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ICA GENERAL ASSEMBLY

Geneva International Conference Centre -
September 15/16, 1997

Draft Agenda

Monday, 15 September

08:00-10:00

Registration

10:00

Official Opening

- G. Melmoth, ICA President
- M. Schelker, Co-op Switzerland
- M. Hansenne, ILO Director-Generak

Statutory Business

Reports to the Membership

- President
- Audit and Control Committee
- External Auditors
- Director-General

Discussion and Decisions

11:30

Proposed Amendments to the Rules

- Presentation
- Discussion
- Voting

13:00

Adjourn

14:30

Introduction of Candidates for Board Election

- President
- Vice-Presidents
- Board Members

Introduction of Candidates for Election to the Audit and Control
Committee

15:30

Reports from Regions & Specialised Bodies

17:00

Adjourn

19:00

Reception - Musee de l'Auto de Geneve

Tuesday, 16 September

09:00

Special Seminar: The Global Dimension of Co-operatives

Introduction - Dr. Yehudah Paz

Opportunities for Civil Society to work with the United
Nations system

Opportunities for Co-operatives to work with other civil
society allies

Presentations:

John Langmore, Dept. of Economic and Social Affairs, United Nations, New York
Eddy Laurijssen, International Confederation of Free Trade Unions,
Brussels, David King, International Federation of Agricultural
Producers, Paris Cyril Ritchie, Federation of International
Organisations established in Geneva

Reaction by ICA Member Organisations:

Asia - Korea, Japan
Africa - Senegal
Americas - Brazil
Europe - Sweden
Reaction by Specialised Bodies -
Agriculture, Housing, Women
Discussion and Conclusion

12:00
Adjourn

13:30
Voting for Board and Audit & Control Committee

14:30
Reports from Regions and SBs (continued)
Resolutions
Future Meetings
Announcement of Election Results

17:00
Official Closing

The ICA Global HRD and Communications Committees with the support of the ILO COOPNET Programme will hold a joint one-day seminar on:

Overcoming Geographical Barriers Through Electronic
Networking &
Distance Learning

We will have experts from a wide range of institutions speaking on this subject, and we will also give a demonstration of the uses and potential of electronic networking.

The seminar will take place from 9.00 to 17.00 on 17 September in Room A, Geneva International Conference Centre (the venue of the General Assembly). It is open to General Assembly participants, and is particularly intended for people involved in co-operative HRD and communications.

If you wish to attend this seminar, please fax/e-mail to the following address: Jan-Eirik Imbsen, Deputy Director of Development, +4122 798 41 22, development@coop.org

Business Opportunity Lunch

The chance for meeting other co-operators to discuss mutually beneficial ideas will be provided over a sandwich lunch on Tuesday 16 September at the General Assembly Conference Centre.

Speakers: Juan Diego Pacheco, Director of the ICA Regional Office for the Americas, has worked with business activities in the region. Byron Henderson, Director of Communications at the Centre for the Study of Co-operatives, University of Saskatchewan in Canada, is working with the ICA Communications Department and is currently organising a

new ICA project on trade and communications.

If this informal discussion lunch is of interest to you, sign up at the ICA Registration desk as soon as possible but before 10:30 on 16 September. Maximum participation is 45 persons.

For further information, you may contact Mats Ahnlund at ICA Headquarters (fax +4122 798 41 22 or e-mail members@coop.org).

WELCOME TO GENEVA

For the second time in its 102-year history, the ICA will hold its main membership meeting, the General Assembly, in Geneva, which has been the base for our Head Office since 1982.

In addition to the two-day General Assembly on September 15 and 16, eleven of the ICA's 14 Specialised Bodies will hold their own executive, plenary, and special meetings, making this the largest co-operative gathering ever held in Switzerland's international city. In fact, the rapidly-rising number of General Assembly participants, now approaching 600, has required a last-minute shift to a larger meeting room in the Geneva International Conference Centre.

The ICA Board and Staff look forward to welcoming our many co-operative colleagues to Geneva. We hope that all will find something of interest and value through the sharing of information and experiences during these busy days.

Graham Melmoth
President
Bruce Thordarson
Director-General

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At the end of a fruitful day of meetings, take a little time out to visit some of the local sites (Mt. Blanc, United Nations Office and Reformation Wall, amongst many others).

The International Automobile Museum is the Venue of the General Assembly Reception on 15 September.

This schedule replaces all others previously issued. Any last minute changes will be posted in the Conference Centre (CICG)

Please note that all meeting documentation is included in the Review of International Co-operation Vol. 90 No 2 (Annual Report) and Vol. 90 No 3 1997