



FIRST CALL FOR PAPERS

Congress Agricultural Cooperative Models: Their Diversity and Sustainability in the Globalized World

Paris 6th and 7th November 2012

With 2012 as the International Year of Cooperatives, and with a potential of 9 billion people in 2050, the UN has chosen to insist on cooperatives' positive responses to global changes. It has stressed the role they play in such domains as sustainable development, reduction of poverty, natural resources management and rural development.

What perspectives lie in store for agricultural cooperatives? Whatever the country, these cooperatives occupy strategic positions in both agriculture and agribusiness. Do they have a competitive edge over non-cooperative businesses when it comes to food safety requirements, international competition and sustainable development?

This conference, which brings together leading academics, practitioners, advisors, and political decision-makers, aims to develop new research in economics, management, sociology, geography and law, without neglecting the field of biotechnology/agronomists. Besides tackling the most commonly debated global challenges and other related areas of research, this conference will also focus on such issues as:

Themes :

- Corporate Social Responsibility and Social Solidarity Economy
- Farm Advisory System and Sustainable Development
- New Types of Cooperatives and Cooperative Governance
- Links with other Types of Cooperative
- The Roles of Cooperative Models in Globalisation.
- Internationalisation and Local Anchorage
- Women and Cooperatives
- Cooperatives and Rural Employment
- Finance and Cooperative Development
- Cooperatives and the Management of Natural Resources



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Dates and deadlines:

Abstracts: **15th April 2012**
Notification of acceptance: **30th May 2012**
Reception of Papers: **15th September 2012.**

Contributions should be sent to Marie Dézert: marie.dezert@engref.agroparistech.fr
(Seminar Cooperatives 2012 in subject)

Proposals must be **two pages** maximum, presented in Microsoft **Word or PDF** format, **12 points**, and must include the following:

- Title of proposal
- Topic
- Objectives
- Name of author(s)
- Reference to one of the four themes
- Name of affiliated institution or organization
- Biographical notes of no more than 10.

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Conference Themes:

Parallel workshops on the conference themes, with leading academics, decision-makers and private-sector actors, company heads and professional organizations. A round table focusing on a key conference issue, will be set up for an active debate between researchers and professionals.

Practical information

Contributions can be in either English or French. Selected paper contributions will be published in special issues. Information about accommodation will be sent at a later date.

