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TUESDAY · 3 NOVEMBER

ICA CCR-YES Workshop

AI and the Future of Cooperative Research

Young & Emerging Scholars (ICA CCR-YES Network) · Universitat Politècnica de València (UPV)

Auditorium (Salón de Actos – FADE)

14:30–14:45 **Introduction and presentation of the CCR Board and the YES Network**

- **Camilla Carabini**. ICA CCR-YES
- **Cynthia Giagnocavo**. Chair of the International Cooperative Alliance CCR, Global
- **Jos Bijman**. Chair of the International Cooperative Alliance CCR, Europe

14:45–15:45 **Session 1 · Keynote Speaker**

"The AI Research Toolkit: Essential Tools to Accelerate Your Academic Workflow"

- **Prof. Oscar Pellicer**. Universitat de València

15:45–16:00 *Coffee break*

16:00–17:15 **Session 2 · Interactive Lab**

"Beyond the Balance Sheet: Advanced Methodologies for Measuring the 'Cooperative Difference'"

- **Prof. Millán Díaz-Foncea**. Universidad de Zaragoza

17:15–17:30 *Coffee break*

17:30–18:00 **Session 3 · Networking and Debate**

Network presentations

- **Álvaro Gallego Borras**. Red de Jóvenes Investigadores en Economía Social (REJIES), Spain

18:00–18:50 **ICA CCR-YES Manifesto workshop**

- **Asia Guerreschi & Thabo Huntgeburth**. Representatives from the Manifesto Task Force

18:50–19:00 **Wrap-up & insights to share at the plenary**

- **Camilla Carabini**. Representative, ICA CCR-YES

20:00 **Dinner** *(for YES)*

WEDNESDAY · 4 NOVEMBER

08:00–09:30 **Registration** · *Nexus Foyer*

09:30–11:00 **Parallel sessions**

- **S1** Cooperative Governance and Management (Part 1/5) · *Room 2.7–2.8*
- **P1** Eco-Innovation and Circular Economy in the Cooperative Movement · *Room 2.9–2.10*
- **S2** Technology, Digitalization, and Platform Cooperatives · *Room 2.12*
- **S3** Public Policy, Institutions and Intercooperation · *Nexus Room*

11:00–11:30 *Coffee break*

WEDNESDAY · 4 NOVEMBER (cont.)

11:30–12:00 **Opening ceremony** · *Nexus Room*

- **Jos Bijman**. Chair of the International Cooperative Alliance CCR, Europe
- **Elena de la Poza**. Vice-Rector for Employment, Lifelong Learning and Languages
- **Cynthia Giagnocavo**. Chair of the International Cooperative Alliance CCR, Global
- **Elena Meliá**. Chair of the Organising Committee of the Conference
- **Alejandro Monzón**. Chair of ANECOOP

12:00–13:15 **Round Table "The Cooperative Essence: Balancing Traditional Governance with Modern Management"**

Nexus Room

- **Joan Mir**. General Manager of Anecoop
- **Antonio Luque**. President of Dcoop
- **Lourdes Falcó**. President of Cooperativa San Isidro de La Vall d'Uixò
- Moderator: **Gabriel Trenzado**. General Manager of Cooperativas Agro-alimentarias de España

13:15–14:45 *Lunch · Lunch Tent (next to Nexus building)*

14:45–16:15 **Parallel sessions**

- **S4** Cooperative Governance and Management (Part 2/5) · *Room 2.7–2.8*
- **S5** Agri-Food Cooperatives (Part 1/3) · *Nexus Room*
- **S6** Intercooperation and Networking among Cooperatives · *Room 2.9–2.10*
- **S7** Social Innovation, Community Development, and Civic Wealth Creation (Part 1/2) · *Room 2.12*

16:15–16:45 *Coffee break*

16:45–18:15 **Parallel sessions**

- **S8** Cooperative Governance and Management (Part 3/5) · *Room 2.7–2.8*
- **S9** Youth, Gender Equality, Diversity, and Inclusiveness in Cooperatives · *Nexus Room*
- **P2** Collaborating on Cooperative Research Directions and Initiatives · *Room 2.9–2.10*

18:15 **Bus: transfer to Valencia city centre**

18:45–20:15 **Guided visit of the city**

20:15 **Welcome reception at the Palacio de la Exposición**

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THURSDAY · 5 NOVEMBER

08:00–09:30 **Parallel sessions**

- **S10** Cooperative Governance and Management (Part 4/5) · *Room 2.12*
- **S11** Cooperative Law (Part 1/2) · *Nexus Room*
- **P4** Workshop on transdisciplinary research on and with cooperatives · *Room 2.7–2.8*
- **P5** Reimagining Cooperative Identity and Law for Sustainable Development Beyond the 2030 Agenda *Room 2.9–2.10*

09:30–11:00 **Parallel sessions**

- **S12** Environmental and Social Sustainability in Cooperatives (Part 1/2) · *Room 2.9–2.10*
- **S13** Worker Cooperatives · *Room 2.7–2.8*
- **P6** Development of International Standards on Statistics of Cooperatives and the Social and Solidarity Economy · *Nexus Room*
- **S14** Education and Training about / for Cooperatives · *Room 2.12*

11:00–11:30 *Coffee break*

11:30–13:00 **Round Table "Cooperative Foundations of Essential Services: Housing, Energy, and Care"**

Nexus Room

- **Benjamin Huybrechts**. IESEG School of Management — *Energy*
- **Prof. Darinka Czischke**. Delft University of Technology — *Housing*
- **Prof. Tine De Moor**. Erasmus University — *Care & Social Commons*
- Moderator: **Prof. Dr. Markus Hanisch**. Humboldt University of Berlin, Germany

13:00–13:15 **PortailCoop presentation and ICA CCR–PortailCoop Best Paper Awards**

Nexus Room

- **Rafael Ziegler**. Director of the IICADD (Institut international des coopératives Alphonse-et-Dorimène-Desjardins)
- **Cynthia Giagnocavo**. Chair of the International Cooperative Alliance CCR, Global
- **María Inmaculada Buendía Martínez**. Director of PortailCoop
- **Elena Meliá**. Chair of the Organising Committee of the Conference

13:15–14:45 *Lunch · Lunch Tent (next to Nexus building)*

14:45–16:15 **Parallel sessions**

- **S15** Social Innovation, Community Development, and Civic Wealth Creation (Part 2/2) · *Room 2.7–2.8*
- **S16** Measuring Impact and Performance of Cooperatives (Part 1/2) · *Nexus Room*
- **P7** Lessons of adaptation from indigenous co-operatives · *Room 2.11*
- **S17** Housing Cooperatives + Energy Cooperatives (joint session) · *Room 2.9–2.10*

16:15–16:45 *Coffee break*

THURSDAY · 5 NOVEMBER (cont.)

16:45–18:15 **Parallel sessions**

- **S18** Measuring Impact and Performance of Cooperatives (Part 2/2) · *Room 2.7–2.8*
- **P8** Challenges and advances in sustainability and performance reporting for cooperatives *Room 2.9–2.10*
- **S19** Consumer Cooperatives · *Room 2.12*
- **S26** Agri-Food Cooperatives (Part 2/3) · *Nexus Room*
- **Posters Session** · *Nexus Foyer*

20:30 **Conference dinner at Àtic Palau Alameda**

FRIDAY · 6 NOVEMBER

08:00–09:30 **Parallel sessions**

- **S20** Cooperative Governance and Management (Part 5/5) · *Nexus Room*
- **S21** Cooperative Law (Part 2/2) · *Room 2.9–2.10*
- **S22** Cooperative Banks and Mutual Insurers *Room 2.12*
- **P9** Workshop Educating for Membership: Assessing Professional Training Initiatives on Member Engagement and Commitment · *Room 2.7–2.8*

09:30–11:00 **Parallel sessions**

- **S23** Agri-Food Cooperatives (Part 3/3) *Nexus Room*
- **S24** Environmental and Social Sustainability in Cooperatives (Part 2/2) · *Room 2.12*
- **S25** Emerging Sectors and New Themes *Room 2.9–2.10*
- **P10** Media cooperatives: intercooperation and networking in the Digital Era · *Room 2.7–2.8*

11:00–11:30 *Coffee break*

11:30–12:30 **Keynote lecture "Global Uncertainty and the Cooperative Advantage: Navigating a New Geopolitical Era"**

Nexus Room

- **Dr. Miguel Otero-Iglesias**

12:30–13:15 **Closing ceremony** · *Nexus Room*

- **Jos Bijman**. Chair of the International Cooperative Alliance CCR, Europe
  Announcement of the next ICA CCR Europe Conference
- **José Manuel Enriquez**. Business Manager for the Valencia Territorial Directorate, CAJAMAR
- **Javier Quiles**. Director of External Relations, CONSUM
- **Elena Meliá**. Chair of the Organising Committee of the Conference

13:15–15:15 *Lunch · Lunch Tent (next to Nexus building)*

15:15 **Cooperative visits**

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