Cooperatives in a rapidly changing world: innovation in enterprise and community

ICA2018 Research Conference The Netherlands

4-6 July 2018 | Hof van Wageningen Conference Centre, Wageningen

Deadline call for extended abstract: 5 January 2018
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In 2018, the International Cooperative Alliance (ICA) European Research Conference will be held in The Netherlands. At this conference, scholars, representatives of cooperatives and policy makers will exchange the state of the art on building and strengthening cooperatives in different sectors and different countries.

Resilient cooperatives

The key questions to be discussed at the ICA2018 Research Conference relate to innovation in enterprise and community. For the sustainability and resilience of the cooperative model, innovation is paramount. Which internal and external factors provide the fertile ground for such innovation? What are the key success factors for continuous (or renewed) member commitment and stakeholder legitimacy?

This year’s theme is:

**Innovation in Enterprise and Community**

Under this overarching theme, the conference will address a wide range of topics, including:

- Innovations in internal governance
- The rise of producer organisations
- Resilience and sustainability of the cooperative model
- Strengthening member commitment
- Financial and sustainability performance
- Cooperative education
- Statistics on cooperatives
- Cooperatives and changing labour relations
- Cooperatives and big data

The conference will deal with all kinds of cooperatives, from different sectors and different countries and in different stages of the life cycle. This will lead to challenging and surprising new ideas and relations. Special attention will be paid to 200 years Raiffeisen.
Keynote speakers

Prof Dr Arthur Mol  
Rector Magnificus  
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Head of Cooperatives Unit  
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Prof Dr Murray Fulton  
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Call for Scientific Papers and Posters

Senior and junior scholars are invited to submit an extended abstract of maximum 500 words (and maximum 1 A4). The deadline for sending in abstracts and posters is **5 January 2018** and should be sent to ICA2018.mst@wur.nl

Visit www.wur.eu/ica2018 for more information about the requirements regarding the extended abstracts and posters, lodging and travelling options.

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