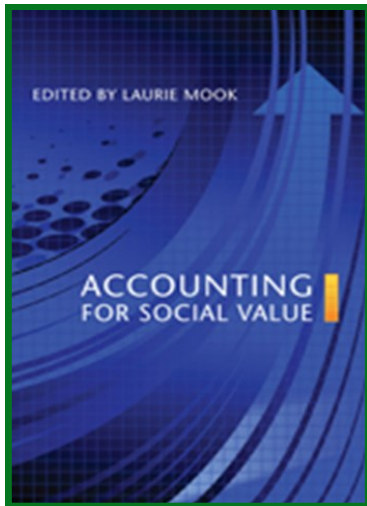
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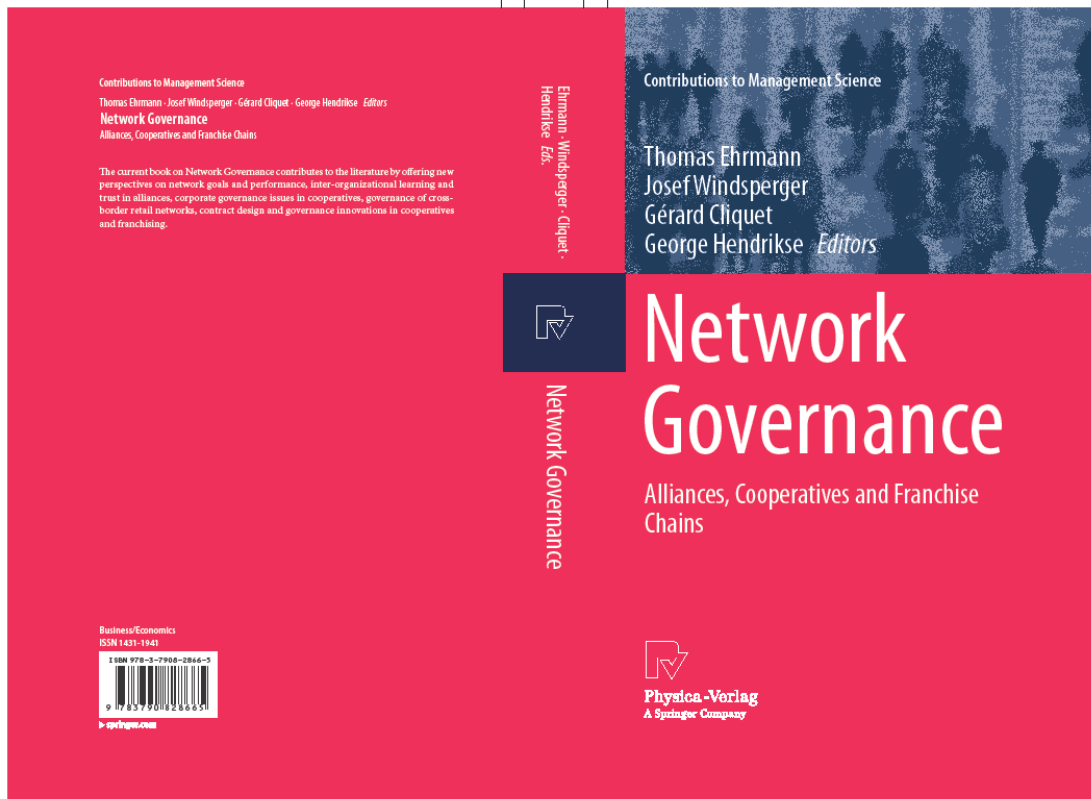
Some of the latest books about co-operatives

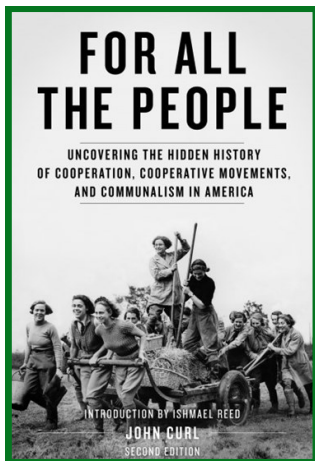


Accounting for Social Value edited by Laurie Mook

When organizations use social accounting practices, they are able to measure their performance in terms of benefits accrued to key stakeholders such as their communities, human resources, and those investing in the organization. This innovative change in accounting can lead to a fundamentally different perspective on the value of an organization. Through case studies of organizations that have implemented social accounting in the United States, Canada, India, and Scotland, *Accounting for Social Value* provides a unique perspective for understanding key issues in this growing field.

Building on two related titles, *Researching the Social Economy* (2010) and *Businesses with a Difference* (2012), *Accounting for Social Value* edited by Laurie Mook and published by University of Toronto Press offers academics, accountants, policy-developers, and members of non-profit, co-operative, and for-profit organizations tools and insights to explore the connections between economic, social, and environmental dimensions. The lessons learned are valuable not only for other social economy organizations, but also for organizations in the public and for-profit sectors.





For All the People by John Curl

It is the cooperation of working people that has brought the best of the United States to life. Cooperatives have played a vital role throughout the American saga, starting in its formative years. A staggering 120 million Americans belong to cooperatives today—yet the existence of such a movement, and its dramatic and stirring story, remain all but ignored by most historians.

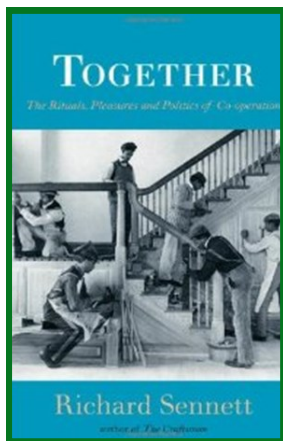
For All the People published by CM Press seeks to reclaim this history.

The very survival of indigenous communities and the first European settlers alike depended on a deeply cooperative style of living and working, based around common lands, shared food and labor. Cooperative movements proved integral to the grassroots organizations and struggles challenging the domination of unbridled capitalism in America's formative years. Holding aloft the vision for an alternative economic system

based on cooperative industry, they have played a vital, and dynamic role in the struggle to create a better world.

In this groundbreaking, scholarly, yet eminently readable study, Curl surveys the vast range of cooperatives that have shaped America's past and continue to inform, and transform, our present. With an expansive sweep, and breathtaking detail, *For All the People* examines each of the definitive cooperative movements for social change—farmer, union, consumer, and communalist—that have been all but erased from our collective memory.

John Curl, with over forty years of experience as both an active member and scholar of cooperatives, masterfully melds theory, practice, knowledge and analysis, to present the definitive history from below of cooperative America.

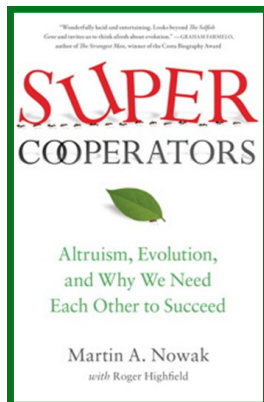


Together by Richard Sennett

Living with people who differ—racially, ethnically, religiously, or economically—is the most urgent challenge facing civil society today. We tend socially to avoid engaging with people unlike ourselves, and modern politics encourages the politics of the tribe rather than of the city. In this thought-provoking book, Richard Sennett discusses why this has happened and what might be done about it.

Sennett contends that cooperation is a craft, and the foundations for skillful cooperation lie in learning to listen well and discuss rather than debate. In *Together* he explores how people can cooperate online, on street

corners, in schools, at work, and in local politics. He traces the evolution of cooperative rituals from medieval times to today, and in situations as diverse as slave communities, socialist groups in Paris, and workers on Wall Street. Divided into three parts, the book addresses the nature of cooperation, why it has become weak, and how it could be strengthened. The author warns that we must learn the craft of cooperation if we are to make our complex society prosper, yet he reassures us that we can do this, for the capacity for cooperation is embedded in human nature.



Super Co-operators by Martin Nowak

Martin Nowak, one of the world's experts on evolution and game theory, working here with bestselling science writer Roger Highfield, turns an important aspect of evolutionary theory on its head to explain why cooperation, not competition, has always been the key to the evolution of complexity. In his first book written for a wide audience, this hugely influential scientist explains his cutting-edge research into the mysteries of cooperation,

from the rise of multicellular life to Good Samaritans, and from cancer treatment to the success of large companies. With wit and clarity, and an eye to its huge implications, Nowak and Highfield make the case that cooperation, not competition, is the defining human trait. *SuperCooperators* will expand our understanding of evolution and provoke debate for years to come.



Innovation and the Social Economy edited by Marie J. Bouchard

Social economy organizations such as co-operatives, non-profits, mutual benefit groups, foundations, and non-governmental organizations are uniquely positioned to respond not only to emerging social and economic needs, but also to new collective aspirations. In Québec, for instance, a pioneering social economy system has been developed that is recognized worldwide for its ability to foster innovative solutions to economic disparity and sustainability issues. In the wake of a global crisis that has emphasized the growing gap between economic and social concerns, what can other regions gain from this model?

Through robust theoretical and in-depth empirical studies, this book edited by Marie Bouchard and published by the University of Toronto Press offers the first opportunity to English-language readers to learn about the Québec experience of a social economy system. It takes stock of recent developments in the province relating to policy planning, governance, financing, local development, and legal frameworks. Innovation and the Social Economy also emphasizes this system's potential for exploring alternative practices of production, consumption, and distribution that can foster social transformation.



World Co-operative Monitor | new edition

The International Co-operative Alliance in collaboration with Euricse launches the new edition of the World Co-operative Monitor survey to deepen the analysis of the global co-operative movement.

The main goal of the World Co-operative Monitor is to develop a multi-indicator database reporting on the socio-economic value and impact of cooperatives both within a global scenario and in their regional and national contexts.

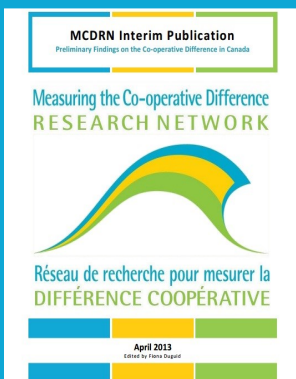
In order to improve the comprehensiveness of the database the contribution of every single cooperative is essential, regardless of their size and turnover. The 2013 World Co-operative Monitor questionnaire is now available online and it takes just 30 minutes to complete.

In 2012 the World Co-operative Monitor

Explorative Report was presented at the closing of the International Year of Cooperatives in Manchester and recalled during the official closing ceremonies at the UN Headquarters in New York. The second edition of this global initiative will be presented at the ICA General Assembly in Cape Town at the beginning of November.

Thanks to the support of the Indonesian Government and in particular its State Ministry of Cooperatives and SMEs, the World Co-operative Monitor Steering Committee, composed of internationally recognized researchers and practitioners, will meet at the beginning of May in Jakarta with the purpose to discuss and further validate the methodology and give additional scientific strength to the entire project.

For further information please contact alex.rigotti@euricse.eu



Cross-project publication (e-book) released

INTERIM PUBLICATION OF RESEARCH RESULTS:

Hot off the presses! The Network's first **cross-project publication** is ready for you to read. Readers can learn about the approaches to research, the partners involved and the progress and results of each of the projects comprising the Measuring the Co-operative Difference Research Network. Digital version linked below.

Highlights:

- tools that measure the co-op difference
- sector-specific research on - agriculture, renewable energy, housing, credit unions
- methodologies scan to measure social, environmental and economic impact of co-ops
- educational initiatives of co-ops
- organizational structure and co-ops across cultures

[Read it online today!](#) Please forward widely to colleagues and fellow co-operators.

A Little About Us

This Network comprises researchers and co-operative practitioners from across Canada (along with some valued international partners) and is funded by the Social Sciences and Humanities Research Council with \$1 million in funding over five years (2010-2015). The Network's mission is to measure the **social, economic and environmental impact of co-operatives on Canadians and their communities.**

If you would like more background on the Network, please visit our website at www.cooperativedifference.coop

Sharing the Knowledge

If you would like to contribute to future newsletters or speak for one of our webinars (on your own co-op research or initiative), please contact us today.

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The Norm Bromberger Research Bursary will provide \$2,000 each year to encourage research in the area of co-operatives and credit unions.

The criteria for application are:

- involvement in co-operatives and/or credit unions as a volunteer or employee
- a supporting statement explaining how the proposed study will contribute to credit unions and/or co-operatives
- an understanding that a copy of the completed work will be submitted to Canadian credit union and co-op resource centres

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- name and address of a reference (please ask this person to supply a reference by 30 June 2013 to the address below)
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Description of Project

Please attach an outline of your project (two to three pages in length).

Following is a guideline of what to include:

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- research methods
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