

ICA General Assembly 2009

“Global Crisis — Co-operative Opportunity”

Geneva International Conference Centre
Geneva, Switzerland, 16-20 November 2009



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Programme of Meetings

ICA General Assembly Agenda



Welcome to Geneva



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- All China Federation of Supply & Marketing Co-operatives (ACFSMC), China
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- IE-NO-HIKARI Association, Japan
- Indian Fertiliser Farmers Co-operative Organisation (IFFCO), India
- International Conference Volunteers (ICV), Switzerland
- Japan Agricultural News (Nihon Nogyo Shimbun), Japan
- Japanese Consumers' Co-operative Union (JCCU), Japan
- Japan Workers' Co-operative Union (JIGYODAN), Japan
- National Agricultural Co-operatives Federation (NACF), Korea
- National Federation of Forest Owners Co-operative Associations (ZENMORI-REN), Japan
- National Federation of Agriculture Co-operative Associations (ZEN-NOH), Japan
- National Federation of Fisheries Co-operative Associations (ZENGYOREN), Japan
- National Federation of University Co-operative Associations (NFUCA), Japan
- National Federation of Workers & Consumers Insurance Co-operatives (ZENROSAN), Japan
- National Mutual Insurance Federation of Agricultural Co-operatives (ZENKYOREN), Japan
- National Co-operative Union of India (NCUI)
- Norinchukin Bank, Japan
- Singapore National Co-operative Federation (SNCF)
- SOK Association (SOKL), Finland





International Conference Centre Geneva CICG

The 2009 ICA General Assembly and related events will be held in Geneva at the International Convention Centre (Centre International de Conférences de Genève CICG). Its main entrance is found at 17 rue Varembe.

No smoking is allowed inside the conference venue or in any public place in

The CICG is easily accessible by public transport with numerous bus and tram stops within 2-5 minute walking distance. See http://www.cicg.ch/en/spaces_cicg_access_map.php.



Public transport from 'Cornavin', the main railway station

- Bus n°5 : Bus stop "Vermont"
- Bus n°8 : Bus stop "UIT"
- Tramway n°13 and n°15 : Stop "Nations"

Public transport from the Geneva International Airport

- Bus n°5 : Bus stop "Vermont"
- Bus n°28 : Bus stop "Nations"

Within the conference centre, delegates will have at their disposal a cafeteria for reasonably priced lunches and free internet access via WiFi as well as internet access stations. A bank, post office and a variety of restaurants and cafés are also conveniently located within walking distance (5-10 minutes).



ICA Registration Desk Opening Hours

Delegates are required to register with the ICA in order to pick up their delegate badges and other meeting information. They are also required to wear their badges to participate in any and all of the meetings organised in the CICG (conference venue), including the meetings of the sectoral organisations, thematic committees, sessions of the General Assembly, welcome and farewell receptions.

The registration desk will be found in the main hall of the CICG (level 0) opposite the main entrance of the conference centre. It will be open for registration at the following times:

- Monday, 16 November, 8:30-18:00
- Tuesday, 17 November, 8:30-18:00
- Wednesday, 18 November, 8:30-18:45
- Thursday, 19 November, 8:00-18:00
- Friday, 20 November, 8:00-11:00—for registration and distribution of voting cards and ballot papers

Geneva Transport Card

A reminder to all delegates: Visitors staying in hotels in Geneva will receive the "Geneva Transport Card" that allows use of all public transport in Geneva free of charge. Public transport maps will be available for delegates in the conference bags. Routings and timetables: www.tpg.ch





Welcome Reception—18 November



The ICA and DotCoop LLC have the pleasure of inviting all registered participants of the ICA General Assembly to a cocktail reception on 18 November 2009 at 19:00 at the Geneva International Conference Centre (CICG), rue Varembe 17, Geneva.



The welcome reception will also be the venue for the presentation of the dotCoop Global Awards for Co-operative Excellence. This new award focuses on identifying co-operatives around the world that use co-operative values and principles to create successful organisations. Three category winners and a number of honourable mentions will be announced at the event.

New Members' Reception—19 November



Restaurant Vieux-Bois

New members of the ICA will receive personal invitations to participate in a formal welcome to the ICA. A cocktail reception will be held in their honour where delegates of the new member organisations will have an opportunity to meet the ICA leadership and staff. The event will be held on 19 November 2009 at 18:30 at the Restaurant Vieux-Bois, 12 avenue de la Paix, Geneva.

Invitees are asked to meet at the ICA Registration Desk at 18:00 where they will be escorted to the venue. The Vieux-Bois is located near the CICG. It is a 10 minute walk and is also accessible by public transport.

Farewell Reception—20 November



Intercontinental Hotel

The ICA will again have the pleasure of inviting all registered participants of the ICA General Assembly to a farewell reception to be held on 20 November 2009 at the Geneva Intercontinental Hotel, chemin du Petit Saconnex 7, starting at 19:30.



Ivano Barberini recipient of the 2009 Rochdale Pioneer Award

During the reception, the 2009 ICA Rochdale Pioneer Award will be posthumously conferred on Ivano Barberini for his life-long contribution and legacy to the world co-operative movement. Nerina and Silvia Barberini, wife and daughter of Mr Barberini, will be present to accept the award.

ICA Expo 2010



ICA Expo 2010 will be held at the India Trade Promotion Organisation's centre, "Pragati Maidan", in the fourth-quarter of the year in New Delhi, India.

The ICA Expo stand will be located on level '0' near the ICA Registration Desk. Come and meet with ICA Expo representatives to learn more on how to participate.



Calendar of Events

All meetings will be held at the CIGG unless otherwise indicated. Interpretation when available is designated as follows: EN = English—FR = French—SP = Spanish—RU= Russian—IT= Italian—JP = Japanese.



** indicates meetings by invitation only)*

		Room	Level
15 November (Sunday) - Meeting venue: ICA Central Office, 15 Route des Morillons, Grand-Saconnex			
09:00	12:00	ICA Board Committees *	ICA
14:00	18:00	ICA Board *	ICA
		Room	Level
16 November (Monday) - Meeting venue: CIGG, 17 rue Varembe, Geneva			
09:00	17:00	ICA Board *	18 -1
09:30	12:00	International Co-operative Fisheries Organisation (IFCO) Executive Meeting *	13 2
13:30	16:30	International Co-operative Fisheries Organisation (IFCO) Plenary	13 2
		Room	Level
17 November (Tuesday) - Meeting venue: CIGG, 17 rue Varembe, Geneva			
All day		ICFO Study Tour *	
08:30	15:30	CECOP - CICOPA Europe Board Meeting (EN-FR)*	15 -1
08:30	17:00	ICA Committee on Co-operative Research Symposium: "Successful approaches to Collaborative Research"	5 3
09:00	10:30	International Co-operative Banking Association Europe (ICBA-Europe) Executive Committee *	14 2
09:00	13:00	ICA Youth Network	7 8 2
09:00	11:00	ICA Human Resource Committee (ICA HRD) Symposium	13 -1
09:00	16:30	ICA Housing Board *	19 3
10:30	12:30	ICA Gender Equality Committee Executive Meeting *	12 2
10:30	13:00	International Co-operative Banking Association (ICBA) Executive Committee*	14 2
11:30	13:00	ICA Human Resource Committee (ICA HRD) Plenary	13 -1
14:00	15:00	ICA Gender Equality Committee, Plenary (EN-SP-JP)	6 3
14:30	16:30	ICA Human Resource Committee (ICA HRD): "Co-operation and Schools"	13 -1
14:30	17:00	International Co-operative Banking Association (ICBA) General Assembly	18 -1
15:00	18:00	ICA Gender Equality Committee Seminar: "Global Crisis—Gender Opportunity?" (EN-SP-JP)	6 3
16:00	19:00	CICOPA Executive Meeting *	15 -1
16:30	17:30	ICA Human Resource Committee (ICA HRD) Executive	13 -1
		Room	Level
18 November (Wednesday) - Meeting venue: CIGG, 17 rue Varembe, Geneva			
08:30	18:00	CICOPA General Assembly (EN-FR)*	6 3
09:00	11:30	ICA Housing Plenary	14 2
09:00	12:00	DotCoop: Strategic Planning Meeting *	16 -1
09:00	13:00	ICA Asia-Pacific Regional Board *	7-8 2
09:00	13:00	International Co-operative Banking Association (ICBA) Seminar: "Co-operative Banks contribution to Green Growth" (EN-FR-JP)	15 -1
09:00	12:40	Consumer Co-operatives Worldwide (CCW) Workshop (EN-RU-IT)	5 3
09:00	17:00	International Health Co-operative Organisation (IHCO) General Assembly	13 2
09:00	18:00	International Co-operative Agricultural Organisation (ICAO) General Assembly and International Seminar	18 -1
12:45	13:45	Consumer Co-operatives Worldwide (CCW) General Assembly (EN-RU-IT)	5 3
14:30	15:30	International Accounting Standards (IAS) Working Group *	7-8 2
15:30	17:00	Meeting with IASB Project Manager Joanna Yeoh	7-8 2
14:30	17:00	ICA Housing Seminar	14 2
15:00	17:00	Consumer Co-operatives Worldwide (CCW) - Eurocoop Board * (EN-RU-IT)	5 3
17:00	18:00	ICA Africa Delegation Meeting	16 -1
17:00	19:00	Cooperatives Europe Delegation Meeting	15 -1
17:00	19:00	ICA Legislative Working Group *	12 2
19:00	22:00	Welcome Reception	Main Hall 0



ICA General Assembly: Global Crisis - Co-operative Opportunity

Badges are required for entry into the General Assembly hall. Delegates are encouraged to register early to avoid queues on the morning of the opening of the Assembly. The General Assembly will have official interpretation in English, French, Spanish, Russian, Japanese and Korean.

19 November (Thursday) - General Assembly - Meeting venue: CICG, 17 rue Varembe, Geneva—Room 1, Level 1	
09:00	<p>Welcome</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Iain Macdonald, Director-General • Stanley Muchiri, ICA Vice-President Africa • Ramón Imperial Zuñiga, ICA Vice-President Americas • Li Chunsheng, ICA Vice-President, Asia-Pacific • Pauline Green, ICA Vice-President Europe • Rémy Pagani, Mayor of Geneva representing the Executive Council of the City of Geneva • Video of the late Ivano Barberini on the global crisis and the future of Co-operatives, introduced by Giuliano Poletti, President, Legacoop (Italy)
10:30	<i>Break</i>
11:00	<p>Keynote Address</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Professor Jeremy Rifkin, Foundation on Economic Trends <p>Discussion</p>
12:30	<i>Break</i>
14:00	<p>Session I: “Towards a Sustainable Energy Economy”</p>  <p>Moderator: Gun-Britt Martensson, HSB (Sweden)</p> <p>Speakers:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Dr Martin Lowery, Executive Vice-President, External Affairs, National Rural Electric Co-operative Association NRECA (USA) • Vanni Rinaldi, New Technologies Department, Legacoop (Italy) • Dr U.S. Awasthi, Chief Executive Officer, Indian Farmers Fertiliser Co-operative Organisation IFFCO (India)
15:15	<i>Break</i>
15:45	<p>Session II: “Co-operative Resilience to the Global Crisis”</p>  <p>Moderator: Lou Hammond Ketilson, Chair, ICA Research Committee / University of Saskatchewan (Canada)</p> <p>Speakers:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Alban D’Amours for Monique Leroux, Chief Executive Officer, Desjardins (Canada) • Dante Cracogna, Legislative Expert for the Americas (Argentina) • Prof Suleman A. Chambo, Principal, Moshi University College of Co-operative and Business Studies (Tanzania)
17:00	<p>Session III: “Climate Change and the Co-operative Response”</p>  <p>Moderator: Robby Tulus, ICA Senior Advisor (Indonesia/Canada)</p> <p>Speakers:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Clemencia Dupont Cruz, Executive President, Confederación de Cooperativas de Colombia CONFECOOP (Colombia) • Nelson Kuria, Managing Director, Co-operative Insurance Company CIC (Kenya) • Ray Collins, Communications Manager, Co-operatives Europe and ACT!
18:15	<i>Closing</i>



ICA General Assembly: Statutory Business

The Assembly will have seating by country. Representatives should take the seats at the tables behind their country sign. Observers should be seated in the row behind the Representatives. A special section for Guests and Press will also be indicated.

20 November (Friday) - General Assembly - Meeting venue: CICG, 17 rue Varembé, Geneva—Room 1, Level 1

09:00

Opening

Approval of the Agenda

Election of the ICA President

Approval of the General Assembly Minutes

- . ICA General Assembly Singapore 2007
- . ICA Extraordinary General Assembly Rome 2008

Report: ICA Strategic Goals: Achievements

Report: ICA Financial Situation and Approval of ICA Accounts 2007 and 2008

10:30

Break

11:00

Presentation of Candidates

Election of ICA Vice-Presidents and Board Members

Recognition of outgoing Board Members

12:30

Break

14:00

Election results

Report: Sectoralisation and the Implementation of the ICA Restructuring Report 2008

ICA Rules

- . ICA Rules and Bye-Laws Amendments
- . ICA Regional Rules

Motions

- . Co-operative Enterprise and the Economic Crisis
- . Towards a Sustainable Energy Economy
- . The Co-operative Agenda on Climate Change
- . Co-operatives and Peace
- . Co-operatives and Nuclear Disarmament

Invitation to the 2011 General Assembly

18:00

Closing

19:30

Farewell Reception and Presentation of the ICA Rochdale Pioneer Award 2009

Venue: Geneva Intercontinental Hotel, 7 chemin Petit-Saconnex, Geneva



Lunch options during ICA events

Lunch is available at cost to delegates in the CIGG cafeteria on level 1 of the conference venue or at nearby restaurants. The following restaurants are located within walking distance.



Cafeteria CIGG

Address: Rue Varembe 17

La Romana (*Italian / European*)

Address: Rue de Vermont 37

La Cachette (*Tea room / Sandwiches & pastries*)

Address: Rue de Vermont 46

Le Treffle D'Or (*Beef tartar / lake perch (fish) specialities*)

Address: Chemin Louis-Dunant 13

Colombe (*Italian*)

Address: Chemin des Colombettes 11

Nations (*Italian/European*)

Address: Rue de Montbrillant 87

Ariana (*Italian / European*)

Address: Rue de Montbrillant 83

Jade Garden (*Chinese*)

Address: Avenue Giuseppe Motta 30

Sagano (*Japanese*)

Address: Rue de Montbrillant 86

New Shanghai (*Chinese*)

Address: Rue de Montbrillant 90

Thai Phuket (*Thai*)

Address: Avenue de France 33

Geneva: Useful Information



Old Town

No Smoking: Smoking is prohibited in all public places in Geneva including restaurants and bars.

Banks & Currency Exchange: The local currency is the Swiss Franc (CHF). Major banks and exchange offices are located throughout Geneva. Banks normally are open non-stop between 08:30-16:30, Monday to Friday.

Store hours: Most shops in the city centre are open non-stop from 09:00-18:30 from Monday to Wednesday, 09:00-21:00 on Thursday, 09:00-19:30 on Friday, and 09:00-18:00 on Saturday. Shops are closed on Sundays.

Restaurants & Tipping: Restaurants normally open for lunch at 12:00 and serve until 14:00. Restaurants open for dinner at 19:30 and serve until 22:00. Some restaurants in the centre to have non-stop service throughout the day. Service is included on all bills, but it is customary to leave a tip for good service.

Electricity: Switzerland operates on 220-240 volts AC, 50 Hz. There are three types of plugs in Switzerland.



What to see: Geneva is a small city, but offers a wide range of museums and historical sites. These are a few of the sites that many visitors appreciate:

- Old Town (Vielle Ville) - Place Bourg-du-Four
- Jet d'Eau (water fountain)
- St. Peter's Cathedral and its Roman ruins
- Reformation Wall
- United Nations
- Red Cross Museum
- Carouge: A medieval village 10 minutes from the centre of Geneva



Jet d'Eau

See the Geneva Tourist Office website for more information at www.geneve-tourisme.ch.