

INTERNATIONAL COOPERATIVE ALLIANCE-ASIA PACIFIC

8TH ICA ASIA PACIFIC REGIONAL RESEARCH CONFERENCE
(29-30 NOVEMBER, 2013)

CALL FOR PAPERS

VENUE: UNIVERSITY OF MYSORE
MYSORE, INDIA

HOST
THIRD SECTOR RESEARCH RESOURCE CENTRE
&
DEPARTMENT OF STUDIES IN ECONOMICS AND COOPERATION
UNIVERSITY OF MYSORE
MYSORE, INDIA

The ICA-AP Research Committee invites paper proposals for the 8th ICA-AP Research Conference which will be held on 29th and 30th November, 2013 at the University of Mysore, Mysore, India. The conference will be organized under the auspices of ICA-AP Research Committee and hosted by the Third Sector Research Centre and the Department of Studies in Economics and Cooperation at the University of Mysore. The Conference will have opportunities for Paper presentation as well as Poster presentation

PAPER PRESENTATION

MAJOR THEME:

MAINSTREAMING COOPERATIVES IN THE GLOBAL ECONOMY

The period beginning from the second half of previous decade until now could be considered as a period of economic down turn and uncertainty. What peaked in 2008 as depression has continued to be prevalent as global economic slowdown. “At the present time in the second half of 2012, following five years of financial turbulence the more developed economies of the world remain in a state of crisis from which there is still no apparent exit, and the developing economies are being impeded in their pursuit of the Millennium Development Goals. In many nations, governments are in retreat, cutting their social and public spending, leaving citizens even more vulnerable to economic turmoil. In others, economic power is shifting dramatically with consequential social impacts. A general movement of global power from West to East may be apparent, but there is still little sense of how political institutions are to be reformed to cope with growing social unrest, economic stagnation and future insecurity.” Also noteworthy is the fact that amidst the devastating effects that the private sector and even the state sector faced during the period of recession, the cooperatives exhibited tremendous resilience and stability thus drawing greater attention as a form of business enterprise. This situation calls for a relook at the role of cooperatives and exploring the new role the cooperative sector could perform. Given this background the seminar endeavors to explore the ways and means of repositioning cooperatives in the global economic framework.

SUB THEMES

1. Impact of cooperatives on other forms of business/economic organizations
2. Innovative business practices by cooperatives
3. Cooperative, State and Private Sector linkage/collaboration
4. Cooperative Governance
5. Others. Paper proposals are also welcome on any other area broadly falling under the main themes.

POSTER PRESENTATION

THEME: UNIQUE COOPERATIVES

Researchers are welcome to send proposals for Poster Presentation in the form of case studies on unique cooperatives. The case studies may pertain to any cooperative which could be considered unique on the grounds of its membership composition, nature of business, operational aspects etc. Wall space would be provided to each selected participant and they may use pictures, photos, diagrams and written material as part of poster presentation. Graduate and Research students are encouraged to make use of this opportunity.

ABSTRACTS: Abstracts for papers should be not more than 600 words and should broadly include the research question, related research review, methodology and likely contribution to the field of knowledge.

Abstracts for the Poster presentation should be not more than 500 words and should explain what is the unique feature of the proposed case study and also the mode of presentation of the poster.

All abstracts should reach Mr. Purushothaman Nair, ICA-AP Research Committee at nair910@gmail.com on or before 31st August 2013

NOTE:

Abstracts received after the last date will not be considered. All abstracts will be peer reviewed and only recommended abstracts would be selected.

If some abstracts sent for paper presentation cannot be accommodated due to non availability of presentation slots, the researchers may be offered an option for poster presentation if found suitable by the reviewers.

There is no registration fee for the seminar.

All paper/poster presenters will be provided with lunch and midsession tea during the seminar.

The cost of Travel, Accommodation and Dinner will have to be met by the participants themselves.

Organizers would help in booking accommodation if required.

Authors would be notified of the selection of the abstract in late September. The decision of organizers is final in all respect

Tentative Program Schedule

Day 1 (29th November, .2013)

Morning – Arrival

13.00 – 14.30 Lunch, Registration and Fellowship

14.30 – 16.00 Opening Plenary with Keynote address

16.00 – 16.30 Tea

16.30 – 18.00 Poster Session

18.00 – 19.30 Rest

19.30 – 21.00 Dinner

Day 2 (30 November, 2013)

08.30 – 10.00 Breakfast & Fellowship

10.00 – 11.30 Technical Session 1

11.30 – 12.00 Tea
12.00 – 13.30 Technical Session 2
13.30 – 14.30 Lunch
14.30 – 16.00 Technical Session 3
16.00 – 16.30 Tea
16.30 – 17.30 Closing Plenary and Meeting of the Research Committee

Day 3 (1st Dec 2013) DEPARTURE AND/OR SIGHTSEEING AND SHOPPING (OPTIONAL/SELF FINANCE BASIS)

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ICA-AP RESEARCH COMMITTEE: The Research Committee of the International Cooperative Alliance- Asia Pacific was established with the core objective of promoting research on cooperatives in the Asia Pacific region. Since its inception the Committee is holding biannual research conferences in conjunction with the Regional Assembly of the ICA-AP. The Committee has also brought out research publications. The ICA-AP Research Committee endeavours to facilitate quality research in all areas pertaining to Cooperative Movement. (Visit: <http://www.ica-ap.coop>)

THIRD SECTOR RESEARCH RESOURCE CENTRE (TSRRC): TSRRC was founded in 2002 through the Project on Nonprofit Sector funded by the Ford Foundation. This interdisciplinary research centre provides research resources and offers support to research, training, education and consultancy in the area of Cooperatives and Nonprofit Organisations. Currently the activities of the Centre are coordinated through a Coordination Committee consisting of senior professors of the university drawn from different disciplines. (Visit: <http://www.uni-mysore.ac.in/tsr/index.html>)

DEPARTMENT OF STUDIES IN ECONOMICS AND COOPERATION: Established in the year 1916 this is one of the core departments of the social sciences. The department offers Masters' programs in Economics and in Cooperative Management. The department also offers M.Phil and Doctoral programs. Many nationally and internationally funded research projects are currently in vogue in the department. (Visit: <http://www.uni-mysore.ac.in/economics-and-cooperation/#A>)

UNIVERSITY OF MYSORE: The University of Mysore is the oldest university in the Southern state of Karnataka in India. Established by the erstwhile princely state of Mysore in 1916 by the then King, Nalwadi Krishnaraja Odeyar, the university has evolved into one of the top ranking universities in India. Continuously accredited at the A+ level by the National Accreditation and Assessment Council the university has been recognized as a University with Potential for Excellence. Located in a sprawling 600 acres campus, Manasagangothri and housing many heritage buildings, the University of Mysore provides a perfect academic setting for pursuing higher learning. (Visit: www.uni-mysore.ac.in)

MYSORE: Mysore, known as the city of palaces and temples, was the capital city of the princely state of Mysore. This second largest city of Karnataka State is known as the State's Academic and Cultural Capital. Mysore is an important tourist destination both for domestic and international tourists and offers a variety of sightseeing places of both historical and contemporary interest. (Visit: <http://www.mysore.nic.in/>)