



International Cooperative Alliance



Report on Activities 1973

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The INTERNATIONAL COOPERATIVE ALLIANCE

was founded in London in 1895 as an association of national cooperatives. The objects of the ICA, as laid down in the Constitution, are:

- To be the universal representative of Cooperative Organisations of all types which, in practice, observe the Cooperative Principles.
- To propagate Cooperative Principles and methods throughout the world.
- To promote Cooperation in all countries.
- To safeguard the interests of the Cooperative Movement in all its forms.
- To maintain good relations between its affiliated Organisations.
- To promote friendly and economic relations between the Cooperative Organisations of all types, nationally and internationally.
- To work for the establishment of lasting peace and security.
- To assist in the promotion of the economic and social progress of the workers of all countries.

Congresses of the International Cooperative Alliance are held every four years; the next will be held in Paris in 1976.

Annual celebrations of International Cooperative Day take place throughout the world on the first Saturday in July.

An organisational chart of the ICA can be found on the centre pages.

MEMBERSHIP

Cooperative organisations in membership of the ICA totalled 160 from 61 countries in 1973. The number of cooperative societies in membership with the ICA rose from 572,978 in 1970 to 630,717 in 1971 and individual membership within these societies increased from 283 million to 305 million. Of the total membership, the largest proportion is in consumer societies, followed by credit societies, agricultural societies, building and housing societies, workers' productive and artisanal societies and fisheries societies.

Three cooperative organisations were admitted into membership of the ICA: Fiji Cooperative Union Limited, the Pohja Group of Insurance Companies of Finland and the National Cooperative Council of Sri Lanka (formerly the Cooperative Federation of Ceylon). Members who withdrew were: Fédération Nationale des Coopératives du Liban (Lebanon), the Karachi Central Cooperative Consumers Union (Pakistan) and the Verband Ostschweiz. landwirtschaftlicher Genossenschaften (Switzerland). The Scottish Cooperative Society was deleted from membership following its amalgamation with the English Cooperative Wholesale Society.

RESOURCES AND FINANCES

The main financial resources available to the ICA are its income from subscriptions from member organisations.

A new rate of subscription came into force in January 1973 in proportion to each organisation's development and economic importance. The subscription payable by each organisation is based on either turnover, premium payments or share capital. The ICA Rules provide a scale for non-economic organisations.

In 1973 the total general budget amounted to just over £191,000 and, of this, about £165,000 came from subscriptions. This covered general running costs of the Headquarters Secretariat and part of the costs of the Regional Offices, the remainder being met by special contributions from national cooperative movements. In addition to the general budget, specific grants for particular projects were made from the ICA's Development Fund. This Fund is used for technical assistance projects to developing countries and member organisations contribute to the Fund. In 1973 the income of the Fund amounted to £25,000 while a total of over £24,000 was distributed in grants to aid cooperative projects in Latin America, Bangladesh, the South Pacific, and East and Central Africa.

The Secretariat numbers 72 persons with 32 in London and a further 30 at the Regional Office in New Delhi and 10 in the Regional Office, Moshi, Tanzania.

This report deals only with work directly financed by the ICA and it should be borne in mind that outside the ICA programmes of work, there is substantial bilateral cooperative assistance being given from movements in the more advanced countries directly to those in the developing countries.

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

The Executive Committee, consisting of 16 members elected by the Central Committee at the XXV Congress in 1972, met in New York and in Budapest, Hungary, in February and October, respectively. The Committee considered the constitution of the new Women's Committee and the Advisory Group for International Training of Cooperators (AGITCOOP), the elaboration of a long-term programme of work for the International Cooperative Alliance, and the coordination of cooperative aid to Bangladesh.

While in New York, the Executive was received by Dr Kurt Waldheim, Secretary-General of the United Nations, who stated that the United Nations was increasingly recognising the cooperative movement as an instrument which could effectively raise the living standards of the people of the Third World and pledged the support of the UN and its agencies to the implementation of cooperative projects in developing countries in partnership with the ICA. Members of the Cooperative Development Committee met senior officials of the United Nations Development Programme (UNDP) to discuss the possibility of including aid to cooperatives within country programmes.

At its meeting in Budapest, the Executive Committee cabled the Secretary-General of the United Nations requesting the Security Council and the United Nations Assembly to take appropriate and effective action to bring about an immediate ceasefire in the Middle East. It further studied the unfortunate collapse of Co-op Nederland and deliberated on measures which could prevent the recurrence of such happenings. A preliminary discussion also took place on the long-term work programme of the ICA.

CENTRAL COMMITTEE

The Central Committee, composed of representatives of member organisations elected by Congress, met in Budapest in October 1973 at the invitation of the National Cooperative Council of Hungary. The meeting was attended by 139 representatives from member organisations in 30 countries and 4 international organisations. One of the themes under consideration was *International Cooperative Enterprises—Prospects and Problems* which was a follow-up of the discussion on multinational corporations at the Congress held in Warsaw in 1972. Reports presented included: The financial aspects of international cooperative enterprises; the joint Nordic production enterprises; international collaboration in the field of petroleum and oil and international cooperative efforts in the field of fertilisers, a project in India which has the support of the governments of the United States, United Kingdom, The Netherlands and India and cooperative organisations in the United States and India.

Recognising the complexity of the task, the meeting felt that a regional approach might provide an initial answer. While international cooperative enterprises are socially warranted, they should only be undertaken where they lead to specific economic advantages to members. The Auxiliary Committees of the ICA provided

the natural framework within which matters of international cooperative collaboration could be discussed.

The second theme was an interim progress report on the *Cooperative Development Decade* (CDD). A memorandum on aid to developing countries prepared by the cooperative movements of Bulgaria, Czechoslovakia, the German Democratic Republic, Hungary, Romania and the USSR was submitted to the Central Committee.

The CDD, seen as the cooperative contribution to the UN Second Development Decade 1971–1980, was initiated by the Central Committee in London in October 1970.

The discussion stressed the need for continuing review of the programme and its priorities, members' support to the programme, the strengthening of ICA's Development Fund, and collaboration and coordination with other agencies providing technical assistance.

Two resolutions were adopted, one dealing with Peace and the other with the situation in Chile. Introducing the resolution on Peace, Dr M. Bonow, President of the International Cooperative Alliance, stressed the urgency of peace promoting agreements to be made comprehensive in practice, of preventive action against the production and storing of technologically advanced weapons and of creating a worldwide opinion to support the holding of an international disarmament conference.

CONFERENCES

The Conferences organised by the ICA, London, during 1973 were:

The **Second Youth Conference** held in Sinaia, Romania, in June, attended by 63 participants from 19 countries. The theme "Opportunities for Youth in Cooperative Movements" was discussed from the aspect of youth and international development; youth and workers' cooperatives; youth and the problems of consumer protection; youth and housing cooperatives; and youth and education.

The **41st International Cooperative Seminar**, held in Nicosia, Cyprus, in October, attended by over 60 participants from 14 countries. The subject was "Self-help and outside help in financing cooperative activities" and the problems considered included: cooperative self-financing in the face of inflationary pressures; the possibilities and limitations of financial collaboration between consumer and agricultural cooperatives; and the advantages and disadvantages of self-financing.

AUXILIARY COMMITTEES

During the 1920s cooperators started to meet at the international level to exchange information and discuss their common problems in specific fields of cooperative activity. Over the years a number of Auxiliary Committees and Working Parties have been set up within the ICA.

The **International Cooperative Insurance Federation (ICIF)** formerly the International Cooperative Insurance Committee was formed in 1922 and now has 51 member societies in 26 countries.

Cooperative insurance societies in Ecuador, Puerto Rico and Japan were admitted into membership of the ICIF in 1973. Two Indian insurance societies withdrew from membership due to nationalisation. The Executive of the Federation met in Montreal in June.

The International Cooperative Reinsurance Bureau, a sub-committee of the ICIF established in 1949, promotes reinsurance exchanges between member societies.

The second sub-committee of the Federation, the Insurance Development Bureau (IDB), was established in 1963 to undertake feasibility studies of proposed cooperative insurance projects in developing countries; to provide technical assistance and loan guarantees to new insurance cooperatives; to facilitate training and provide publicity material for cooperatives in developing countries. In 1963 a Loan Guaranty Fund now administered by Allnations Inc was set up to cover the "credit risks" of loans to cooperatives in developing countries. In 1973, the IDB held a Seminar on Engineering Insurance in Munich, Federal Republic of Germany, and organised seminars for developing countries. Assistance in the field of insurance was given to cooperatives in Kenya, Mauritius, Tanzania, Zambia, Nigeria, Ghana, Uganda, Malta, The Philippines and Taiwan, and a roster of experts and technical assistance available from members of the Federation has been compiled by the IDB to assist in the future establishment and development of new insurance cooperatives.

The ICIF publishes an occasional Insurance Bulletin.

Chairman of the ICIF: Monsieur R. LEMAIRE, "La Prévoyance Sociale", Brussels

Secretary of the ICIF: Mr H. SEELEY, CIS, Miller Street, Manchester M60 0AL, United Kingdom.

Formed in 1922, the **International Cooperative Banking Committee** consisted for many years of seven European consumer cooperative banks. It was not until 1964 that the membership of the Committee was thrown open to all cooperative banks and central cooperative credit organisations directly or indirectly affiliated to the ICA.

The Banking Committee meeting in Budapest in October 1973 discussed the world monetary crisis, proposals for exchange programmes for the training of staff of member banks, and the resources in the form of expertise available for sending missions to developing countries.

The Executive of the Banking Committee met in Hamburg in May and in Budapest in October prior to the full Committee meeting.

Chairman: Dr W. HESSELBACH, Bank für Gemeinwirtschaft AG, Frankfurt

Secretary: Mr M. G. HESS, Bank für Gemeinwirtschaft AG, Mainzer Landstrasse 16-24, 6 Frankfurt/Main, Fed. Republic of Germany.

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On the recommendation of the Second International Conference on Cooperative Thrift and Credit held in Paris in September 1970, an Informal Liaison Committee, consisting of Groupe Raiffeisen du Benelux, La Fédération de Québec des Caisses Populaires Desjardins, Canada, Union du Crédit Coopératif and Confédération Nationale du Crédit Mutuel, France, National Cooperative Union of India, India, The Central Cooperative Bank for Agriculture and Forestry, Japan,

World Council of Credit Unions and International Cooperative Alliance, was set up. The Liaison Committee meets from time to time and reviews the follow-up action on the last Conference and undertakes the preparations for future conferences on Cooperative Thrift and Credit. The Secretariat of the Committee is located at the ICA Headquarters in London. Not all members of this Committee are members of the Alliance and the Committee, therefore, provides a meeting point for organisations with an interest in thrift and credit cooperatives. The Third International Conference on Cooperative Thrift and Credit will be held in London from June 10-14, 1974.

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The **International Committee of Workers' Cooperative Productive and Artisanal Societies** was established in 1932 and reconstituted in 1947. It now has 24 member societies in 19 countries.

The third technical seminar of workers' productive societies engaged in the building trade was organised by the Committee at Genoa, Italy, in November, 1973.

At its meeting in October the Committee approved the setting up of a "Centre for the Promotion of Industrial Cooperatives" to be located in Warsaw, Poland. The Centre is designed to give a new thrust to the creation and strengthening of industrial cooperatives and will collect and process information on the needs of industrial cooperatives in developing countries; stimulate and facilitate contacts between donors and receivers; help the promotion of trade by industrial cooperatives; and formulate requests for assistance.

Chairman: Monsieur A. ANTONI, Confédération Générale des Sociétés Coopératives Ouvrières de Production, Paris.

Secretary: Dr E. MONDINI, Confederazione Cooperative Italiane, Borgo Santo Spirito, 78, 00193 Rome, Italy.

Formed in 1951, the **Committee on Agricultural Cooperation** includes in its membership cooperatives in the fields of agriculture, forestry and fisheries. The number of members at the end of 1973 was 42 in 28 countries.

The Committee met in Taormina, Sicily, in May. A paper on the Promotion of Inter-Cooperative Trade was presented, supplemented by an outline of the Japanese experience in inter-cooperative trade. A meeting of the Executive took place in Budapest in October when further discussions on inter-cooperative trade took place and closer collaboration with the UN Agencies and other non-governmental organisations was discussed.

Matters relating to agriculture and fisheries in South-East Asia are dealt with by the Sub-Committee for Agriculture and Trade for South-East Asia and the Working Group for Fisheries.

Chairman: Dr L. MALFETTANI, Confederazione Cooperative Italiane, Rome.

Secretary: Dr Z. JUCHNIEWICZ, International Cooperative Alliance, 11 Upper Grosvenor Street, London W1X 9PA, United Kingdom.

The growing interest of fisheries cooperatives in international affairs brought about the formation of the **Fisheries Sub-Committee** in 1966. The Committee met in Budapest in October and received a report on the visit of a French expert to Bangladesh to study the feasibility of supplying technical assistance to

fishermen's cooperatives in Réunion Island, the Yemen, Morocco, Thailand and Kenya.

Chairman: Monsieur P. LACOUR, Confédération des Organismes de Crédit Maritime Mutuel, Paris

Secretary: Dr Z. JUCHNIEWICZ, International Cooperative Alliance, 11 Upper Grosvenor Street, London W1X 9PA, United Kingdom.

The **International Cooperative Housing Committee**, formed in 1952, representing cooperative organisations active in the field of housing comprises 26 members from 19 countries.

At its meeting in Budapest in October, the Housing Committee discussed the financing of cooperative housing. It set up a working group to study these problems in more detail as housing finance is a major problem in all countries. The Committee also considered collaboration with the ECE Committee on Housing, Building and Planning of the United Nations and other UN Agencies.

The Committee publishes a quarterly "Cooperative Housing Bulletin" in English, French and German.

Chairman: Mr S. KYPENGREN, HSB:s Riksförbund ek för, Stockholm

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Secretaries: Mr R. P. B. DAVIES, International Cooperative Alliance 11 Upper Grosvenor Street, London W1X 9PA, United Kingdom

The **International Cooperative Housing Development Association (ICHDA)**, generally acts as the technical assistance arm of the International Cooperative Housing Committee; it was established in 1966 as an international non-profit organisation to help cooperators in developing countries to improve their shelter and communities by cooperative efforts.

The Annual Meeting of ICHDA held in Copenhagen in September, approved the opening of an ICHDA Office in Europe. Reports were presented on ICHDA programmes in Bangladesh carried out in collaboration with CARE and in Tanzania and Ghana in cooperation with the United Nations Economic Commission for Africa. Possible collaboration was discussed with the Economic Commission for Asia and the Far East and the World Bank.

President: Mr W. J. CAMPBELL, Foundation for Cooperative Housing, Washington, DC

Secretary: Mr J. EDMONDSON, Foundation for Cooperative Housing, Suite 1007, 1012 14th

Treasurer: Street, Northwest, Washington, DC 20005, USA

The **International Organisation for Consumer Cooperative Distributive Trades, INTER-COOP**, was established in 1970 as a result of the merger of the Cooperative Wholesale Committee and the Committee on Retail Distribution. It now comprises 28 organisations in 19 countries. It promotes joint purchases and collaboration in production amongst its members and the exchange of information in the field of retailing, research and other technical and commercial matters.

At the annual meeting in Budapest held in October, it was reported that ten purchasing groups had been established. Collaboration in the food sector was maintained in the joint use of overseas agencies of member organisations.

During the year, meetings took place of representatives of milling interests, of managers of factories producing toiletries and of heads of food laboratories. The working group dealing with Department Stores and Shopping Centres discussed "Sales Policy and Department Stores" at a conference held in Switzerland in June.

MEMBER ORGANISATIONS
 16 members in
 6 countries
 305,000,000 individual Members

CONGRESS
 Every 5 years
 I.C.A. President: **Dr M. Bonow**
 Vice-President: **R. Kerinéc France**
A. P. Klimov USSR
 President and Vice-Presidents elected
 by Central Committee at Congress.

CENTRAL COMMITTEE
 240 members

EXECUTIVE
 13 members plus President
 and 2 Vice-Presidents

**EXECUTIVE
 SUB-COMMITTEE**

**CO-OPERATIVE
 DEVELOPMENT
 COMMITTEE**

DIRECTOR
S. K. Saxena

AUXILIARY COMMITTEES
 Agriculture
 Fisheries Sub-Committee
 S E Asia Sub-Committee
 Banking
 Consumers
 Commerce (INTER-COOP)
 Housing
 Insurance
 Women Co-operators
 Workers' Productive

WORKING PARTIES
 Librarians
 Principals of
 Training Centres
 (AGITCOOP)
 Press
 Research

**ADVISORY COUNCIL
 FOR SOUTH-EAST ASIA**
 appointed by
 member organisations
 of the Region

**REGIONAL COUNCIL
 FOR EAST & CENTRAL AFRICA**
 appointed by
 member organisations
 of the Region

**REGIONAL OFFICE &
 EDUCATION CENTRE for
 SOUTH-EAST ASIA**
 New Delhi, India
 Regional Director: **P. E. Weeraman**
 Director,
 Education Centre: **J. M. Rana**
 Education: **D. Vir**
 Trade & Technical
 Assistance: **M. V. Madane**
 Press &
 Public Relations: **L. Gunawardana**

I.C.A. HQ SECRETARIAT
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 Agriculture: **Z. Juchniewicz**
 Credit & Banking: **H. Ohmi**
 (Replaced M. Matsuhira)
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 Relations: **J. H. Ollman**
 Research: **Mrs L. Stettner**
 Senior French
 Translator: **Mrs H. Garnier**
 Women & Youth: **Mrs M. J. Russell**
 U.N. Representative:
 Geneva: **M. Boson**
 New York: **H. Liebman**

**REGIONAL OFFICE
 for
 EAST & CENTRAL AFRICA**
 Moshi, Tanzania
 Regional Director: **D. Nyanjom**
 Administration: **R. Forsberg**
 Training Officers: **(S. Mshiu**
A. M. Kimario
K. C. W. Verhagen
 Research:



A paper was presented to the meeting on "International Collaboration in the field of production within the scope of INTER-COOP".

Chairman: Mr J. SALLBORG, KF, Stockholm

Secretary: Mr R. VOLKERS, Bund deutscher Konsumgenossenschaften, Besenbinderhof 43-52, 2 Hamburg 1, Federal Republic of Germany

WORKING PARTIES

There exist within the ICA Working Parties of technicians meeting annually to discuss matters of mutual interests. These are the International Working Party of Cooperative Librarians and Documentation Officers, the Working Party on Cooperative Press and the Research Officers' Group. These Working Parties all met in the course of the year.

NEW COMMITTEES

Organisation for Cooperative Consumer Policy

The Organisation for Cooperative Consumer Policy, an Auxiliary Committee of the ICA, was set up in Paris in March 1973. The objects of the Organisation are to work in the field of consumer information, protection, enlightenment and education, including environmental aspects, and to establish common lines of action, where appropriate, by acting as a centre for (a) documentation and information on the development of consumer policies by governments and by national and international organisations; (b) the systematic exchange of information on cooperative experience and initiatives in consumer protection, information, education and representation; (c) the formulation of a coordinated cooperative policy at the international level for the protection and welfare of the consumer; (d) the formulation of proposals for the implementation of such policies through all appropriate channels, national and international; and liaison with various governmental bodies and international organisations concerned with the defence of the consumer and the environment. At its Budapest meeting, an Executive Committee was elected and a programme of work will be presented at the next full meeting.

The new committee comprises 23 organisations in 20 countries representing 50 million consumers.

Chairman: Mr N. THEDIN, KF, Stockholm

Secretary: Mr J. SEMLER-COLLERY, Fédération Nationale des Coopératives de Consommateurs, 89 rue La Boétie, 75008 Paris, France

Women's Committee

A new constitution will be placed before the 1974 meeting of the Central Committee which is likely to give the Women Cooperators' Advisory Council the status of an Auxiliary Committee of the ICA. The objects of the Committee to be

known as the Women's Committee of the ICA, will be: To promote the interest of women in every aspect of cooperative activity; to encourage women into active participation in the policy-making decisions and management of cooperatives; to contribute to the achievement of unity of action by cooperators throughout the world; and to further the interests of women in the promotion of lasting peace and security.

Chairman: Mrs S. RÄIKKÖNEN, KK, Helsinki

Secretary: Mrs M. J. RUSSELL, International Cooperative Alliance, 11 Upper Grosvenor Street, London W1X 9PA, United Kingdom

Advisory Group for International Training of Cooperators

The constitution of the Advisory Group for International Training of Cooperators (AGITCOOP) was approved by the Central Committee in Budapest. The Group, consisting of leading educationalists nominated by member organisations, will advise on education and training for cooperators in and from developing countries; help member organisations to increase the effectiveness of their training programme; encourage mutual consultation among member organisations and their training institutions; and to assist member organisations in facilitating international cooperation in the education field.

WORK IN THE THIRD WORLD

The main impetus of ICA's work in the Cooperative Development Decade, and in the developing countries, is carried forward through the ICA Regional Offices for South-East Asia and East and Central Africa located in New Delhi, India, and in Moshi, Tanzania, respectively.

Regional Office and Education Centre for South-East Asia

NEW DELHI. Address see back cover.

Asian Top Level Conference

The Regional Office and Education Centre set up with the assistance of the Swedish cooperative movement was opened in December 1960. It receives considerable financial support from the Swedish Cooperative Centre in Stockholm. During its 14 years of existence, it has done extensive work in the fields of education, publications, trade and technical assistance.

Within the framework of the Cooperative Development Decade, an Asian Top-Level Cooperative Leaders Conference was organised by the Regional Office in collaboration with the Afro-Asian Rural Reconstruction Organisation and the Central Union of Agricultural Cooperatives of Japan. The Conference was held in Tokyo in October. Principal subjects discussed were: "Cooperative agricultural development", "Cooperative legislation", and "Cooperative Autonomy".

Advisory Council

The Advisory Council of the Regional Office, a body consisting of representatives from member organisations in the Region, meets annually and last held its meeting in Tokyo in October. Because of the expansion of the Regional Office since its inception in 1960, the Council gave attention to the provision of additional support from members within the Region. The Sub-Committee for Agriculture and Trade for South-East Asia and the Working Group for Fisheries met prior to the Council.

Educational activities

Educational activities carried out by the Regional Office and Education Centre in New Delhi included two regional seminars, one on cooperative management held in The Philippines in January 1973 and another on cooperative credit held in Japan in April 1973; a national seminar held in Thailand dealt with the organisation and management of agricultural cooperatives. The Teachers' Exchange Programme was continued in 1973 under which a Nepalese and an Indonesian visited The Philippines and a Filipino visited India. The education work at the grass roots level was continued in the Indore District of India. A study of the educational needs of five primary cooperative societies in the District was completed, and this successful project will be continued.

Technical assistance

In technical assistance, an important event during the year was the appointment of an ICA Coordinator (Aid Projects in Bangladesh) financed jointly by the Oxford Committee for Famine Relief (OXFAM), UK, and the ICA, for a period of two years; the Coordinator advises the Bangladesh Jatiya Samabaya Union on its priorities and helps in the coordination of voluntary external assistance to the movement. The Central Union of Polish Work Cooperatives, in response to the Emergency Resolution on Bangladesh adopted by the XXV ICA Congress in Warsaw, will set up two knitwear factories in Bangladesh. The Maritime Cooperative Services of Canada have provided funds for the development of tube well irrigation facilities for cooperatives in the Rangunia Thana in Bangladesh.

The Bhor Dairy in Maharashtra State, supported by the Aid India Fund of the German Consumer Movement, was formally inaugurated by the Indian Finance Minister in March 1973.

The proposal to establish a Cooperative Trade Centre in Singapore to promote trade amongst cooperatives in the Region is being supported by a number of cooperative movements in that area.

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The Regional Office and Education Centre for South-East Asia is financed by the ICA, the Swedish International Development Authority (SIDA), the Swedish cooperative movements, which is contributing a large share, and cooperative organisations in Japan and other countries in South-East Asia.

Office for East and Central Africa—Moshi, Tanzania

Address see back cover.

Following the decision of the Central Committee in 1968, the Office for East and Central Africa opened on 1st October 1968, with the assistance of Kooperativa Förbundet and works for Kenya, Tanzania, Uganda and Zambia.

Regional Council

In May 1973, the Regional Council met in Nairobi, Kenya. The Resident Representative of UNDP in Kenya addressed the meeting outlining possible collaboration with non-governmental organisations. The meeting also received a report on the Conference of the Cooperative Commissioners which had considered the setting up of working parties in different fields of cooperative activity. A second meeting of the Regional Council was held in Lusaka, Zambia in November 1973.

Educational activities

Educational activities in the Region included regional seminars for committeemen; for managers of large cooperative unions; for college tutors and lecturers; and a conference on cooperative education leaders on the evaluation of the cooperative education secretary system. National seminars were organised in the four member countries for cooperative education and publicity officers and for managers of cooperative unions.

Technical assistance

A Research Officer, seconded by the Dutch International Technical Assistance Department of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs in The Netherlands for two years, will provide guidance to officers seconded by Cooperative Departments from member movements in the Region.

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The Regional Office for East and Central Africa is financed by the International Cooperative Alliance, the Swedish International Development Authority (SIDA), and the cooperative movements of Sweden, Norway, Finland and Denmark.

Latin America

Since 1969, the Alliance in partnership with the Swedish International Development Authority (SIDA) and the Swedish Cooperative Centre (SCC) has financed the Latin American Technical Institute for Cooperative Integration (LATICI). LATICI assists cooperatives in a limited area to consolidate their activities and helps them achieve the maximum output from their human, technical and economic resources.

During 1973, LATICI's activities have expanded substantially. Commercial operations are now being carried on in the following six countries: Antigua, Aruba, Brazil, Curaçao, El Salvador and Venezuela. The project in Aruba is by far the most successful from the point of view of growth and sales, where a research and training centre for the training of staff was established during the year. An extension training centre was opened in Caracas, Venezuela, in December.

During the year working conferences dealing with cooperative integration were held in Venezuela, Curaçao and Brazil.

The person responsible for the project is: Mr J. W. Ames, GPO Box 4103, San Juan, Puerto Rico 00936.

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Technical Assistance Calendar

To encourage collaboration in the field of technical assistance, the ICA has published a Calendar of Technical Assistance for Cooperatives since it was first suggested at the Technical Assistance Conference in Denmark in 1956. The Calendar lists cooperative seminars, training courses, and technical assistance projects in countries throughout the world from a variety of organisations and agencies engaged in the promotion of cooperatives in developing countries.

Research Register

During 1973 work was begun on the planning of a Register of Research on Cooperatives in Developing Countries. Work on a Directory of Organisations engaged in cooperative research has been completed. A large amount of bibliographical information has been collected, and a number of "correspondents" identified who will provide relevant information on cooperative research. The project is being carried out by the ICA in collaboration with the Polish and Hungarian Cooperative Research Institutes, using funds donated by the two cooperative movements to the Cooperative Development Decade.

Cooperative Education Techniques Project

A special unit has been established within the ICA Secretariat to undertake a study of education materials available for use by cooperatives in the developing countries and to collect, classify and index information about materials presently available and in use and to recommend ways in which the supply of suitable material might be improved. The project is financed by the Cooperative League of the USA.

THE ICA AND THE UNITED NATIONS

Since the ICA was admitted to Consultative Status with ECOSOC in 1946, it has placed great emphasis on fostering mutually constructive relations with the

UN. During 1973 relations with the UN and its Specialised Agencies, especially the ILO, the FAO, UNIDO and UNESCO, were consolidated and developed at a practical working level.

The ICA has continued to play an active role in the Joint Committee for the Promotion of Aid to Cooperatives (COPAC) on which the UN, the ILO and the FAO from the UN system are represented together with four non-governmental organisations—International Federation of Agricultural Producers, International Federation of Plantation, Agricultural and Allied Workers, the World Council of Credit Unions and the ICA.

Also, the ICA has developed relations with other UN organisations which have not hitherto been active in the cooperative field. Thus, the ICA followed up the resolution on Cooperatives adopted by UNCTAD at its 3rd session in 1972 by participating in the 5th special session of the UNCTAD Trade and Development Board, and pursued the matter of practical joint activities with members of UNCTAD and International Trade Centre Secretariat. The ICA has also been in contact with the UN Environment Programme and participated in the first session of its Governing Council. This enabled the ICA to obtain a clearer picture of the extent to which it might become involved in this field.

Members of the Workers' Productive Committee and the Housing Committee visited UNIDO to foster mutual understanding in their respective areas of activity and the Housing Committee was also represented at the ECOSOC Committee on Housing, Building and Planning.

The ICA has permanent representatives to the UN in New York and Geneva. Altogether the ICA was represented at about 40 UN meetings in all continents.

These examples show the ICA's wide-ranging contacts with the UN system, and illustrate, in addition to the variety of cooperative interests, the different levels of these relations, from formal representation to practical working collaboration.

PUBLICATIONS

The regular publications of the ICA are: *The Review of International Cooperation* which appears bi-monthly in English, French, German and Spanish; the *Cooperative News Service* monthly in English only; the *Agricultural Cooperative Bulletin*—monthly in English with a French résumé; and the *Consumer Affairs Bulletin*—monthly in English and French. A series of Syndicated Articles dealing mostly with cooperative development in the Third World appear at regular intervals throughout the year.

The Regional Office and Education Centre for South-East Asia publishes a quarterly *Regional Bulletin*; and the Office for East and Central Africa an occasional information bulletin entitled "ICA Africa News".

A detailed list of publications can be found on page 16.

Some Publications from ICA London:

The International Co-operative Alliance 1895-1970 by W. P. Watkins £2.50

L'Alliance Coopérative Internationale 1895-1970 by W. P. Watkins
(traduit d'anglais par Francoise Baulier) £4.00

✓ **Studies and Reports No.10** The Role of Agricultural Co-operatives in Economic and Social Development—Report of the ICA/FAO/ILO/IFAP Open World Conference, Rome 1972. In English and French 50p

Select International Co-operative Bibliography £1.00

✓ **Annual Statistics of Affiliated Organisations, 1970/71** £1.00

✓ **Directory of Organisations Engaged in Co-operative Research in English, French, German, Russian and Spanish** £3.00

SHORTLY TO BE PUBLISHED

✓ **Vocabulary of Co-operative Terms in English, French, German, Russian and Spanish** Approx £2.50

Review of INTERNATIONAL CO-OPERATION Annual Subscription £1.50
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Co-operative News Service: monthly in English

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- * * * WELCOMES the decision of the United Nations to designate 1974 as World Population Year, thus highlighting an extremely urgent and complex issue which vitally affects international development;
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- * * * VIEWS with extreme concern the unfortunate collapse of Coop Nederland and asks its members to share, in a truly cooperative spirit and through the agency of the ICA, their problems with other national organisations;
- * * * REAFFIRMS its belief that in Cooperation, through self-help, mankind has a proven instrument which, if rightly applied, can contribute greatly to reducing the global disparities in social and economic standards; and
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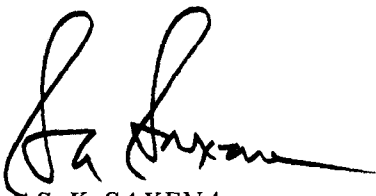
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THIS publication is a brief and general introduction to the work and achievements of the ICA and its auxiliary committees during 1974. Those wishing to obtain more details should write to us and we will be very pleased to respond as helpfully as we possibly can.

In some ways, it is not easy to summarise the work of an organisation within the compass of one calendar year. Important initiatives take a long time to mature and must therefore find mention in more than one Annual Report. The discussion on "Multi-National Corporations and the International Cooperative Movement" at the Congress in Warsaw in 1972 led directly to a discussion at the Budapest Central Committee in 1973 on "International Cooperative Enterprises"; this was carried a stage further by the wide-ranging discussions in Vienna on "Collaboration between Cooperatives" and a working party is now being constituted which will make recommendations on the subject to ICA Authorities. Similarly, a study of the Long-Term Work Programme of the ICA has been under discussion for two years and will engage the attention of the 1975 Central Committee in Stockholm for consideration by the Congress in 1976. The Cooperative Development Decade, inaugurated by the Alliance at its 75th Anniversary in 1970, has been under review at various meetings of the ICA, including the Central Committee in Vienna in 1974, and will be the subject of our International Seminar in 1975.

All in all—and I hope this is reflected in this brief document—the year 1974 has been one of intense activity and I would like to place on record my appreciation of my colleagues in London, New Delhi and Moshi and the Secretariats of the auxiliary committees for helping to achieve as a team what is briefly portrayed in the subsequent pages.



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MEMBERSHIP

Organisations in membership of the Alliance total 160 from 62 countries. These member-organisations comprise 657,815 societies, with a total individual membership of 321,526,265. The largest proportion of membership is in consumer societies (38.71%) followed by thrift and credit societies (30.25%) agriculture (19.17%) housing, workers' productive and artisanal societies, fisheries.

During 1974 the following organisations were admitted into membership: Ghana Cooperatives Council, Instituto Movilizador de Fondos Cooperativos, Argentina, and Zambia Cooperative Federation Ltd. The Pan-Hellenic Confederation of Unions of Agricultural Cooperatives, suspended from membership in 1967, was re-admitted to membership. The following organisations were deleted from membership: Cooperativos de Seguros Ltda., Peru, and Jamaica Cooperative Union Ltd. The Merkaz Audit Union, Israel, withdrew from direct membership but remains an indirect member through Hevrat Ovdim.

RESOURCES AND FINANCES

The main financial resources of the ICA are provided by the subscriptions from its member organisations. This subscription is based on either turnover, insurance premium payments or share capital, according to the type of cooperative, and there is a scale for non-economic organisations. As this report is being prepared the audited accounts are not available but the estimated expenditure for 1974 was £245,000. Estimated income was £250,000, and of this, about £173,000 came from subscriptions. This covered general running costs of the Head Office, and part of the costs of the two Regional Offices, the remainder being met by special contributions from national cooperative movements. In addition to the general budget, specific grants for particular projects were made from the ICA's Development Fund. This Fund is used for technical assistance projects in developing countries, and its income is in the form of voluntary contributions from member-organisations. In 1974 the Fund received contributions of £19,000. Grants totalling £23,000 were made for projects in Bangladesh, Latin America, S.E. Asia and East Africa.

This report deals only with work directly financed by the Alliance and it should be borne in mind that outside the ICA programme of work, there is substantial bilateral cooperative assistance being given from movements in the more advanced countries directly to those in the developing countries.

The Secretariat numbers 75 persons, of whom 31 are at the Head Office in London, 28 at the Regional Office in New Delhi, India and 16 at the Regional Office in Moshi, Tanzania.

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

The Executive Committee, consisting of 16 members elected by the Central Committee, met in London and in Vienna, Austria, in February and

October, respectively. The Committee approved the revised constitution of the new Women's Committee. Consideration was given to the long-term programme of work for the International Cooperative Alliance; and it was decided to set up certain working groups to discuss aspects of ICA's work and how better use may be made of resources as well as the ways of improving its image. Continuing consideration was given to aid to cooperatives in developing countries.

Representatives of the Pan-Hellenic Confederation of Unions of Agricultural Cooperatives, dismissed from their elected offices by the Colonels' Junta in 1967, met the Executive in Vienna and discussed the situation in Greece. Following these discussions the Executive Committee recommended to the Central Committee that the membership of the Pan-Hellenic Confederation, which had been suspended in 1967, should be restored and this was unanimously agreed by the Central Committee.

Changes in the secretariat staff in London during 1974 were the appointment of Mr. T.N. Bottomley as Secretary for Education following the return of Dr. L. Sieber to Czechoslovakia and of Mr. F. Nehwati as Secretary for Research following the retirement of Mrs L. Stettner.

CENTRAL COMMITTEE

The venue of the meeting of the Central Committee was originally planned for Cyprus, but because of the tragic events in Cyprus, it was changed at short notice to Vienna at the invitation of the Austrian cooperative organisations.

The Central Committee, composed of representatives of member organisations elected by Congress, met in October and was attended by 133 representatives from member organisations in 35 countries and 2 international organisations.

One of the themes under consideration was **Collaboration between Cooperatives** which dealt with inter-cooperative aid, trade, amalgamation and cooperative integration. The debate highlighted the possible areas of collaboration and further identified some of the factors which hinder, or keep to a minimum, the level of collaboration. The Central Committee decided to set up a working party with the following terms of reference: to examine and report on the diverse methods of collaboration between all types of cooperatives without regard to frontiers, political systems, or the level of economic development of the country wherein the movement is located. The working party is to present its report to the next meeting of the Central Committee for consideration for the ICA Congress in 1976.

The second theme was the **Cooperative Development Decade (CDD)**. A paper had been prepared by the Secretariat, based on the discussion at the Central Committee in 1973 and outlining an action programme concentrating on regional coordination, regional training, research, trade and aid to Bangladesh. The Cooperative Development Decade, seen as the cooperative contribution to the United Nation Second Development Decade 1971-1980, was initiated by the Central Committee in London in October 1970.

The Committee unanimously adopted a resolution on the situation in Cyprus, which had been worded in agreement with the Greek and Turkish Cypriot members of the Central Committee.

SEMINARS AND CONFERENCES

The 42nd International Cooperative Seminar was held in Loughborough, United Kingdom, from 23rd September to 3rd October, 1974 in collaboration with the British Cooperative Union. The main theme, "The Unity of the Economic and Social Functions of Cooperatives" was discussed against the background of papers presented by representatives of several cooperative organisations.

A number of conferences organised by the Regional Offices were held in Asia and Africa. The Alliance also participated in conferences organised by the United Nations. (Details of these conferences are given later in the Report.)

AUXILIARY COMMITTEES

During the 1920s cooperators started to meet at the international level to exchange information and discuss their common problems in specific fields of cooperative activity. Over the years a number of auxiliary committees and working parties have been set up within the ICA.

The International Cooperative Insurance Federation (ICIF) formerly the International Cooperative Insurance Committee, was formed in 1922 and now has 72 member societies in 26 countries.

Cooperative insurance societies in the Federal Republic of Germany, Finland and the Netherlands were admitted into membership of the ICIF in 1974. The Executive of the Federation met in Stockholm in February and in Tokyo in October when it was decided to set up a commission to investigate the problem of "Inflation and Insurance".

The 1974 International Conference of Cooperative Insurers organised by the ICIF was held in Tokyo in October. The topics discussed were: the role of cooperative insurance societies in developing countries; the special characteristics of agricultural cooperative insurance in Japan; long range planning by established insurance cooperatives; environmental problems; savings, investment and insurance; and social responsibilities of a cooperative insurance society. The Conference passed a resolution on pollution.

The ICIF publishes an occasional Insurance Bulletin.

Chairman: Monsieur R. LEMAIRE, "La Prévoyance Sociale", Brussels, Belgium.

Secretary: Mr H. SEELEY, Cooperative Insurance Society Ltd, Miller Street, Manchester M60 0AL, United Kingdom.

The International Cooperative Reinsurance Bureau (ICRB), a sub-committee of the ICIF, established in 1949, promotes reinsurance exchanges between member societies.

Chairman: Monsieur R. LEMAIRE, "La Prévoyance Sociale", Brussels, Belgium.

Secretary: Mr P. D. JOHNSON, Cooperative Insurance Society Ltd, Miller Street, Manchester M60 0AL, United Kingdom.

The second sub-committee of the Federation, the Insurance Development Bureau (IDB), was established in 1963 to undertake feasibility studies of proposed

cooperative insurance projects in developing countries; to provide technical assistance and loan guarantees to new insurance cooperatives; to facilitate training and provide publicity material for cooperatives in developing countries. In 1963 a loan guaranty fund, now administered by Allnations Inc., was set up to cover "credit risks" of loans to cooperatives in developing countries. Plans for the establishment of insurance cooperatives are progressing in Ghana, Nigeria, Kenya, Sri Lanka, Thailand and Uganda. Agreement was reached on setting up a reserve expert fund jointly to be contributed by the ICIF, the ICRB and Allnations Inc. An insurance expert was appointed to work in the field of cooperative insurance in Latin America under the auspices of the ICA and the Insurance Development Bureau.

Chairman: Mr K. BACK, Folksam Insurance Group, Stockholm, Sweden.

Secretary: Mr H. DAHLBERG, Folksam Insurance Group, Folksam Building, Stockholm 20, Sweden.

Formed in 1922, the **International Cooperative Banking Committee** consisted for many years of seven European consumer cooperative banks. In 1964 the membership of the Committee was thrown open to all cooperative banks and central cooperative credit organisations directly or indirectly affiliated to the ICA.

The Banking Committee meeting in Vienna in October 1974 discussed proposals for an exchange programme for the training of staff of member banks, the question of international financing of cooperative enterprises in developing countries and future relationships with the newly established International Liaison Committee (see p. 18).

The Executive of the Banking Committee met in Geneva in May, and in Vienna in October, prior to the full Committee meeting.

Chairman: Dr W. HESSELBACH, Bank für Gemeinwirtschaft AG, Frankfurt/Main.

Secretary: Mr M. G. HESS, Bank für Gemeinwirtschaft AG, Mainzer Landstrasse 16-24, 6 Frankfurt/Main, Federal Republic of Germany.

The **International Committee of Workers' Cooperative Productive and Artisanal Societies** was established in 1932 and reconstituted in 1947. It now has 24 member societies in 19 countries.

At its meeting in Budapest in September the Committee discussed the contribution it can make to the ICA long-term work programme. The "Centre for the Promotion of Industrial Cooperatives" in Warsaw, which was established in 1973, has received a number of requests for assistance from developing countries and the United Nations. The Centre was set up to give a new thrust to the creation and strengthening of industrial cooperatives and will collect and process information on the needs of industrial cooperatives in developing countries; stimulate and facilitate contacts between donors and recipients; help the promotion of trade by industrial cooperatives and formulate requests for assistance.

The Executive Committee met in Rome in March 1974.

Chairman: Monsieur A. ANTONI, Confédération Générale des Sociétés Coopératives Ouvrières de Production, Paris, France.

Secretary: Dr E. MONDINI, Confederazione Cooperative Italiane, Borgo Santo Spirito 78, 00193 Rome, Italy.

Formed in 1951, the **International Committee on Agricultural Co-operation** includes in its membership cooperatives in the fields of agriculture, forestry and fisheries. The number of members at the end of 1974 was 41 in 29 countries.

The Committee met in Vienna in October. The subjects for discussion were the then forthcoming World Food Conference (November 1974) and the world shortage of fertilizers. It was decided to set up a working party to study the problem of fertilizers in collaboration with the Standing Committee on Agricultural Cooperation of the International Federation of Agricultural Producers.

Matters relating to agriculture and fisheries in South-East Asia are dealt with by the Sub-Committee for Agriculture and Trade for South-East Asia and the Working Group for Fisheries.

Chairman: Dr L. MALFETTANI, Confederazione Cooperative Italiane, Rome, Italy.

Secretary: Dr Z. JUCHNIEWICZ, International Cooperative Alliance, 11 Upper Grosvenor Street, London W1X 9PA, United Kingdom.

The growing interest of fisheries cooperatives in international affairs brought about the formation of the **Fisheries Sub-Committee** in 1966.

The Committee consisting of 12 members representing 9 countries met in Vienna in October. Reports were received on the United Nations Conference on the Law of the Sea held in Caracas, Venezuela, and on technical assistance which is being given to cooperative movements in developing countries in the field of cooperative fisheries.

Plans are being finalised to hold the first ICA Open World Conference on Cooperative Fisheries in Tokyo from 29th September to 3rd October 1975.

Chairman: Monsieur P. LACOUR, Confédération des Organismes de Crédit Maritime Mutuel, Paris, France

Secretary: Dr Z. JUCHNIEWICZ, International Cooperative Alliance, 11 Upper Grosvenor Street, London W1X 9PA, United Kingdom.

The International Cooperative Housing Committee, formed in 1952, representing cooperative organisations active in the field of housing comprises 28 members from 18 countries (including supporting organisations).

At its meeting held in Oslo in September, the Housing Committee discussed the financing of cooperative housing based on a report submitted by the Working Group on Financing. The Working Group on Methods of Work reported on its discussions covering the relations of housing cooperatives to the State, optimum size of housing cooperatives, the increasing cost of running small housing cooperatives and democratic control. The Committee also considered collaboration with the ECE Committee on Housing, Building and Planning of the United Nations and other UN Agencies. It was agreed to make a contribution to the UN Habitat Conference on Human Settlements to be held in Vancouver, Canada in 1976.

The Committee approved the revised rules to provide for supporting membership from non-profit organisations which, although not themselves cooperative organisations, include in their aims the provision of cooperative housing.

The Executive Committee met in Prague in March.

The Committee publishes a quarterly "Cooperative Housing Bulletin" in English, French and German.

Chairman: Mr S. KYPENGREN, HBS:s Riksförbund ek för, Stockholm, Sweden.
Joint Secretaries: Mr A. JOHNSON, HSB:s Riksförbund ek för, Fack, S-100, 21 Stockholm 18, Sweden.
Mr R. P. B. DAVIES, International Cooperative Alliance, 11 Upper Grosvenor Street, London W1X 9PA, United Kingdom.

The International Cooperative Housing Development Association (ICHDA) generally acts as the technical assistance arm of the International Cooperative Housing Committee; it was established in 1966 as an international non-profit organisation to help cooperators in developing countries to improve their shelter and communities by cooperative efforts. ICHDA is a member of the ICA, comprising of 17 national cooperative and non-profit housing organisations from 14 countries.

At the Annual Meeting of ICHDA held in Oslo in September, it was announced that a Liaison Committee has been set up to co-ordinate ICHDA activities in Europe. Reports were presented on ICHDA programmes in Bangladesh carried out in collaboration with CARE and on surveys on squatter problems carried out by the UN and its agencies in which ICHDA participated in West Africa, South-East Asia and Latin America. A study of industrial cooperative techniques in low cost housing has been carried out for UNIDO and a request has been received from the UN Centre for Housing, Building and Planning to undertake a study on "The Financial Management of Government Housing Projects". Possible collaboration was discussed with UN Agencies, the World Bank and Governments.

ICHDA publishes an occasional journal entitled "ICHDA Profile".

President: Mr W. J. CAMPBELL, International Cooperative Housing Development Association, Washington, D.C.
Secretary/Treasurer: Mr J. EDMONDSON, International Cooperative Housing Development Association, 1001-15th Street, N.W. Washington, D.C. 20005, USA

The International Organisation for Consumer Cooperative Distributive Trades, INTER-COOP, was established in 1970 as a result of the merger of the Cooperative Wholesale Committee and the Committee on Retail Distribution. It now comprises 28 organisations in 19 countries. It promotes joint purchases and collaboration in production amongst its members and the exchange of information in the field of retailing, research and other technical and commercial matters.

At the annual meeting in Vienna in October, it was reported that collaboration in the food sector had been expanded, especially in the joint purchasing of fruit and vegetables, confectionery and wine. Collaboration in the non-food sector is maintained through eleven specialised purchasing groups. A paper was presented at the meeting dealing with "Multinational retail groups and cooperative distributive trades".

During the year, a conference on "Regional Warehousing and Distribution" was held in Manchester, United Kingdom. The working group dealing with department stores and shopping centres discussed "Point of Sales" and the expert group on food shops discussed "Budgeting Systems in Food Shops".

Chairman: Mr. J. SALLBORG, Koperativa Förbundet, Stockholm, Sweden.
Secretary: Mr R. VOLKERS, Co-op Haus, Postfach 10 32 06, 2 Hamburg 1, Federal Republic of Germany.

The Organisation for Cooperative Consumer Policy was set up in 1973. The objects of the Organisation are to work in the field of consumer information, protection, enlightenment and education, including environmental aspects, and to establish common lines of action, where appropriate, by acting as a centre for (a) documentation and information on the development of consumer policies by governments and by national and international organisations; (b) the systematic exchange of information on cooperative experience and initiatives in consumer protection, information, education and representation; (c) the formulation of a coordinated cooperative policy at the international level for the protection and welfare of the consumer; (d) the formulation of proposals for the implementation of such policies through all appropriate channels, national and international; and liaison with various governmental bodies and international organisations concerned with the defence of the consumer and the environment.

The Committee comprises cooperative organisations in 19 countries representing over 50 million consumers.

The General Assembly was held in Vienna in October when the first annual report on the activities of the Consumer Committee was presented. A paper dealing with the "Identification of the Cooperative Group as a Consumer Organisation" formed the basis for discussion. The results of an enquiry undertaken in about ten countries on the action taken by cooperatives in the service of the consumer were reported. An appeal to member organisations was made to press their national governments to adopt the Charter of Consumer Protection as laid down by the Council of Europe.

A sub-committee on labelling has been set up which has issued a report on informative labelling in national cooperative movements. The sub-committee is preparing guidelines for standard labelling of a certain number of non-food products, which are to be used on goods carrying the CO-OP trade mark.

The Executive Committee met in London in March.

Chairman: Mr N. THEDIN, Kooperativa Förbundet, Stockholm, Sweden.

Secretary: Mr J. SEMLER-COLLERY, Fédération Nationale des Coopératives de Consommateurs, 89 rue la Boétie, 75008 Paris, France.

The constitution of the **ICA Women's Committee**, formerly the Women Cooperators' Advisory Council, was confirmed by the Central Committee held in Vienna in October.

The objects of the Committee are: to promote the interest of women in every aspect of cooperative activity; to encourage women into active participation in the policy-making decisions and management of cooperatives; to contribute to the achievement of unity of action by cooperators throughout the world; and to further the interests of women in the promotion of lasting peace and security.

The Committee has 29 members from 25 countries.

The Executive of the Women's Committee met in Vienna. The main business concerned International Women's Year. The United Nations has designed 1975 as the International Women's Year. The Committee is planning several events to mark ICA participation. These include a special meeting of the Committee at FAO, Rome, and representation at meetings such as the UNESCO Symposium on Women and the meeting of the World Congress of Women. A special issue of the

Review of International Cooperation will be devoted to women cooperators and their work.

Chairman: Mrs S. RÄIKKÖNEN, Kulutusosuuskuntien Keskusliitto, Helsinki.

Secretary: Mrs M. J. RUSSELL, International Cooperative Alliance, 11 Upper Grosvenor Street, London W1X 9PA, United Kingdom.

WORKING PARTIES

Over the years a number of working parties of technicians have been set up within the ICA.

The International Working Party of Cooperative Librarians and Documentation Officers met in Geneva in September to discuss the various publications issued by the Working Party, amongst them the quarterly "Libradoc". Information on the location and extent of archives of cooperatives all over Europe is being collected by the Working Party.

The Working Party on Cooperative Press met in Budapest in October to discuss "The Cooperative Press in a Changing Environment: its Objectives and Tasks". A report was given on the photo library set up at the ICA in London and the progress made with the handbook for journalists from developing countries.

The Research Officers' Group met in Florence, Italy, in September to discuss "Structural Changes in Cooperatives and Long-range Planning". Reports were received on research activities within cooperative organisations represented at the meeting.

The Advisory Group for International Training of Cooperators (AGITCOOP) was set up in 1973. The Group, consisting of leading educationalists nominated by member organisations, will advise on education and training for cooperators in and from developing countries; help member organisations to increase the effectiveness of their training programme; encourage mutual consultation among member organisations and their training institutions; and to assist member organisations in facilitating international cooperation in the education field.

The inaugural meeting of AGITCOOP was held in Budapest in September when an Executive Committee was elected.

All these Working Parties are serviced from the ICA Secretariat.

WORK IN THE THIRD WORLD

ICA policy on co-operative development in the Third World has evolved in discussion over several years in authorities of the ICA, most recently at the Central Committee held in Vienna in 1974. It was decided that ICA's own efforts would be best concentrated in the following areas: Education and training, research, provision of expertise, exchange of information, the development of trade, and in locating sources of financing. The secretariat and regional offices, member

organisations and other development assistance organisations all have a part to play, but it is cooperative organisations in developing countries which bear the major responsibility for their own development.

The existing Regional Offices for South-East Asia and East and Central Africa carry forward the main impetus of ICA's work in the Third World. These offices act as coordination centres, promote the exchange of information, publish information, undertake educational and training activities and engage in research and the promotion of trade. They also advise member organisations in the formulation of specific projects and suggest sources of support.

Regional Office and Education Centre for South-East Asia

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The Regional Office and Education Centre set up with the assistance of the Swedish cooperative movement was opened in December 1960. During its 15 years of existence, the Regional Office has done extensive work in the fields of education, publications, trade and technical assistance.

The Director of the ICA visited Bangladesh and Sri Lanka and called on the Regional Office during January.

Council of the ICA for South-East Asia

The Council of the ICA for South-East Asia, a body consisting of representatives from member organisations in the Region, meets annually and held its 1974 meeting in Colombo, Sri Lanka in November. The Council approved the programme of work for 1975/76, as well as a provisional programme for 1976/77.

The Sub-Committee for Agriculture and Trade for South-East Asia and the Working Group for Fisheries met prior to the meeting of the Council.

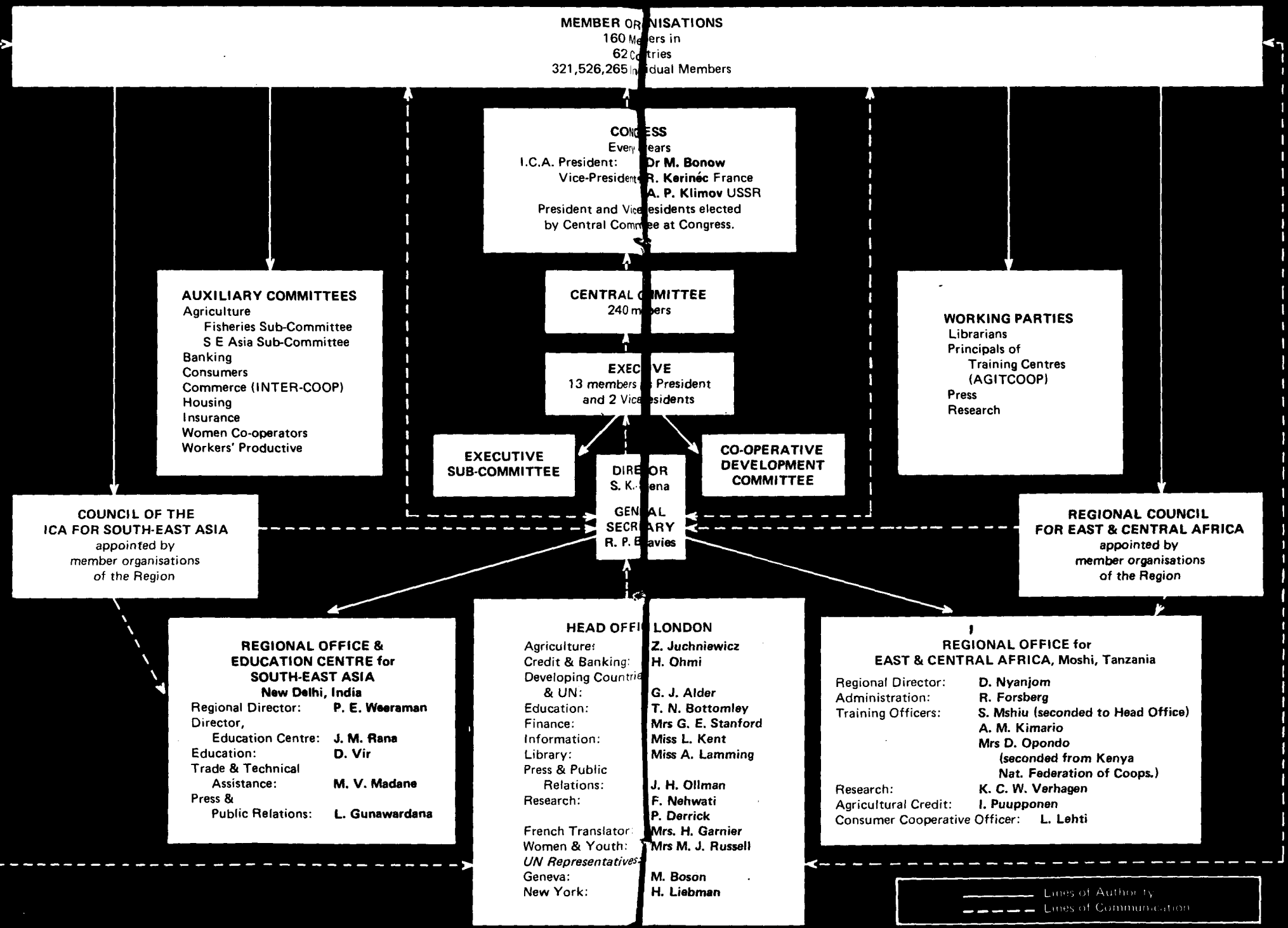
Assessment of Regional Office and Education Centre

In October/November a four-man team, headed by Prof K. F. Svärdröm, Sweden, carried out an assessment of the work of the Regional Office and Education Centre. The team has put forward proposals and recommendations regarding the future development of ICA's work in South-East Asia and these will be considered in due course by the authorities of the Alliance.

Educational activities

Educational work carried out by the Regional Office and Education Centre in New Delhi included two regional activities. A seminar dealing with member education and member communication with special reference to Japan was held in Tokyo in April, and a conference brought together in Jakarta, Indonesia, the principals of national cooperative training institutions and selected teachers of cooperative training which proposed the setting up of a specialist group on cooperative training in the region. Three national seminars on agricultural cooperative marketing jointly organised with the Swedish Cooperative Centre were held in India, Bangladesh and Sri Lanka; and a national seminar on cooperative management for executives of the Malaysian Cooperative Insurance Society was held in Kuala Lumpur in June. The Regional Office also assisted in the organisation of an Asian Conference on Consumer Cooperation in Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia, in October. The field project in cooperative education in the Indore District of India, which has attracted international attention, is being continued.

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Technical assistance

The ICA Coordinator (Aid Projects in Bangladesh) financed jointly by ICA and OXFAM (United Kingdom), continued to advise the Bangladesh Jatiya Samabaya Union on its priorities and helped in the coordination of voluntary external assistance to the movement; the assignment will conclude in March 1975. The Central Union of Polish Work Cooperatives trained ten cooperators from Bangladesh to provide skilled management for the proposed knitwear factories to be set up in that country.

The Bhor Dairy in Maharashtra State, supported by the Aid India Fund of the German Consumer Cooperative Movement, is now in operation and pasteurises between 17,000 to 20,000 litres of milk per day.

Promotion of Cooperative Trade

The Regional Office continued to assist in trade promotion and information and a number of trade contacts were provided during the year.

The International Cooperative Trading Organisation set up by cooperative movements in the Region with the assistance of the Regional Office was registered in June 1974. Its main objective is to bring cooperative buyers and sellers together with a view to developing and promoting trade between cooperative organisations all over the world.

Several of the recommendations put forward in the book published by the ICA entitled "India, Cooperative Law vis-a-vis Cooperative Principles" have been included in the guidelines for State Cooperative Laws which were adopted at a recent All-India Conference of State Ministers of Cooperation.

The Regional Office and Education Centre for South-East Asia publishes a quarterly Regional Bulletin and a monthly Trade News.

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The Regional Office and Education Centre for South-East Asia is financed by the ICA, the Swedish International Development Authority (SIDA), the Swedish Cooperative Centre and cooperative organisations in the Region.

Regional Office for East and Central Africa

P O Box 946, Moshi, Tanzania

Following the decision of the Central Committee in 1968, the Regional Office for East and Central Africa was opened on the 1st October, 1968 with the assistance of the Swedish Cooperative Centre and works for Kenya, Tanzania, Uganda and Zambia.

Regional Council

The Regional Council meetings held in Dar-es-Salaam in April and in Moshi in November reviewed the work of the Regional Office since its inception and made recommendations for its future programme of work.

The meeting in Moshi was attended by the President and Director of the ICA. After the meeting and a visit to Kenya, Dr Bonow visited Zambia and Dr Saxena went to Mauritius for discussions with cooperative organisations.

Educational activities

Educational activities in the Region included a regional conference on research and planning; and regional seminars for leaders of urban savings and credit cooperatives; for women cooperators; and for officers concerned with cooperative information and publicity. National seminars were organised in the four member countries for women, for leaders of consumer cooperatives and for technicians working with production credit and savings schemes.

Technical assistance

The Research Officer, supported by the International Technical Assistance Department of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs in the Netherlands, is engaged in implementing the recommendations put forward by the regional conference on research and planning.

A Seminar Organiser for the credit seminar programme to be carried out in the region has been provided by the Ministry for Foreign Affairs of Finland.

An expert on consumer cooperatives has been assigned to the Regional Office by Kulutusosuuskuntien Keskusliitto (KK) of Finland.

A qualified teacher-trainer from the United Kingdom spent three months in the region examining the needs for teacher-training. A report is under consideration for further action.

Publications

The Regional Office publishes an occasional information bulletin entitled "ICA Africa News".

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The Regional Office for East and Central Africa is financed by the International Cooperative Alliance, the Swedish International Development Authority (SIDA), the Swedish Cooperative Centre and the cooperative movements of Norway, Finland and Denmark.

Latin America

LATICI

Since 1969, the Alliance in partnership with the Swedish International Development Authority (SIDA) and the Swedish Cooperative Centre (SCC) has financed the Latin American Technical Institute for Cooperative Integration (Latici). Latici assists cooperatives in a limited geographical area to consolidate their activities and helps them achieve the maximum output from their human, technical and economic resources.

During the year, Latici's activities continued to expand. The number of countries where Latici either has projects, integrated groups or interested contacts has been increased to sixteen. In Aruba, where the project is making good progress, courses for members which are of the "learning-by-doing" variety have been introduced. In Venezuela a national organisation was set up which runs commercial activities in six places within the country.

Director of the project: Mr J. W. Ames, GPO Box 4103, San Juan, Puerto Rico 00936.

OCA

The Organization of the Cooperatives of America held its triennial continental assembly in Mexico City in September which the ICA President addressed. The Executive Committee met in Nicaragua in May when a number of commissions were set up to deal with various aspects of OCA structure and organisation.

A workshop for executives of agriculture cooperatives at medium level was held in Uruguay in July.

President: Mr R. Domper, Argentine.

Executive Director: Mr A. Rossi R., Organization of the Cooperatives of America, POB 4657, Correo Central, Lima, Peru.

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Technical Assistance Calendar

To encourage collaboration in the field of technical assistance, the ICA has published an annual Calendar of Technical Assistance for Cooperatives since it was first suggested at the Technical Assistance Conference in Denmark in 1956. The Calendar lists seminars on co-operatives, training courses, and technical assistance projects in countries throughout the world from a variety of organisations and agencies engaged in the promotion of cooperatives in developing countries.

Research Register

During 1973 work was begun on the planning of a Register of Research on Cooperatives in Developing Countries. A large amount of bibliographical information has been collected, and a number of "correspondents" identified who will provide relevant information on cooperative research. The project is being carried out by the ICA in collaboration with the Polish and Hungarian Cooperative Research Institutes, using funds donated by the two cooperative movements to the Cooperative Development Decade.

Cooperative Education Techniques Project

The special unit which has been established within the ICA Secretariat to undertake a study of educational materials available for use by cooperatives in the developing countries and to collect, classify and index information about materials presently available and in use and to recommend ways in which the supply of suitable materials might be improved, has completed its first year's work. A second year's programme has been approved in which certain recommendations regarding the provision of better aids will be implemented.

The project is financed by the Cooperative League of the USA.

THE ICA AND THE UNITED NATIONS

In September 1974, the ICA took part in a 'Symposium on the Promotion of Cooperatives in Developing Countries', sponsored by the Hungarian Government

in collaboration with the Joint Committee for the Promotion of Aid to Cooperatives (COPAC) and the FAO. UN bilateral agencies and non-governmental organisations all contributed to discussions aimed at promoting coordinated assistance programmes within the context of integrated rural development programmes, with particular regard to the very poor.

In the field of population, the ICA was represented at an ILO Conference held in May 1974 to discuss the theme of "Cooperative Education and Population". The Conference concluded that, given the necessary support, cooperatives could play an important role in this field. At the UN World Population Conference, which was held in August in Bucharest, Romania, the ICA representative emphasised the role which cooperatives felt they could play, particularly in the rural areas of developing countries where they often provide the most important adult education network.

In July, the ICA assisted in the organisation of the "Third Consultation of African Rural Leaders" which was organised by the International Federation of Agricultural Producers (IFAP) with the assistance of FAO, Economic Commission for Africa (ECA), Agricultural Cooperative Development International (ACDI) and COPAC. The main theme was the 'Role of Rural Organisations in Planning and Implementing Development Plans' and the recommendations gave considerable weight to the importance of involving people in their own development, underlining the importance of education and stressing the need for an integrated approach to rural development.

November saw many delegates converging on Rome for the United Nations World Food Conference, called to discuss the seriously worsening food situation. ICA and other non-governmental representatives emphasised the role of co-operatives in providing an organisational framework enabling small farmers to produce and market more food and although the Conference did not achieve an immediate breakthrough in using existing food stocks more rationally, it is hoped that some of the proposals made will be implemented in the near future.

In July and August, the third large UN Conference of 1974, the UN Conference on the Law of the Sea, was held in Caracas. Again the ICA was represented and in the resumed session due to take place in 1975 will be closely watching developments in so far as they affect cooperative organisations, particularly fisheries.

A symposium to study "conditions calculated to assist the access of workers to education and measures to ensure their active participation" was the main item on the agenda at a meeting convened by UNESCO in November. The ICA and major international trade union organisations took part and agreed to hold a symposium in January 1976.

During the year, an important study on "International Financing of Cooperative Enterprises in Developing Countries" was produced by the ICA in collaboration with the ILO, FAO, COPAC, the ICA Banking Committee and the International Cooperative Bank. The study includes suggestions for the creation of an international mechanism for cooperative development financing.

In addition to the activities noted above, the ICA continued to have close relationships working with several UN organisations and was represented at many other meetings at various levels.

PARTICIPATION IN OTHER COMMITTEES

The ICA has continued to play an active role in the **Joint Committee for the Promotion of Aid to Cooperatives (COPAC)** on which the UN, the ILO and the FAO from the UN system are represented together with four non-governmental organisations—International Federation of Agricultural Producers (IFAP), International Federation of Plantation, Agricultural and Allied Workers (IFPAAW), the World Council of Credit Unions (WCCU) and the ICA.

Chairman: ILO, Geneva, Switzerland.

Executive Secretary: Mr R. HEWLETT (replaced Mr S. ANANIA), COPAC, FAO, Via delle Terme di Caracalla, 00100 Rome, Italy.

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The Third International Conference on Cooperative Thrift and Credit organised by the **Informal Liaison Committee on Cooperative Thrift and Credit** in which the ICA participated was held in London in June. The general theme of the Conference was “Democracy and Efficiency in Thrift and Credit Cooperatives” which covered the whole field of cooperative and mutual savings and credit from motivational and educational problems through business strategy, structure and rationalisation to international and regional cooperation.

Following the Conference, the Informal Liaison Committee was converted into the **International Liaison Committee on Cooperative Thrift and Credit** on which the ICA is represented through its Banking Committee. A further follow-up action was the holding of a seminar at Bischenberg, near Strasbourg, France, to discuss inflation in the context of safeguarding the small savings of thrift and credit and mutual societies.

The International Liaison Committee is an organisation which has as its purpose the development of thrift and credit cooperatives throughout the world and the coordination of their activities at the international level by providing the facilities necessary for the exchange of information, personnel and skills. National, central or similar thrift and credit cooperatives and national or central cooperative unions as well as organisations which have as their objective the promotion of thrift and credit cooperatives, such as UN agencies, non-governmental organisations, international and regional coordinating bodies, are eligible for membership of the new Committee.

Members of the International Liaison Committee are Fédération de Montréal des Caisses Desjardins, Canada; Fédération des Caisses d’Economie du Québec, Canada; Fédération du Québec des Unions Régionales des Caisses Populaires Desjardins, Canada; Confédération National du Crédit Mutuel, France; Union du Crédit Coopératif, France; National Cooperative Union of India; Central Cooperative Bank for Agriculture and Forestry, Japan; and the World Council of Credit Unions, and the International Cooperative Alliance.

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International Co-operative Housing Development Association (ICHDA), 1001-15th Street, N.W., Washington D.C. 20005. Tel. 202-737-3420.

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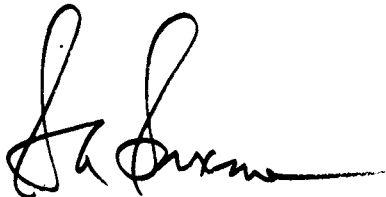
Foreword

This brief Annual Report for the year 1975 is the third in the series started in 1973. Judging by the demand for it, the publication has obviously served a useful purpose. It follows the same pattern as Reports in earlier years except that some additional information on international cooperative organisations has been provided at appropriate places.

The year 1975 marked the retirement of Dr Mauritz Bonow as ICA's President. Under his distinguished leadership, the Alliance achieved considerable expansion in its work especially in developing countries. Mr Roger Kerinec, President of the Fédération Nationale des Coopératives de Consommateurs, Paris, succeeded Dr Bonow as President of the ICA. Some significant activities noted in the Report are: the first Open World Conference on "The Modernisation of Fisheries and the Rational Utilisation of Resources—The Role of Cooperatives", Tokyo, a major initiative in a rather neglected field of Cooperation; an International Seminar in Dresden on "Assistance for Cooperatives in Developing Countries—Need and Response" to mark the mid-point of the Cooperative Development Decade and to plan for the future; an ICA mission to Mauritius to advise the Cooperative Union on the organisation, structure and educational activities of the movement; examination by Cooperators in South East Asia of the recommendations of the Assessment Team of the Regional Office in order to establish priorities of work; discussion by ICA's Central Committee on the Energy Crisis and to determine the impact on the movement and its response. At the same time, the work of the Auxiliary Committees gained in depth and coverage. Many of these activities have yielded valuable experiences which have helped in the formulation of our Work Programme (1977-80) which will be one of the principal subjects for discussion at Congress in 1976.

This, as I said, is a brief factual document; those wishing to obtain fuller details are invited to write to us.

In conclusion, I wish to record my appreciation to my colleagues in the Secretariat, including the two Regional Offices, in helping to implement a programme which, I hope, would have been of assistance to our member organisations throughout the world.



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MEMBERSHIP

Organisations in membership of the Alliance total 165 from 65 countries. These member-organisations comprise 673,082 societies, with a total individual membership of 326,046,145. The largest proportion of membership is in consumer societies (38.19%) followed by thrift and credit societies (32.73%), agriculture (19.40%), then housing, workers' productive and artisanal societies, fisheries societies.

During 1975 the following organisations were admitted into membership: Cooperativa de Credito Central del Peru; the General Cooperative Union, Iraq; the National Union of Dairy Cooperatives, Morocco; and the Cooperative Federation of Nigeria. In India, in order to reflect the size of the movement the apex organisations representing the interests of the agricultural marketing cooperatives, the consumer cooperatives, and the cooperative banks have become individual members of the ICA in addition to the National Cooperative Union of India. The Coop Centrale A.G. in the Federal Republic of Germany is now known as Coop Handels-und Produktions AG. The following organisations were deleted from membership: Inspection Général des Services Agricoles Coopération, Belgium and the Irish Agricultural Organisation Society Ltd, Irish Republic.

RESOURCES AND FINANCES

The main financial resources of the ICA are provided by the subscriptions from its member organisations. This subscription is based on either turnover, insurance premium payments or share capital, according to the type of cooperative, and there is a scale for non-economic organisations. The estimated expenditure for 1975 was £238,600. The estimated income was £240,000, and of this, about £193,000 came from subscriptions. This covered general running costs of the Head Office, and part of the costs of the two Regional Offices, the remainder being met by special contributions from national cooperative movements. In addition to the general budget, specific grants for particular projects were made from the ICA's Development Fund. This Fund is used for technical assistance projects in developing countries, and its income is in the form of voluntary contributions from member-organisations. In 1975 the Fund received contributions of £26,600. Grants totalling £31,700 were made for projects in Bangladesh, East and Central Africa, Mauritius and West Africa.

This report deals only with work directly financed by the Alliance and it should be borne in mind that outside the ICA programme of work, there is substantial bilateral assistance being given from cooperative movements in the more advanced countries directly to those in the developing countries.

The Secretariat numbers 78 persons, of whom 30 are at the Head Office in London, 33 at the Regional Office and Education Centre in New Delhi, India and 15 at the Regional Office in Moshi, Tanzania.

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

The Executive Committee, consisting of 16 members elected by the Central Committee, met in Tokyo and Stockholm in February and October, respectively. Consideration was given to the long-term programme of work for the International Cooperative Alliance and the resources needed to carry out such a programme. Further consideration was given to aid to cooperatives in developing countries and to ways and means of increasing contributions of member organisations to the ICA Development Fund.

The Committee decided to discontinue the German edition of the "Review of International Cooperation" due to escalating costs.

CENTRAL COMMITTEE

The Central Committee, composed of representatives of member organisations elected by Congress, met in October in Stockholm and was attended by 148 representatives from member organisations in 38 countries and representatives from the ILO, FAO and the Joint Committee for the Promotion of Aid to Cooperatives (COPAC).

One of the themes was **The Energy Crisis and Cooperatives** which dealt with the need to search for alternative sources of energy and for cooperatives to collaborate in securing supplies of petroleum, crude oil and natural gas. In order to implement this objective in the United States, the International Energy Cooperative has recently been established by 17 petroleum cooperatives. Cooperatives should take the leadership in voluntarily conserving energy or using alternative sources of energy which would conserve oil and gas. The debate highlighted the economic consequences of the energy crisis on all types of cooperative activity, and made reference to the cooperative involvement in the production and distribution of petroleum products in the Scandinavian countries, and the United States. In Sweden, OK, the oil cooperatives, are the largest suppliers of petrol and oil and they also sell their products abroad. The International Cooperative Petroleum Association which supplies petroleum products to its member organisations is engaged in prospecting for supplies of crude oil. Reference was also made to rural electric cooperatives, first established in the rural areas of the United States, which are now operating in some of the developing countries of Asia and Latin America, and to the important work cooperatives are carrying out in the field of pollution.

The second theme was **Youth and the Cooperative Movement**. A paper, prepared by the Secretariat, put forward certain recommendations dealing with action at national level and action by the ICA. The debate stressed the importance of involving young people in the activities of cooperatives of all types; of promoting school and student cooperatives, especially in the developing countries; and of teaching the principles of Cooperation to children and young people and of enlightening them that cooperation can make a considerable contribution in improving their standards of living. Particular stress was put on the holding of periodical international youth conferences to bring together young people from cooperative movements round the world.

A report was given on the discussions within the Working Party on **Collaboration between Cooperatives** which was set up by the Central Committee in 1974 to examine and report on the diverse methods of collaboration between all types of cooperatives without regard to frontiers, political systems, or the level of economic development of the country wherein the movement is located.

The Central Committee unanimously elected Mr Roger Kerinec, President of the Fédération Nationale des Coopératives de Consommateurs of France as President of the ICA to succeed Dr Mauritz Bonow. Mr P Sjøiland, President of Norges Kooperative Landsforening, was elected Vice-President in place of Mr Kerinec, and Mr N. Thedin, Vice-President of Kooperativa Förbundet, was elected to fill the vacancy on the Executive caused through the retirement of Dr Bonow.

Tribute was paid to the outgoing President, Dr Mauritz Bonow, who had held this post for 15 years. During this time he worked unceasingly for the decentralisation of the activities of the ICA which culminated first in the establishment of the ICA Regional Office and Education Centre in New Delhi, and later the ICA Regional Office for East and Central Africa, and for the improvement of relations with international governmental organisations. In recognition of the work undertaken by Dr Bonow for the cause of Cooperation, the Central Committee agreed to name the ICA Regional Office and Education Centre in New Delhi "Bonow House" and it further agreed to establish a study grant fund which will assist the promotion of cooperation in developing countries.

The Committee unanimously adopted resolutions dealing with the "Declaration on Principles guiding Relations between Participating States" as agreed by the Conference on Security and Cooperation in Europe held in Helsinki; the violation of human rights by state governments in countries with dictatorship regimes and military juntas; Cooperatives and International Women's Year; and the non-compliance with the UN Resolution 3212 relating to the re-establishment of the territorial integrity and sovereignty of the Republic of Cyprus.

SEMINARS AND CONFERENCES

In February a seminar on Functional Literacy for leading cooperators and government officials engaged in the promotion of cooperatives from English-speaking countries in West Africa was held in Ibadan, Nigeria, with the Cooperative Union of Western Nigeria acting as host. The seminar discussed the obstacles to cooperative development caused by illiteracy of members at the primary level and evaluated the role which the techniques of functional literacy could play in tackling the problem. Resources were provided to a large extent by the Norwegian Cooperative Solidarity Fund and by UNESCO.

The 43rd International Cooperative Seminar was held at Dresden, German Democratic Republic, in September in association with the Verband der Konsumgenossenschaften der DDR. Under the title "Technical Assistance for Cooperatives in Developing Countries—Need and Response" the Seminar aimed to make an objective review of progress made in the field of technical assistance during the first five years of the Cooperative Development Decade and to formulate policy guidelines for the future. Papers and case studies illustrating various aspects of technical assistance programmes were presented by experts from the field.

A number of conferences were organised by the Regional Offices in Asia and Africa. The Alliance also participated in other conferences organised by the United Nations Agencies. (Details of these conferences are given later in the Report.)

AUXILIARY COMMITTEES AND INTERNATIONAL COOPERATIVES

During the 1920s cooperators started to meet at the international level to exchange information and discuss their common problems in specific fields of cooperative activity. Over the years a number of Auxiliary Committees and Working Parties have been set up within the ICA.

The International Organisation for Consumer Cooperative Distributive Trades, INTER-COOP, was established in 1970 as a result of a merger of the Cooperative Wholesale Committee and the Committee on Retail Distribution. It now comprises 28 cooperative wholesale societies from 19 countries in Eastern and Western Europe, as well as Israel and Japan. INTER-COOP promotes the exchange of know-how in the field of retailing, joint purchasing and collaboration in production amongst its members.

At the annual meeting held in Stockholm in October "Dividend or Net Prices" was the main subject for discussion. It was reported that collaboration had increased in all fields in spite of the adverse economic position in many countries. Joint purchases of fruit and vegetables, confectionery and wines had made considerable strides. Although the restrictions on import licences in the non-food sector had presented certain difficulties, the specialised purchasing groups achieved a much higher turnover. Collaboration in the non-food sector has brought about improvement in quality and lower prices through the placing of bulk orders. In some cases it had also been possible to reach agreement on special discounts with some of the multinational suppliers.

During the year the working group dealing with "Department Stores and Shopping Centres" discussed the problems concerning furniture stores and the face-lifting of department stores. The working group on "Food Stores" dealt with the latest developments in small discount food stores in European countries.

The General Secretary of INTER-COOP was appointed General Manager of Nordisk Andelsforbund (NAF) in addition to his present job and it was decided to move the INTER-COOP Secretariat to Copenhagen.

Chairman: Mr Ch. VEVERKA, Société Générale des Coopératives de Consommation, Paris, France.

General Secretary: Mr R. VOLKERS, INTER-COOP, 3 Axelortv, 1609 Copenhagen V, Denmark.

The Nordisk Andelsforbund was established in 1918 by the cooperative wholesale societies of Denmark, Norway and Sweden as their common purchasing agency. Today NAF acts not only as agent for the cooperative wholesale societies in Scandinavia, but also for such enterprises in other countries. It deals mainly in foodstuffs and maintains its own depots in Argentina, Brazil, Denmark, Italy, Spain and the USA. A substantial increase in turnover has been achieved in recent years. NAF is a member of the International Cooperative Alliance.

An associate organisation of NAF is Nordisk Andels-Eksport which is mainly engaged in the export of furniture produced by cooperatives in the Scandinavian countries and other manufacturers to the Federal Republic of Germany, Japan, the United Kingdom and the USA.

The International Cooperative Petroleum Association, one of the international organisations in membership with the ICA, began business in New York in 1947. The first blending and refining plant of the ICPA was set up at Dordrecht, The Netherlands, in 1963. Similar plants have been constructed for the Ceylon Petroleum Corporation and the National Oil Company of Burma. Membership of the ICPA comprises 37 organisations in 24 countries.

At the annual meeting held in September in Colombo, Sri Lanka, it was reported that the total volume of sales had risen from almost \$8.5 million in 1974 to \$11 million in 1975. Details were given by representatives of a number of member organisations on the development of crude oil exploration and acquisition of crude-producing properties. Member organisations in Sweden, Ceylon, Egypt and the United States have extensive work in progress at the present time in their search for crude oil. The meeting dealt with areas of expansion for the ICPA and new ways in which the association could be of service to its members. Reports were given on new projects that have been carried out during the year and on the programme currently under way at ICPA's Dordrecht plant. New warehouse space is being added to this facility and other improvements are being undertaken that will continue to keep that plant one of the most modern and efficient blending and packaging operations in Europe.

12 member organisations participated in a seminar organised by the ICPA in The Netherlands. Lubrication practices of the future, the service programme of the ICPA for its members, techniques of marketing petroleum products, future trends in re-refining and cooperative efforts in oil exploration were the principal topics under discussion.

President: Mr A. R. CARLSSON, Oljeprospektering AB, Stockholm, Sweden.
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The International Cooperative Banking Committee was established in 1922 by seven European banks of consumer cooperatives. Since 1964 membership has been open to all cooperative banks and cooperative finance institutions directly or indirectly affiliated to the ICA.

Two meetings of the Executive and one meeting of the full Banking Committee were held in 1975. Subjects under discussion were the probable development of the world economy, especially with regard to the problem of the world monetary system and the recent trends in national and international financial markets, and the effects of such development on the financial affairs of enterprises, such as consumer cooperatives. It was recommended that in view of the comparatively low interest rates charged consumer cooperatives should consolidate their financial position through medium-term borrowing, as long-term loans were at present not easily available. Consideration was also given to the financing of cooperative enterprises in developing countries. Such financing could only be made possible through the International Cooperative Bank provided funds were made available from national and international finance organisations. Members of the

Executive of the Banking Committee indicated their willingness to make additional funds available in the financing of cooperative development in the Third World and also underwrite some of the risks. The exchange programme for the training of staff of banks in membership with the Banking Committee was now in operation.

Chairman: Dr W. HESSELBACH, Bank für Gemeinwirtschaft AG, Frankfurt/Main, Federal Republic of Germany.

Secretary: Mr M. G. HESS, Bank für Gemeinwirtschaft AG, Mainzer Landstrasse 16-24, Frankfurt/Main, Federal Republic of Germany.

The International Cooperative Bank, a member of the ICA, established in 1957 was reconstituted as a commercial bank under Swiss law in 1965. At present 50 cooperatives and non-profit organisations from 20 countries in all parts of the world participate in the share capital of the Bank. During the year the balance sheet total increased by about 17%, reaching the sum of sfrs. 1,248 billion. Demands for credit to shareholders and customers were met and services, such as portfolio management and investment advice, were considerably expanded.

Chairman: Dr W. HESSELBACH, Bank für Gemeinwirtschaft AG, Frankfurt/Main, Federal Republic of Germany.

Managers: Mr D. GRETHE, Mr K. E. VOGELSANG, International Cooperative Bank Co. Ltd., Aeschengraben 12, CH 4010, Basle, Switzerland.

The International Cooperative Insurance Federation (ICIF), formerly the International Cooperative Insurance Committee, was formed in 1922 and now has 70 member societies in 27 countries.

The Executive Committee of the Federation met in San Francisco, USA, in April and appointed a reference group to study "The Role of a Cooperative Insurance Society in a Developing Country". A Reserve Expert Fund was established to further the work of the Insurance Development Bureau. The newly formed Cooperative Insurance System of the Philippines was admitted into membership.

The ICIF publishes an occasional Insurance Bulletin and a booklet entitled "World-wide Cooperative Insurance" outlining the work of the Federation and its ancillary organisations.

Chairman: Mr R. LEMAIRE, "La Prévoyance Sociale", Brussels, Belgium.

Secretary: Mr H. SEELEY, Cooperative Insurance Society Ltd, Miller Street, Manchester M60 0AL, United Kingdom.

Assistant Secretary: Mr F. H. Edwards, CIS, Manchester (address as above).

The International Cooperative Reinsurance Bureau (ICRB) was established by the ICIF in 1949 in order to simplify and develop the exchange of reinsurance between the insurance cooperative societies throughout the world. In addition the Bureau assists newly established cooperative insurance societies by providing them with technical advice and reinsurance facilities so essential in their early formative years. To extend these objectives a full time Reinsurance Manager was appointed.

Chairman: Mr R. LEMAIRE, "La Prévoyance Sociale", Brussels, Belgium.

Secretary: Mr P. D. JOHNSON, Cooperative Insurance Society Ltd, Miller Street, Manchester, M60 0AL, United Kingdom.

Manager: Mr D. BRISCALL, c/o CIS, Manchester (address as above).

The Insurance Development Bureau (IDB) was set up in 1963 to undertake feasibility studies of proposed cooperative insurance projects in developing countries, to provide technical assistance and loan guarantees to new insurance cooperatives, to facilitate training and to provide publicity material for cooperatives in developing countries. A loan guarantee fund has been set up to cover credit risks of loans made available to cooperatives for raising the necessary capital for starting insurance operations. The fund is administered by a holding company, Allnations Inc.

During the year cooperative insurance societies have been registered in Kenya and Uganda. A cooperative insurance adviser, who is attached to the ICA Regional Office in Moshi, Tanzania, has been appointed by the IDB to assist cooperative movements in East and Central Africa in matters relating to insurance. At the request of UNCTAD the Insurance Development Bureau is undertaking a study on cooperative insurance in developing countries. A seminar on cooperative insurance for Latin American cooperatives was held in October in Bogota, Colombia.

Chairman and Secretary: Mr K. BACK, Folksam Insurance Group, 104 60 Stockholm 20, Sweden.

Assistant Secretary: Ms B. LINDSTRÖM, Folksam Insurance Group (address as above).

The International Committee of Workers' Cooperative Productive and Artisanal Societies established in 1947 now has 24 members in 19 countries.

The activities of the Committee were seriously affected by the untimely death of the Secretary, Dr E. Mondini, earlier in the year. At the meeting of the Committee held in Stockholm in October Mr B. Catalano was appointed Secretary.

At its meeting the Committee discussed the recent revival of interest in workers' cooperatives in the industrialised countries probably caused by the unfavourable economic situation. In collaboration with UNIDO, the Centre for the Promotion of Industrial Cooperatives which operates under the guidance of the Committee has established a permanent training centre at Gdansk, Poland, for future managers of newly established industrial cooperatives in the developing countries. The Committee initiated a number of bilateral exchanges between workers' cooperatives in developed and developing countries. A Franco-Polish seminar on "Workers' Cooperatives in Planned and Market Economies" was held in Paris in November.

The Committee has an Executive which consists of the President, Vice-President, Secretary and two other members.

Chairman: Mr A. ANTONI, Confédération Générale des Sociétés Coopératives Ouvrières de Production, Paris, France.

Secretary: Mr B. CATALANO, Federazione Nazionale Cooperative di Produzione e Lavoro, Borgo Santo Spirito 78, 00193, Rome, Italy.

Formed in 1951, the **International Committee on Agricultural Cooperation** includes in its membership cooperatives in the field of agriculture, forestry and fisheries. At the end of 1975 there were 34 members from 27 countries.

The full meeting of the Committee held in Stockholm in October considered the problem of the financial situation of agricultural cooperatives at a time of escalating inflation and discussed various aspects of the long-term programme. During the year the Committee expanded its contacts, and promoted collaboration with other international organisations involved in agricultural cooperation. Assistance to member organisations included the assessment of new statutes and the

establishment of contacts between cooperatives wishing to enter into trade negotiations.

The Steering Group of the Committee consisting of the Chairman, Vice-Chairman and the Secretary met to discuss the long-term programme of the Agricultural Committee and ways and means of boosting the activities of agricultural cooperatives throughout the world.

Matters relating to agriculture and fisheries in South-East Asia are dealt with by the Sub-Committee for Agriculture and Trade for South East Asia.

Chairman: Dr L. MALFETTANI, Confederazione Cooperative Italiane, Rome, Italy.

Secretary: Dr Z. JUCHNIEWICZ, International Cooperative Alliance, 11 Upper Grosvenor Street, London W1X 9PA, United Kingdom.

The growing interest of fisheries cooperatives in international affairs brought about the formation of the **Fisheries Sub-Committee** in 1966.

The Committee consists of 10 members from 8 countries. The main task of the Fisheries Sub-Committee in 1975 was the organisation of the First Open World Conference on Cooperative Fisheries held in Tokyo from 29th September–4th October which was attended by over 300 participants from 26 countries. The theme of the Conference was “The Modernisation of Fisheries and the Rational Utilisation of Resources—the Role of Cooperatives”. The Conference emphasised that cooperative fisheries can assist fishermen in rationalising production and marketing, can undertake research and can also provide technical advice. The future development of the fishing industry was dependent on new forms of aquaculture, such as fish farming in the sea by making use of man-made reefs. Technological and biological means to fight the pollution of the sea were demonstrated at the Conference.

Chairman: Mr P. LACOUR, Confédération des Organismes de Crédit Maritime Mutuel, Paris, France.

Secretary: Dr Z. JUCHNIEWICZ, International Cooperative Alliance, 11 Upper Grosvenor Street, London W1X 9PA, United Kingdom.

The International Cooperative Housing Committee, formed in 1952, comprises 27 full members and 6 supporting organisations from 19 countries which are all active in the field of housing on a nationwide basis.

At its meeting held in Stockholm in October, the Housing Committee discussed on the basis of reports submitted by the working parties the following themes: Problems of financing, the use of data processing to reduce costs in administration, employers' participation in the financing of housing, relations between housing cooperatives and public authorities, the size of a housing cooperative and democratic management in cooperatives. The Committee also considered collaboration with the ECE Committee on Housing, Building and Planning of the United Nations and plans were finalised to participate in the UN World Conference on Human Settlements Habitat, which will take place in Vancouver, Canada, in the spring of 1976. Members of the Committee expressed their concern about the increasing difficulties arising out of the present economic situation which has had detrimental effects on the housing industry, particularly in Western Europe. The problems of risks in cooperative housing projects is to be considered by a new working group set up for this purpose.

During the year the Executive met in Paris and Stockholm.

The Committee publishes a quarterly "Co-op Housing Bulletin" in English, French and German.

Chairman: Mr S. KYPENGRÉN, HSB:s Riksförbund ek för, Stockholm, Sweden.

Joint Secretaries: Mr A. JOHNSSON, HSB:s Riksförbund ek för, Fack, S-100, 21 Stockholm 18, Sweden.

Mr R. P. B. DAVIES, International Cooperative Alliance, 11 Upper Grosvenor Street, London W1X 9PA, United Kingdom.

The International Cooperative Housing Development Association (ICHDA) serves as technical assistance and development arm for the International Cooperative Housing Committee of the ICA. It was established in 1966 as an international, non-profit organisation to help cooperatives in the developing countries to improve their shelter and community activities through cooperative efforts. ICHDA is a member of the ICA, comprising 19 national organisations in 15 countries.

ICHDA has signed a contract with the UN Capital Development Fund and the UN Development Programme to undertake a low-cost cooperative housing project in Lesotho. Arrangements were completed to send a full-time cooperative housing specialist from KK, Finland, to work with the urban development section of the Economic Commission for Africa in Addis Ababa, Ethiopia; the cost of the technical service will be borne by the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of the Government of Finland. A feasibility study was carried out for the LAMCO Steel Company in Liberia which is interested in the development of a cooperative housing project to provide home ownership for its employees and others. ICHDA concluded a contract with the government of Canada to provide a technical specialist to work on cooperative housing for the Indians and Eskimos in Northern Territories in Canada. Two cooperative housing specialists went to the Ivory Coast to assist in the development of a cooperative housing programme to be integrated with the ILO Cooperative Development Center. A study of "Cooperative Building, Building Materials and Housing Enterprises" covering developments in cooperatives in Northern Europe was carried out at the request of UNIDO.

Consideration has been given to move the executive office from Washington to Europe because of the predominant European membership of ICHDA.

President: Mr W. J. CAMPBELL, Suite 801, 1629 K Street, NW, Washington D.C. 2006, USA.

The Organisation for Cooperative Consumer Policy, was established in 1973. The Committee comprises cooperative organisations in 19 countries representing over 50 million consumers.

At the General Assembly held in Stockholm in October the main subject for discussion was "The Consumer Cooperative Movement and Legislation on Consumer Protection". The subject was introduced by the Deputy Consumer Ombudsman, who outlined the position in Sweden and also explained the duties of the Consumer Ombudsman. Country reports were given by representatives of consumer cooperatives from Finland, France, Japan, Norway and the United Kingdom. The Assembly also received an account of the activities of INTER-COOP and a report on consumer information through labelling.

The meeting agreed to certain changes in the rules, including an increase in the contributions from member organisations.

A proposal was made by the Japanese representatives that the ICA should appeal to the United Nations and some of its Specialised Agencies, to establish a food standards commission to deal, among other things, with pollution, and further that the ICA should appeal to the United Nations, its Specialised Agencies and other non-governmental organisations to press for the testing of goods at the international level.

The Committee maintains close relations with the Commission on Marketing, Advertising and Distribution of the International Chamber of Commerce.

Chairman: Mr N. THEDIN, Kooperativa Förbundet, Stockholm, Sweden.

Secretary: Mr J. SEMLER-COLLERY, Fédération Nationale des Coopératives de Consommateurs, 27-33 Quai le Gallo, 92 100 BOULOGNE BILLANCOURT, France.

The ICA Women's Committee, formerly the Women Cooperators' Advisory Council, was established in 1974, and the Committee has 32 members from 26 countries.

In response to International Women's Year the meeting of the Committee was held at FAO headquarters in April in Rome. This was followed by an open meeting in which a panel of speakers representing the ICA, FAO and non-governmental organisations opened the discussion on "The Involvement of Women in Rural Development through Cooperatives". The Women's Agricultural Working Party which was set up some years ago held its meeting in Ljubljana, Yugoslavia, combining with it study sessions and visits to cooperatives in rural areas.

A special edition of the ICA "Review of International Cooperation" was devoted to International Women's Year. A conference on "The Role of Women in Cooperative Development" organised by the Regional Office and Education Centre for South-East Asia was held in Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia, in July. The Regional Office in East and Central Africa arranged a series of national training seminars. The Committee was represented at the UN World Conference of Women held in Mexico, the World Congress for International Women's Year held in Berlin, the UNESCO Symposium for Women held in Paris and the European Seminar for Women held in Brussels.

The Committee has an Executive Committee consisting of the Chairman, two Vice-Chairmen and two other members.

Chairman: Ms S. RÄIKKONEN, Kulutusosuuskuntien Keskusliitto, Helsinki, Finland.

Secretary: Ms M. J. RUSSELL, International Cooperative Alliance, 11 Upper Grosvenor Street, London W1X 9PA, United Kingdom.

The Secretary of the Women's Committee is also responsible for Youth activities. "Youth and the Cooperative Movement" was one of the themes of the Central Committee (see p 6). The background paper which formed the basis for the discussion is obtainable from the ICA. Liaison has been established with the appropriate UN Specialised Agencies and a number of non-governmental organisations promoting youth activities.

WORKING PARTIES

Over the years a number of working parties have been established within the ICA.

The International Working Party of Cooperative Librarians and Documentation Officers met at the Cooperative College at Jollas, near Helsinki, Finland in August. The main aim of the meeting was to produce a long-term programme of work for incorporation into the ICA's long-term programme. It was reported that a Directory of Cooperative Libraries and Documentation Services had been published.

The Working Party on Cooperative Press which met on the occasion of the Central Committee discussed "The Role of our Press in Developing Cooperative Democracy". A report was given on the publication of the "Directory of the Cooperative Press" and on the Handbook on "The Why and How of Producing a Cooperative Newsletter" to be published by the ILO.

The Research Officers' Group met in Sion, Switzerland, in September to discuss "Democracy and Efficiency in Cooperatives". The deliberations were based on reports given by representatives from cooperative organisations in Canada, Finland, Japan, Sweden, Switzerland and the United Kingdom. It was generally recognised that maintaining cooperative democracy in large and centralised organisations presented a real problem to the cooperative movement.

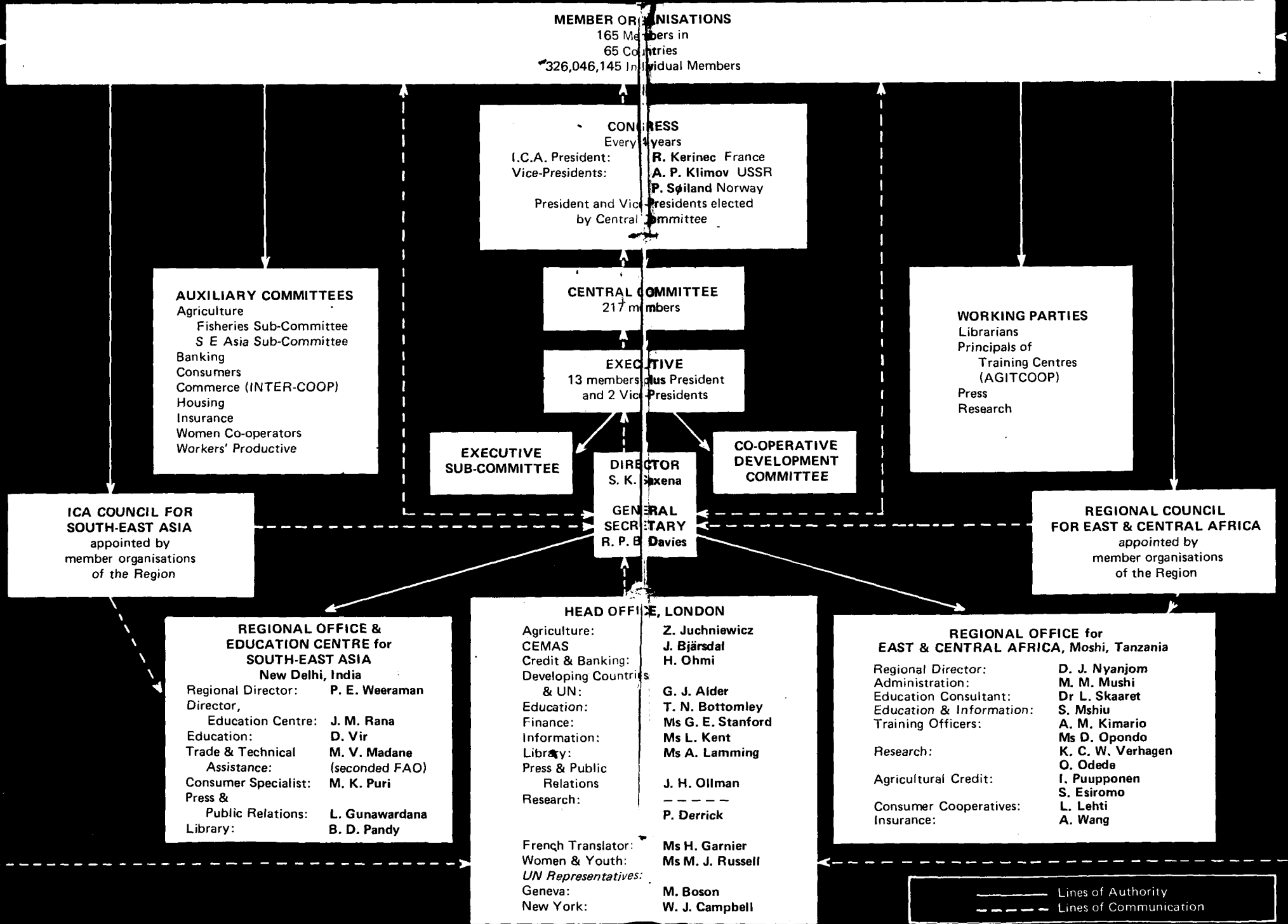
The Advisory Group for International Training of Cooperators (AGITCOOP) met in Stockholm in October. The main items of discussion included the development of the Cooperative Education Materials Advisory Service (CEMAS), teacher training facilities, research into training needs and the future role of the International Cooperative Training Centres. In order to provide a more representative attendance at meetings of the Executive of AGITCOOP, it was decided to expand the Executive by cooption of six additional members.

All these Working Parties are serviced from the ICA Secretariat.

WORK IN THE THIRD WORLD

The ICA is constantly evaluating its activities and policies with regard to cooperative development in the Third World and in this context a significant event was the ICA Seminar on "Assistance for Cooperatives in Developing Countries—Need and Response" held in Dresden in September. Several areas of ICA policy and activity were identified as being of crucial importance. They include the need for the ICA to increasingly act as a focal point for movement-to-movement assistance, the need for the ICA to act more assertively at the international level, particularly with regard to other international organisations, and the need for the ICA to expand its regional programmes.

The ICA also decided to respond to the request of the Secretary-General of the UN to organise an Experts' Consultation on "Cooperatives and the Poor" which is planned to take place in 1977.



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— Lines of Authority
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The existing Regional Offices for South-East Asia and East and Central Africa carry forward the main impetus of ICA's work in the Third World. These offices act as coordination centres, promote the exchange of information, undertake educational and training activities, engage in research and the promotion of trade.

Regional Office and Education Centre for South-East Asia

Bonow House, 43 Friends Colony, P O Box 3312, New Delhi, India

The Regional Office and Education Centre set up with the assistance of the Swedish cooperative movement was opened in December 1960.

ICA Council for South-East Asia

The ICA Council for South-East Asia, a body consisting of member organisations in the Region meets annually and met in December in Manila, the Philippines, when the Council approved the programme of work for 1976-77.

The Council established certain priorities of work for the Regional Office for the coming year following the discussions on the recommendations put forward by the team which carried out an assessment of the work of the Regional Office at the Central Committee and the recommendations made by the Experts' Consultation held in December. The Consultation considered "The Trends, Problems and Changing Needs of the Cooperative Movements of South-East Asia and the Role of the ICA in this regard".

The Sub-Committee for Agriculture and Trade for South-East Asia and the Working Group for Fisheries met in Manila on the occasion of the Council meeting.

Educational Activities

Two regional seminars were held during the year—one on "The Development of Dairy Cooperatives in South-East Asia" in India and the other on "Agricultural Cooperative Marketing with Special Emphasis on Distribution Methods" in Japan. An "Asian Conference on Cooperative Management" was held in Manila in the Philippines, in December. Six teachers from India, Indonesia, Korea, the Philippines, Sri Lanka and Thailand took part in the Teachers' Development Programme during August to October.

The Regional Office published a report on the Education Field Project in the Indore District of India jointly undertaken by the ICA and the National Cooperative Union of India. The project which was started in 1971 has proved successful and the societies themselves have now started to provide additional funds for continuing the programme. The project has shown that cooperative institutions at the primary and district level must be actively involved in the educational work.

Technical Assistance

The ICA Coordinator of Aid Projects in Bangladesh completed his assignment in March 1975.

Gifts made to the Rangunia Thana Central Cooperative Association of Bangladesh were conveyed through the Regional Office. The Cooperative Maritime Services of Canada donated \$2,000 worth of irrigation equipment and the cooperative movement of Sweden contributed Skr.100,000 of which Skr.20,000 were used for the purchase of incubators for use by women cooperators of the Rangunia Thana Association.

The Cooperative Development Committee agreed to meet the cost of a study on the role which the cooperative movements covered by the ICA Regional Office for South-East Asia could play in increasing food production in their own countries. An expert will carry out a study in selected countries to determine the contribution the cooperative movements could make towards the attainment of self-sufficiency of food in those countries.

Promotion of Cooperative Trade

The Regional Office continued to act as a clearing house for the trade information of interest to member organisations in the Region and to publish the monthly bulletin entitled "ICA Trade News". The International Cooperative Trading Organisation established through the efforts of the Regional Office in 1974 in Singapore started operations in June 1975. ICA member movements in eight countries are members of the ICTO.

The Regional Office publishes a quarterly Regional Bulletin.

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The Regional Office and Education Centre for South-East Asia is financed by the ICA, the Swedish International Development Authority (SIDA), the Swedish Cooperative Centre and cooperative organisations in the Region.

Regional Office for East and Central Africa

P O Box 946, Moshi, Tanzania

The Regional Office for East and Central Africa was established in October 1968 with the assistance of the Swedish Cooperative Centre to support and promote cooperative development programmes in the Region. At present the Regional Office mainly assists the cooperative movements in Kenya, Tanzania, Uganda and Zambia, but plans are under consideration to extend the work to other countries.

Meetings

The Regional Cooperative Council met once during the year to review the work of the Regional Office and formulate a programme of work for the ensuing year. The two Standing Committees on Credit and Finance and on Cooperative Education and Training met twice during the year. The meeting of the Standing Committee on Credit and Finance held in the autumn was attended by the Director of the ICA, Dr S. K. Saxena.

The Conference for Cooperative Commissioners in the Region, which is an annual event, was held in Moshi in September.

Educational Activities

Educational activities and training in the Region which are the main tasks of the Regional Office covered an Ad-Hoc Consultation of Cooperative Principals in the Region: training seminars for senior managers of secondary societies from all countries in the Region; a regional seminar on multipurpose cooperatives; and a regional seminar on modern practice of adult education.

Consultancy Services

A consultancy service on Rural Credit was established in 1973 with financial support from the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Finland and a counterpart is now responsible for the project. An expert on consumer cooperatives was assigned to the Regional Office by Kulutusosuuskuntien Keskusliitto (KK) of Finland in 1974. With the assistance of the Swedish Cooperative Centre a Cooperative Education and Training Consultancy Service was established at the Regional Office during the year. A cooperative insurance adviser has been appointed by the Insurance Development Bureau to assist cooperative movements in the Region in matters related to insurance.

Research

The Research Unit at the Regional Office which is supported by the International Technical Assistance Department of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs in The Netherlands has carried out a number of activities. The Unit was involved in the preparation of the seminar on multipurpose cooperatives. A report based on a survey on "High Level Manpower Training Needs and Facilities" was completed during the year and a field study on "Government Control and Cooperative Performance" has been initiated.

Information and Publicity

The official journal of the Regional Office has been renamed "ICA Regional Office Cooperative News", and will be published quarterly.

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The Regional Office for East and Central Africa is financed by the ICA, the Swedish International Development Authority (SIDA), the Swedish Cooperative Centre and the cooperative movements of Denmark, Finland and Norway.

Mission of International Experts to Mauritius

A five-men mission headed by Dr S. K. Saxena, Director of the ICA, visited Mauritius in November at the invitation of the Mauritius Cooperative Union. The purpose of the mission was to advise the Union on the planning of an appropriate programme of work intended to develop the activities and improve the efficiency of the Union.

Latin America

LATICI

Since 1969, the Alliance in partnership with the Swedish International Development Authority (SIDA) and the Swedish Cooperative Centre (SCC) has financed the Latin American Technical Institute for Cooperative Integration (Latici). Latici assists cooperatives in a limited geographical area to consolidate their activities and helps them achieve the maximum output from their human, technical and economic resources.

The most important activity which has been carried out during the year has been the grouping of Latici into four administrative regions, ie Central America:

Venezuela and Colombia; Brazil, Uruguay, Bolivia and Argentina; and the Caribbean. All the regions have their own regional representatives and three of them also have their own education and training centre.

One international and two regional working conferences were held during the year which contributed to increasing contacts of Latic in Latin America.

Director of the project: Mr J. W. Ames, GPO Box 4103, San Juan, Puerto Rico 00936.

OCA

The formation of the Organization of the Cooperatives of America was agreed at an All-American Cooperative Conference held in Colombia in 1962. The membership of OCA consists of 275 cooperative institutions in Central and South America.

During the year OCA participated in the establishment of the National Institute of Cooperatives in Bolivia, organised the International Seminar of the Andian Pact countries on Cooperation and the Latinamerican Seminar on School Cooperatives. OCA participated in the Interamerican Seminar on Cooperative Finance organised by SIDEFCOOP. The Adult Education Department of OCA in collaboration with the University of Peru is engaged in providing programmes of technical training and education to assist communities to develop self-help solutions to their problems.

President: Mr M. R. R. DOMPER, Argentina.

Executive Director: Mr A. ROSSI R., Organization of the Cooperatives of America, POB 4657, Correo Central, Lima, Peru.

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Technical Assistance Calendar

To encourage collaboration in the field of technical assistance, the ICA has published an annual Calendar of Technical Assistance for Cooperatives since it was first suggested at the Technical Assistance Conference in Denmark in 1966. The Calendar which lists seminars on cooperative activities, training courses, and technical assistance projects in countries throughout the world from a variety of organisations and agencies engaged in the promotion of cooperatives in developing countries, has widened in scope over the years.

Research Register

A directory of organisations which engage in research on cooperatives in developing countries was published in 1974. This has now been supplemented by a bibliography of research on cooperatives in developing countries undertaken during the years 1968-1972. The project is being carried out by the ICA in collaboration with the Polish and Hungarian Cooperative Research Institutes, using funds donated by the two cooperative movements to the Cooperative Development Decade.

Cooperative Education Materials Advisory Service

As an outcome of the Cooperative Education Techniques Project organised in association with the Cooperative League of the USA, a Cooperative Education

Materials Advisory Service (CEMAS) has been established as a permanent feature of the educational service of the ICA. The service is operated by a special unit at the head office and the Regional Offices. CEMAS is financed with a grant from the Swedish Cooperative Centre and it is hoped to secure other funds for further development of this project.

Project Director: Mr J. BJÄRSDAL, International Cooperative Alliance, 11 Upper Grosvenor Street, London W1X 9PA, United Kingdom.

THE ICA AND THE UNITED NATIONS

Whilst the more visible aspect of ICA's relations with the UN family of organisations is represented by attendance at a variety of UN conferences, meetings, etc, some of which are noted below, there is in addition continual contact with UN secretariats on subjects of common interest. For example, 1975 saw the launching of an exercise to improve field-level relations in developing countries between NGOs and UN organisations, particularly UNDP, and the ICA will be working with its member organisations during 1976 to assist in its implementation. The ICA has worked with other NGOs and the UN in elaborating the guidelines for this exercise. The ICA has also made contact with the newly established UN Commission on Transnational Corporations, a topic which has been discussed in depth at several ICA Conferences.

At the 58th Session of ECOSOC held in April/May the UN Secretary General reported on the "Contribution made by the Cooperative Movement to the Objectives of the UN Second Development Decade". The report contained recommendations of particular interest to the international cooperative movement: The need to improve the international system for providing finance for cooperatives in the developing countries; the possibility of strengthening the ICA Development Fund to help promote, within the context of integrated rural development, cooperative projects at the village level; increased assistance for cooperative education and training schemes; and action designed to promote the international exchange of experience, expertise and information relevant to cooperative development.

The Second General Conference of UNIDO held in Lima, Peru, in March stated in its Declaration and Plan that national industrialisation policies in developing countries should encourage and support small, medium-scale and rural industries and to this end due attention should also be given to industrial cooperatives as a means of mobilising the local, human, natural and financial resources.

October saw many delegates converging on Rome for the FAO World Conference on Credit for Farmers in Developing Countries. Delegates were urged to find ways to assist the impoverished small farmers and the lagging agricultural development of these countries which are presently suffering from combined food and economic crises in the world. The Director General of FAO stated that what was needed was political commitment from governments and the necessary financial support from central banks to assist agricultural and cooperative banks in resolving whatever conflict there may be between sound loan policies and the social objectives of credit programmes. Dr M. Bonow, representing the ICA, made a statement at the Conference on "Reaching the Smaller Producers" in which he gave examples of collaboration between banking institutions and cooperative enterprises.

On the occasion of the 18th Session of the FAO Conference held in Rome in November, the ICA Director, Dr Saxena, made a statement during the discussion on "Agricultural Production and Trade: Review of the World Fisheries Situation" in which he drew the attention of the Conference to the World Conference on Cooperative Fisheries which had been held in Tokyo under the sponsorship of the ICA and made mention of some of the recommendations put forward at this meeting.

The ICA was represented at the International Labour Conference. A close study is being made of the Recommendations adopted at the Conference on "Organisations of Rural Workers and their Role in Social and Economic Organisation" to assess how it might affect cooperatives.

During the year ICA representatives took part in a UNESCO experts' meeting and in the UNESCO General Conference. The ICA participated in a Symposium on Workers' Education organised by UNESCO in Paris in December.

Mention was made earlier in the Report of ICA's representation at UN events organised in connection with International Women's Year.

Within the Economic Commission for Europe the ICA continued to maintain relations with the Committee on Housing, Building and Planning and was represented for the first time at the meeting of the Committee on Agricultural Problems. The ICA Regional Office for South-East Asia has represented the ICA at the First Session of the Committee on Agricultural Development of the Economic and Social Commission for Asia and the Pacific.

UN Representation—New York

Mr Wallace J. Campbell has been appointed the ICA representative to the United Nations in New York in succession to Mr H. Liebman. Mr Campbell, who has been the President of the International Cooperative Housing Development Association (ICHDA) since its inception in 1966, has a long and wide experience of international cooperative affairs.

PARTICIPATION IN OTHER COMMITTEES

The ICA has continued to play an active role in the **Joint Committee for the Promotion of Aid to Cooperatives (COPAC)** which coordinates activities of organisations working in the field of promoting cooperatives. The other organisations represented on the Committee are: UN, ILO, FAO, the International Federation of Agricultural Producers (IFAP), the International Federation of Plantation, Agricultural and Allied Workers (IFPAAW) and the World Council of Credit Unions (WOCCU).

Chairman: Mr T. SIDIBÉ, ILO, Geneva, Switzerland.

Executive Secretary: Mr R. HEWLETT, COPAC, c/o FAO, Via delle Terme di Caracalla, 00100 Rome, Italy.

The International Liaison Committee on Cooperative Thrift and Credit was established by the Third International Conference on Cooperative Thrift and Credit held in London in 1974 to promote the development of thrift and credit

cooperatives throughout the world and to coordinate their activities at the international level. Membership of the Committee is open to national, central or similar thrift and credit cooperatives and national cooperative unions and other organisations which have at their aim the promotion of thrift and credit cooperatives.

At its meeting held in April in Frankfurt, Federal Republic of Germany, the Committee decided to set up three working groups to study the international economic situation, including foreign exchange markets; the problems of management caused by standardisation of management techniques in cooperative and mutual credit societies; and the methods of collecting savings. At its meeting held in Québec, Canada, in October, the Committee agreed to participate in the study on the feasibility of operating an International Lending Programme jointly with the World Council of Credit Unions and COPAC with financial assistance from the Canadian International Development Authority (CIDA).

Members of the International Liaison Committee are Fédération de Montréal des Caisses Desjardins, Canada; Fédération des Caisses d'Economie du Québec, Canada; Fédération du Québec des Unions Régionales des Caisses Populaires Desjardins, Canada; Confédération National du Crédit Mutuel, France; Union du Crédit Coopératif, France; National Cooperative Union of India; Central Cooperative Bank for Agriculture and Forestry, Japan; Groupe Raiffeisen du Bénélux, The Netherlands; the World Council of Credit Unions, and the International Cooperative Alliance.

Chairman: Mr P. LACOUR, Confédération des Organismes de Crédit Maritime Mutuel, Paris.

Joint Secretaries: Ms A.-M. ROBERT, Caisse Centrale de Crédit Coopératif, 18 bis, Avenue Hoche, 75008 Paris, France.

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SOME ICA PUBLICATIONS

The International Co-operative Alliance 1895-1970 by W. P. Watkins	£2.50
L'Alliance Coopérative Internationale 1895-1970 by W. P. Watkins (translated from the English by Françoise Baulier)	£4.00
La Alianza Cooperativa Internacional 1895-1970 by W. P. Watkins <i>(obtainable only from Intercoop Editora Cooperativa Ltda., Humberto 1°. 2318.le.P.A. Buenos Aires, Argentina).</i>	US\$6.00
Studies & Reports No 11 —Collaboration between Trade Unions and Cooperatives in Developing Countries—a Survey. (English only)	£0.75
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Vocabulary of Co-operative Terms —English, French, German, Russian and Spanish	£3.00
Annual Statistics of Affiliated Organisations 1972/73	£1.50

Review of International Co-operation (bi-monthly—English, French) Annual subscription £2.50*
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Co-operative News Service (Monthly—English only) Annual subscription £1.50*
Agricultural Co-operative Bulletin (Monthly—English with French summary) Annual subscription £1.50*
Consumer Affairs Bulletin (Monthly—English, French) Annual subscription £1.50*
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Indian Cooperative Laws vis-a-vis Cooperative Principles by P. E. Weeraman, R. C. Dwivedi and P. Sheshadri	Rs. 40.00
International Cooperative Trade in South-East Asia , by M. V. Madane	Rs. 3.00
Amalgamation of Primary Cooperatives —The Japanese Experience by L. Gunawardana	Rs. 15.00
State and Co-operative Development	Rs. 20.00
Communication and the Cooperative Teacher , by Daman Prakash	Rs. 20.00

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Österreichischer Raiffeisenverband, *Hollandstrasse 2, 1020 Vienna*. Tel. 26 360.

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Fédération Nationale des Coopératives Chrétiennes, *135 rue de la Loi, 1040 Brussels*. Tel. 02735-60-90.

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Conseil Canadien de la Coopération, *Case postale 58, Station N, Montréal 129*. Tel. 866-8048.

Ceylon: See "Sri Lanka".

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Cooperativa de Empleados Particulares Ltda., *Teatinos 610, Casilla 424, Santiago de Chile*. Tel. 82935.

Instituto de Financiamiento Cooperativo, IFICOOP, Ltda., *Agustinas 853, Oficina 547, Casilla 1118, Santiago de Chile*. Tel. 398253.

Unión Cooperativa de Seguros (Ucoseg) Ltda., *Moneda 1040, of. 704-705, Santiago de Chile*. Tel. 81295; 65100.

Unión de Cooperativas de Consumo y Servicios de Chile Ltda. ("U-Coop"), *Agustinas 1141, 7° Piso, Casilla 14439, Santiago de Chile*. Tel. 715256.

Colombia: Cooperativa Familiar de Medellín Ltda., *Calle 49, No. 52-49, Medellín*. Tel. 45-00-55; 41-71-13; 41-53-78.

Instituto Nacional de Financiamiento y Desarrollo Cooperativo (Financiacoop), *Carrera 13, No. 27-00, Edif. Bochica, piso 2°, Int. 9, Apto Aéreo 12242, Bogotá*. Tel. 81-06-00.

Cyprus: Co-operative Central Bank Ltd., *P.O. Box 4537, Nicosia*. Tel. 62921; 62677; 63311.

- Cyprus Turkish Co-operative Central Bank Ltd.,
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- Vine Products Co-operative Marketing Union
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4582.
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Banegardspladsen 13, 1570 Copenhagen V. Tel.
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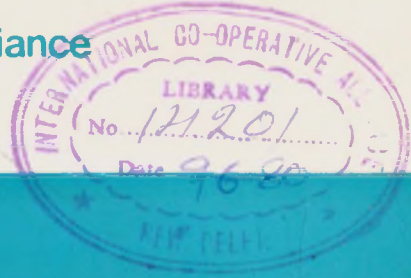
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THE INTERNATIONAL COOPERATIVE ALLIANCE was formed in London in 1895 as an association of national cooperatives. Its objects are:

- **To be the universal representative of cooperative organisations of all types which, in practice, observe the cooperative principles.**
- **To propagate cooperative principles and methods throughout the world.**
- **To promote cooperation in all countries.**
To safeguard the interests of the cooperative movement in all its forms.
- **To maintain good relations between its affiliated organisations.**
- **To promote friendly and economic relations between the cooperative organisations of all types, nationally and internationally.**
- **To work for the establishment of lasting peace and security.**
- **To assist in the promotion of the economic and social progress of the workers of all countries.**

Membership of the Alliance is granted by the ICA Executive Committee and is open to associations of persons or cooperative organisations which observe the aims of the ICA and the policy laid down by its Congress.

Any association of persons, or of societies, irrespective of its legal constitution, shall be recognised as a cooperative society provided that it has for its object the economic and social betterment of its members by means of the exploitation of an enterprise based upon mutual aid, and that it conforms to the cooperative principles as established by the Rochdale Pioneers and as reformulated by the 23rd Congress of the ICA.



The Congress of the International Cooperative Alliance is held every four years; the next will be held in Moscow in 1980.

The annual celebrations of International Cooperative Day take place throughout the world when the ICA's Declaration for International Cooperative Day is read.



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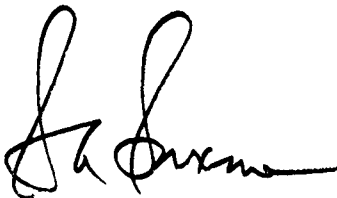
This brief Annual Report deals in a concise way with the activities carried out by the ICA and its auxiliary committees in 1976. This was the first full year with M. Roger Kerinec, France, as President, and it was fitting that the main ICA event of the year, the 26th quadrennial Congress, should be held in Paris in September.

Congress approved a Work-Programme for the ICA which emphasised the need for programmes which would help cooperatives as efficient economic organisations; would strengthen cooperatives in the environment in which they function; would ensure that the Cooperative Movement responded to global issues, emphasising the international solidarity of the Cooperative Movement and the significance of its work in developing countries, in active collaboration with the United Nations and its specialised agencies. The effective execution of these enlarged tasks will require increased manpower and financial resources for the ICA.

Collaboration between cooperatives was the other main theme considered by Congress. It has always been the aim of the ICA to promote such collaboration and the discussion revealed that collaboration is essential if cooperatives are effectively to confront growing competition in all fields of cooperative activity. Congress approved the inclusion of Spanish as an official language with the stipulation that the use of this additional language would depend on the support given by Spanish member organisations.

In the coming year, in response to a suggestion by the UN Secretary General, the ICA will convene an Experts' Meeting on "Cooperatives and the Poor" which is intended particularly to explore the basic organisational and sociological problems of securing advancement of the economic interests of the very poor on the basis of self and mutual help. The ICA is also considering the possibility of a West African Regional Programme which would serve the needs of cooperative organisations, thus responding to requests made over many years by members in the area for an ICA presence there. A Sub-Committee is at present considering ways and means to increase ICA's subscription income and, where possible, to supplement it from other sources.

In conclusion, I wish to record my appreciation of the work of my colleagues in the Secretariat, and the two Regional Offices, in helping to implement a programme of assistance to our member organisations throughout the world.



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MEMBERSHIP

Organisations in membership of the Alliance totalled 163 from 64 countries at the end of 1976. These member-organisations comprise 663,510 societies, with a total individual membership of 332,355,154. The largest proportion of membership is in consumer societies (37.88%) followed by thrift and credit societies (33.92%), agriculture (18.78%), then housing, workers' productive and artisanal societies and fisheries societies.

During 1976 the following organisations were admitted into membership: Central Agricultural Co-operative Union, Egypt; Hokkaido Federation of Fisheries Co-operative Associations, Japan; The Co-operative Insurance System of the Philippines; the Confédération Nationale de Crédit Mutuel, France. The following organisations were deleted from membership through non-payment of subscriptions: West Cameroon Co-operative Association Ltd., Cameroon; Guyana Co-operative Union Ltd., Guyana; Co-operative Bank of Malaysia Ltd., Federation of Housing Co-operatives, Malaysia; Karachi Central Co-operative Bank Ltd., Karachi Co-operative Housing Societies' Union, Karachi Co-operative Union Ltd., Fishermen's Co-operative Society Ltd., Sind Baluchistan Provincial Co-operative Bank Ltd., Pakistan.

RESOURCES AND FINANCES

The ICA's income comes from its member organisations and in addition, grants are received for specific projects from certain national, technical assistance agencies, either directly or through member organisations.

The strength of the ICA is in its member organisations which not only provide the Alliance with financial resources, but also supply human resources in terms of technical expertise, especially for projects in developing countries. There are many instances of the ICA's member organisations providing experts for the ICA's own projects and for those sponsored by UN Agencies and other bodies. This report deals only with work directly financed by the Alliance, and it must be remembered that outside the ICA's Programme of Work, there is a substantial amount of bi-lateral aid given from cooperative movements in advanced countries to those in developing countries.

The ICA's income in 1976 was just over £493,000 and net expenditure amounted to £505,290.

The Secretariat comprises 80 persons, of whom 32 are at the head office in London, 33 at the Regional Office and Education Centre in New Delhi, India and 15 at the Regional Office in Moshi, Tanzania.

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

The Executive Committee, consisting of 16 members elected by the Central Committee met in February in London, in April in Sofia and in September in Paris. Consideration was given to the Long-Term Programme of Work for the International Cooperative Alliance and the resources to carry out such programme; and the report submitted by the Working Party on Collaboration between Cooperatives which formed the basis of discussion at the ICA Congress. Aid to developing countries and the ways in which contributions of member organisations to the ICA Development Fund could be increased was also considered by the Committee.

The Executive Committee to serve until the Congress in 1980 was elected by the Central Committee at its meeting in September in Paris.

CENTRAL COMMITTEE

The Central Committee, composed of representatives of member organisations elected by the 1972 Congress, met in April in Sofia and in September in Paris. The representatives of the Central Committee elected at the 1976 ICA Congress met in Paris to elect the new Executive.

The main work of the Central Committee in 1976 was to prepare the Agenda for Congress, to approve the Report of the Central Committee to Congress covering the work of the Alliance since the 25th Congress in 1972 in Warsaw and the Resolutions to be submitted to Congress. The Committee also approved the arrangements for Congress and the representation at the various meetings and conferences of the Auxiliary Committees and Working Parties held prior to Congress.

CONGRESS

The 26th Congress of the International Cooperative Alliance was held at UNESCO House, Paris, from 28th September until 1st October 1976 under the Chairmanship of Monsieur Roger Kerinec, President of the ICA. The opening of Congress was honoured by the presence of the President of the French Republic, Monsieur Valery Giscard d'Estaing and members of the French Government. The Congress was attended by 498 delegates from 49 countries and representatives of the United Nations and its Agencies, of Government Technical Assistance Agencies and of international non-governmental organisations.

The Report of the Central Committee on the Work of the International Cooperative Alliance 1972-1976 indicated that the scope of the work of the ICA had been expanding in all fields of activity. The work of the Regional Offices in New Delhi, India and Moshi, Tanzania, had been boosted under the programme of the Cooperative Development Decade. Projects in the Latin American and West African regions had also been developed. The activities of the auxiliary committees had increased in scope and many important initiatives had been taken. Since the last Congress two new auxiliary committees — the Organisation for Cooperative Consumer Policy and the Women's Auxiliary Committee — and one new Working Party — the Advisory Group for International Training of Cooperators (AGITCOOP) — were set up.

ICA Programme of Work 1977-1980

The proposal to work out a programme of action was accepted by the 25th Congress in 1972. The Congress did not envisage a re-examination of the objects and methods of work as laid down in the Rules of the ICA, but suggested that efforts should be made to achieve greater rationalisation and efficiency in the work of the Alliance and to ensure that priorities be established for the next four years which would be relevant to the needs of cooperative movements throughout the world.

In order to carry out such a programme with the limited resources available to the ICA, the ICA Central Committee considered a number of priorities which could make a contribution towards assisting national movements and towards creating a climate in the world which would be favourable to cooperative ideas and to the development of cooperative organisations. Congress approved the proposals.

Collaboration between Cooperatives

Collaboration between cooperatives has been one of the major objectives of the International Cooperative Alliance since its inception. It became the sixth principle of the ICA in 1966 following the Report of the ICA Commission on Cooperative Principles. At the Central Committee held in Vienna in 1974 a paper was presented on "Collaboration between Cooperatives" which led to the decision to set up a working party to study the subject.

The report submitted to Congress covered all aspects of collaboration in the various fields of cooperative activity, including collaboration at the international field and collaboration between cooperatives and other organisations. The working party put forward a number of recommendations which stressed the need for greater collaboration and how such collaboration could be achieved within developed and developing countries.

Resolutions and Amendments to Rules

The resolutions adopted by Congress covered Peace, ICA's Programme of Work, Collaboration between Cooperatives, the Tasks of the Cooperative Press, Standards of Non-Food Products, Technical Assistance and Cooperative Housing, Tourism and the Cooperative Movement, Conference on European Security and Cooperation held in Helsinki, and Women and the Cooperative Movement. Congress amended the Rules to include Spanish as an official language of the ICA.

The 27th Congress of the ICA will be held in Moscow, USSR, in 1980 at the invitation of Centrosoyuz.

CONFERENCES

The Third ICA Youth Conference on the theme "Cooperative Education and Training for Young People" was held in May in Moscow, attended by 62 participants from 21 countries. The Conference also discussed the recommendations put forward in the discussion on Youth and the Cooperative Movement at the Central Committee held in 1975 in Stockholm. Particular stress was laid on the holding of periodical international youth conferences to bring together young people from cooperative movements throughout the world and on investigating the possibility of holding regional youth conferences.

A number of conferences were organised by the Regional Offices in Asia and Africa. The Alliance also participated in other conferences organised by the United Nations Agencies (Details of these conferences are given later in the Report).

AUXILIARY COMMITTEES AND INTERNATIONAL COOPERATIVES

During the 1920s cooperators started to meet at the international level to exchange information and discuss their common problems in specific fields of cooperative activity. Over the years a number of Auxiliary Committees and Working Parties have been set up within the ICA.

The International Organisation for Consumer Cooperative Distributive Trades, INTER-COOP, was established in 1970 as a result of a merger of the Cooperative Wholesale Committee and the Committee on Retail Distribution. It now comprises 28 cooperative wholesale societies from 19 countries in Eastern and Western Europe, as well as Israel and Japan. INTER-COOP promotes the exchange of experience in matters relating to retail and wholesale trade and distribution; the joint purchasing of food and non-food; and the sale of own production between member organisations.

At the annual meeting held in Paris in September the main subject for discussion was "Cooperative Financing/Self Financing". The working group dealing with "Department Stores and Shopping Centres" discussed methods of planning of personnel policies and also the problem of escalating shoplifting and measures to prevent it. In the working group dealing with "Food Stores" the discussion centred round the improvement of profitability of small food stores in rural and urban areas. The newly established group on "Warehousing and Distribution" considered the improvement of wage structures in warehouses and the standardisation of packaging.

The work of INTER-COOP has increased in importance since the integration of the economic secretariat of EURO-COOP into INTER-COOP in 1974 and the transfer of the INTER-COOP Secretariat from Hamburg to Copenhagen in 1976. During the year Nordiska Kansliet (Stockholm) responsible for collaboration in the field of purchasing of non-food for Nordic consumer cooperatives was also integrated into INTER-COOP.

Collaboration in the non-food sector in 1976 amounted to about US \$200 millions and collaboration in joint buying of food amounted to US \$30 millions. During the year INTER-COOP has increased its efforts to obtain special agreements with important international suppliers of food and non-food products.

Chairman: Mr Ch. VEVERKA, Société Générale des Coopératives de Consommation, Boulogne-Billancourt, France

General Secretary: Mr R. VOLKERS, INTER-COOP, 3 Axelortv, 1609 Copenhagen V Denmark

The Nordisk Andelsforbund was established in 1918 by the cooperative wholesale societies of Denmark, Norway and Sweden as their common purchasing agency. Today NAF acts not only as agent for the cooperative wholesale societies in Scandinavia, but also for such enterprises in other countries. It deals mainly in food-stuffs and maintains its own depots in Argentina, Brazil, Denmark, Italy, Spain and the USA. A substantial increase in turnover has been achieved in recent years. NAF is a member of the International Cooperative Alliance.

An associate organisation of NAF is Nordisk Andels-Eksport which is mainly engaged in the export of furniture produced by cooperatives and other manufacturers in the Scandinavian countries to the Federal Republic of Germany, Japan, the United Kingdom and the USA.

The International Cooperative Petroleum Association, one of the international organisations in membership with the ICA, began business in New York in 1947. The first blending and refining plant of the ICPA was set up at Dordrecht, The Netherlands, in 1963. Similar plants have been constructed for the Ceylon Petroleum Corporation and the National Oil Company of Burma. Membership of the ICPA comprises 37 organisations in 24 countries.

At the Annual meeting held in September in Paris it was reported that the total volume of sales had risen from \$11 millions in 1975 to \$17.7 millions in 1976. Net savings were \$400,000 higher than in 1975, an increase of almost 100 per cent. Bulk shipments were heavy and product deliveries from the ICPA plant in Dordrecht have been good. The plant has now got additional storage facilities, both in warehouse space and tankage, as well as new filling equipment. Work is going ahead on the utilisation of the vacant land adjacent to the Dordrecht plant, and on proposals in various areas for plant-building projects.

For the seventh consecutive year, the ICPA was awarded a contract by the Ceylon Petroleum Corporation for its entire requirements of base oils and additives. Contracts for large quantities of base oils were awarded to the ICPA in Egypt through the Société Coopérative des Pétroles, a member of ICPA.

The Verband Ostschweiz Landwirtschaftlicher Genossenschaften (Switzerland) has been admitted into membership of the ICPA. Close contact is being maintained with the large agricultural cooperatives in the Federal Republic of Germany in an effort to supply them with their lubricant needs. Similar activities are being conducted in other countries and it is hoped to increase membership in this way.

President: Mr A. R. CARLSSON, Oljeprospektering AB, Stockholm, Sweden.

Secretary-Treasurer: Mr Wayne McCANN, International Cooperative Petroleum Association, 28 West 44th Street, New York 10036, USA.

The International Cooperative Banking Committee was established in 1922 by seven European banks of consumer cooperatives. Since 1964 membership has been open to all cooperative banks and cooperative finance institutions directly or indirectly affiliated to the ICA.

Two meetings of the Executive and one of the full Banking Committee were held in 1976. Subjects under discussion were the Development of the World Economy, especially with regard to the Problem of the World Monetary System and the Recent Trends in National and International Financial Markets and Collaboration between Member Banks. The exchange programme for young employees is being continued.

The full meeting of the Banking Committee held in Paris in September received a report on the development of workers' banks in Latin America.

Chairman: Dr W. HESSELBACH, Bank für Gemeinwirtschaft AG, Frankfurt/Main, Federal Republic of Germany.

Secretary: Mr M. G. HESS, Bank für Gemeinwirtschaft AG, Mainzer Landstrasse 16-24, Frankfurt/Main, Federal Republic of Germany.

The International Cooperative Bank, a member of the ICA, established in 1957 was reconstituted as a commercial bank under Swiss law in 1965. At present 56 cooperatives and non-profit organisations from 20 countries in all parts of the world

participate in the share capital of the Bank. During the year the balance sheet total increased by about 2.4% reaching the sum of sfrs.1,277 billion. Demands for credit to shareholders and customers were met and services, such as portfolio management and investment advice, were considerably expanded.

Chairman: Dr W. HESSELBACH, Bank für Gemeinwirtschaft AG, Frankfurt/Main, Federal Republic of Germany.

Managers: Mr D. GRETHE, Mr K. E. VOGELANG, International Cooperative Bank Co. Ltd., Aeschengraben 12, CH 4010 Basle, Switzerland.

The International Cooperative Insurance Federation (ICIF) formerly the International Cooperative Insurance Committee, was formed in 1922 and now has 70 member societies in 27 countries.

At the Insurance Conference held in September in Paris papers were presented dealing with topics of vital concern to the insurance industry and the cooperative movement, i.e. "No-Fault Insurance", "Inflation and Insurance", "The Role of Cooperative Insurance Societies in the Developing Countries", "Is there any Difference in the Management of a Cooperative Insurance Society?", "Personnel Development", "Mass Merchandising and New Product Development" and "Legal Cost Insurance". A report was given on the work of the Federation, the International Cooperative Reinsurance Bureau and the Insurance Development Bureau. The Conference agreed to the formation of a sub-committee to be known as the European Members' Bureau to ensure the presentation to the European Economic Community of the insurance cooperatives viewpoint on insurance matters within the EEC.

The Conference agreed to have an intermediate conference to be held in September 1978 in Columbus, Ohio, USA.

The ICIF publishes an occasional Insurance Bulletin and its booklet entitled "World-wide Co-operative Insurance" outlines the work of the Federation and its ancillary organisations.

Chairman: Mr R. LEMAIRE, "La Prévoyance Sociale", Brussels, Belgium.

Secretary: Mr H. SEELEY, Cooperative Insurance Society Ltd., Miller Street, Manchester M60 0AL, United Kingdom.

Assistant Secretary: Mr F. H. EDWARDS, C.I.S., Manchester.

The International Cooperative Reinsurance Bureau (ICRB) was established by the ICIF in 1949 in order to simplify and develop the exchange of reinsurance between the insurance cooperative societies throughout the world. In addition the Bureau assists newly established cooperative insurance societies by providing them with technical advice and reinsurance facilities so essential in their early formative years.

Chairman: Mr R. LEMAIRE, "La Prévoyance Sociale", Brussels, Belgium.

Secretary: Mr P. D. JOHNSON, Cooperative Insurance Society Ltd., Miller Street, Manchester, M60 0AL, United Kingdom.

Manager: Mr D. BRISCALL, c/o C.I.S., Manchester (address as above).

The Insurance Development Bureau (IDB) was set up in 1963 to undertake feasibility studies of proposed cooperative insurance projects in developing countries, to provide technical assistance and loan guarantees to new insurance cooperatives, to facilitate training and to provide publicity material for cooperatives in developing countries. A loan guarantee fund has been set up to cover credit risks of loans made

available to cooperatives for raising the necessary capital for starting insurance operations. The fund is administered by a holding company, Allnations Inc. In addition to providing assistance through short-term consultancy visits, the IDB has appointed two regional advisers, one for Latin America residing in Bolivia and one for East and Central Africa attached to the ICA Regional Office in Moshi, Tanzania.

In 1976 the Guyana Cooperative Insurance Services started operations. A CIS is also registered in Ghana and is expected to start operations in 1977. The IDB has assisted the cooperative movement in Zambia to set up an insurance agency within the Zambia Cooperative Federation. A Regional Cooperative Insurance Seminar was held in Tanzania in September. The IDB has undertaken a study on "Cooperative Insurance — A suitable Form of Insurance for Developing Countries" on behalf of UNCTAD which will be presented to the UNCTAD Committee on Invisibles and Financing related to Trade meeting in November 1977.

Chairman and Secretary: Mr K. BACK, Folksam Insurance Group, 104 60 Stockholm, Sweden.

Assistant Secretary: Ms B. LINDSTRÖM, Folksam Insurance Group (address as above).

The International Committee of Workers' Cooperative Productive and Artisanal Societies established in 1947 now has 30 members in 23 countries.

The activities of the Committee in 1976 concentrated on widening membership and promoting closer collaboration with international organisations. The Committee contributed towards the ICA's participation in the World Employment Conference organised by the ILO.

Discussions have taken place with UNIDO regarding closer collaboration between the two organisations on the promotion of industrial cooperatives in developing countries.

Prior to the ICA Congress the Committee held a Conference which discussed a programme of work whose main objectives are to increase membership; to strengthen relations with UN Agencies; to organise more frequent meetings of the Executive; to publish a quarterly bulletin; to strengthen the Centre for the Promotion of Industrial Cooperatives in Warsaw and to initiate similar activities in other parts of the world; and to promote closer collaboration with the ICA, its Regional Offices and Auxiliary Committees.

The Centre in Warsaw has continued its training courses for managers in developing countries.

Chairman: Mr A. ANTONI, Confédération Générale des Sociétés Coopératives Ouvrières de Production, Paris, France.

Secretary: Mr B. A. CATALANO, Federazione Nazionale Cooperative di Produzione e Lavoro, Via Torino 135, 00184, Rome, Italy.

Formed in 1951, the **International Committee on Agricultural Cooperation** includes in its membership cooperatives in the field of agriculture, forestry and fisheries. At the end of 1976 there were 36 members from 29 countries.

A meeting of the Executive of the Agricultural Committee held in Sofia in April, considered future educational activities of the Agricultural Committee and approved a programme of seminars for 1977. Closer collaboration with the UK Plunkett Foundation for Cooperative Studies was also discussed.

The full meeting of the Committee held in September in Paris discussed the Chairman's report on past activities and guidelines for future activities and collaboration with other international organisations engaged in the promotion of agricultural cooperation. The Committee proposed to change the number of Vice-Chairmen from two to four in order to have a representation from the capitalist, communist and developing countries. Tributes were paid to the work of Dr L. Malfettani, who had been Chairman of the Committee since 1963. The Committee nominated him as Honorary Chairman.

The Open Conference on "Agricultural Cooperative Strategy with Regard to Multi-national Corporations", jointly organised by the Agricultural Committee and the Standing Committee on Agricultural Cooperation of the International Federation of Agricultural Producers was held in Paris prior to Congress. The Conference passed a resolution requesting the ICA and the IFAP to arrange to coordinate research studies, to establish an information centre on multi-nationals corporations in the agriculture food sector, to work out a programme of training and to strengthen inter-cooperative trade.

The Agriculture Committee issues a monthly bulletin in English with a French summary, the "Agricultural Cooperative Bulletin", which is edited by the Secretary for Agriculture.

Chairman: Mr G. KUYLENSTJERNA, Lantbrukarnas Riksförbund, Stockholm, Sweden.
Secretary: Dr Z. JUCHNIEWICZ, International Cooperative Alliance, 11 Upper Grosvenor Street, London W1X 9AP.

The growing interest of fisheries cooperatives in international affairs brought about the formation of the **Fisheries Sub-Committee** in 1966. The Committee consists of 10 members from 8 countries.

The Fisheries Sub-Committee met in Paris in September and received reports on the follow-up of the Open World Conference on Cooperative Fisheries held in Tokyo in 1975, technical assistance in developing countries, the participation in the UN Conference on "The Law of the Sea" and closer collaboration with the FAO Fisheries Industry Division.

Tributes were paid to Mr P. Lacour on his retirement, who had been Chairman of the Committee since its inception. The Committee nominated him as Honorary Chairman.

Chairman: Mr J. SAITO, Fisheries Credit Cooperative Association, Japan.
Secretary: Dr Z. JUCHNIEWICZ, International Cooperative Alliance, 11 Upper Grosvenor Street, London W1X 9PA.

The **International Cooperative Housing Committee**, formed in 1952, comprises 26 ordinary members and 5 supporting organisations from 19 countries, which are all active in the field of provision of housing on a nationwide basis. The Committee works through its Executive Committee and an annual full Committee Meeting.

During the year the Executive Committee met in Sofia and Paris. The Committee represented the ICA at the Conference of the United Nations on Human Settlements "HABITAT" in Vancouver, Canada. The draft of a resolution on cooperative housing endorsing the need for improved housing, particularly the developing countries, which was later adopted by the ICA Congress in Paris, was presented on this occasion.

The Housing Conference held in September in Paris discussed the report of the joint working group on the Problems of Risk in Cooperative Housing, and Education and Training with particular reference to training in cooperative housing for developing countries. It also received a report on the findings of the UN World Conference, "Habitat".

For the past 15 years the Committee had a Special Secretariat in Stockholm at the office of its Chairman, Mr S. Kypengren. On his retirement the Secretariat has been moved to the office of the new Chairman in Berlin.

The Committee publishes a quarterly "Co-op Housing Bulletin" in English, French and German.

Chairman: Mr W. AMBROSIUS, Verband Berliner Wohnungsbaugenossenschaften und-gesellschaften e.V., 1 Berlin 33, West Berlin.

Joint Secretaries: Mr M. BISLICH, Verband Berliner Wohnungsbaugenossenschaften und-gesellschaften e.V., Lentzeallee 107, 1 Berlin 33, West Berlin.

Mr R. P. B. DAVIES, General Secretary, International Cooperative Alliance, 11 Upper Grosvenor Street, London W1X 9PA.

The International Cooperative Housing Development Association (ICHDA) serves as technical assistance and development arm for the International Cooperative Housing Committee of the ICA. It was established in 1966 as an international, non-profit organisation to help cooperatives in the developing countries to improve their shelter and community activities through cooperative efforts. ICHDA is a member of the ICA, comprising 19 national organisations in 15 countries.

King Moshoeshoe III of Lesotho participated in a dedication ceremony in August marking the completion and occupancy of the first six homes within the co-operative housing project for low-income families in the capital city of Maseru. The project is being funded by the UN Capital Development Fund and is being executed by ICHDA which is providing technical services. Over 100 members of the cooperative have begun construction of their homes and are paying into the mortgage fund. In June/July ICHDA provided a financial adviser with the assistance of the Volunteer Development Corps.

The Cooperative Housing Adviser to the UN Economic Commission for Africa, who receives technical support from ICHDA, has visited many countries during 1976 to examine the potential for cooperative housing in the continent. He is planning to complete his assignment by organising a sub-regional seminar on Cooperative and Low-Cost Housing which will be held in Lesotho in May 1977. A short introduction to Cooperative Housing Organisation, an outline of how to set up and strengthen existing housing cooperatives, was compiled by the adviser.

President: Mr W. J. CAMPBELL, Suite 220, 1801 K Street NW, Washington D.C. 20006, USA.

Executive Secretary: Mr G. J. ALDER, 11 Upper Grosvenor Street, London W1X 9PA, UK. Tel. 493 1137.

The Organisation for Consumer Policy was established in 1973. The Committee comprises cooperative organisations in 19 countries representing 50 million consumers.

At the Conference held in September in Paris the subject was "Advertising from a Consumers' Point of View". Two main papers presented by speakers from Western and Eastern Europe dealt with misleading advertising and cooperative

advertising. The French Secretary of State for Consumer Affairs spoke on the standards of advertising and paid tribute to the work done by the Committee in informing, protecting, and educating the consumer.

During the year the Secretariat carried out an enquiry into advertising from the consumers' point of view, which will be continued.

The Committee maintains close relations with the Commission on Marketing, Advertising and Distribution of the International Chamber of Commerce and the International Standards Organisation.

The Organisation for Consumer Policy has an Executive Committee which met in Paris in June.

Chairman: Mr N. THEDIN, Kooperativa Förbundet, Stockholm, Sweden.

Secretary: Mr J. SEMLER-COLLERY, Fédération Nationale des Coopératives de Consommateurs, 27-33 Quai le Gallo, Boulogne-Billancourt, France.

The ICA Women's Committee, formerly the Women Cooperators' Advisory Council, established in 1974 has 42 members from 28 countries. The Committee has an Executive Committee consisting of the Chairman, two Vice-Chairmen and two other members. There is also a Women's Agricultural Working Party.

The annual meeting of the Committee was held in April at Var Gard, Saltsjöbaden, Sweden. On this occasion members met in a one day's consultation 20 women students from Africa and Asia, who attended a three months' course on "Education and Leadership".

In October a Women's Conference was arranged in connection with the ICA Congress in Paris. The theme focussed on "The Problems of Food Resources and Energy — The Cooperative Answer" and speakers presented papers on the women's contribution towards building food resources through cooperative action in rural areas, the impact of electricity cooperatives in the USA and the fight against rising prices and inflation by Japanese co-operators.

Women's education programmes in the two Regional Offices have been strengthened as a result of initiatives taken in International Women's Year, and a number of seminars and surveys have been conducted during the current year.

Chairman: Ms S. RÄIKKÖNEN, Kulutusosuuskuntien Keskusliitto, Helsinki, Finland.

Secretary: Ms M. J. RUSSELL, International Cooperative Alliance, 11 Upper Grosvenor Street, London W1X 9PA.

Youth. The Secretary of the Women's Committee is also responsible for Youth activities. (See Youth Conference p. 7).

WORKING PARTIES

Over the years a number of working parties have been established within the ICA.

The meeting of the International Working Party of Cooperative Librarians and Documentation Officers in September in Paris considered the possibilities for extending help to new cooperative libraries, decided to start a series of handbooks on cooperative librarianship to extend collaboration with other ICA bodies and to make an enquiry about museums of cooperatives.

The Working Party publishes a quarterly bulletin in English "Libradoc". A publication entitled "Basic Books on Cooperative Movements" was issued in 1976.

The Working Party on Cooperative Press is an international group of cooperative journalists which meets annually for discussion and interchange of experience.

At its International Conference of the Cooperative Press held in September in Paris subjects discussed were National and Regional Inter-Cooperative Collaboration as far as it affects cooperative press activities, the Cooperative Approach to the Mass Media, and the Tasks of the Cooperative Press, the subject of a motion which was subsequently adopted by Congress.

The Research Officers' Group met in September in Warsaw, Poland and discussed "The Response of Cooperative Movements to Social and Economic Change". The meeting concerned itself with the different problems facing cooperatives in planned and in market economies.

The Advisory Group for International Training of Cooperators (AGITCOOP) met in September in Paris and the Executive Committee of the Group met twice during the year. The main items of business which has concerned the Group during the year included the development of the Cooperative Education Materials Advisory Service (CEMAS) programme, teacher training facilities, high-level manpower training, and development of education resource centres.

An International Conference on Cooperative Education was organised as part of the pre-Congress series of specialist meetings. The theme of the Conference was "New Perspectives in Cooperative Education". Papers on the following topics were presented: "Training for Cooperative Management", "Towards a New Economic Order — The Role of Cooperative Education", "Proposals for an International Cooperative Studies and Research Institute".

WORK IN THE THIRD WORLD

The activities of the ICA with regard to developing countries will be guided by the Programme of Work which was adopted at the 1976 Congress in Paris.

The existing Regional Offices for South-East and East and Central Africa carry forward the main impetus of ICA's work in the Third World. These offices act as coordination centres, promote the exchange of information, undertake educational and training activities, engage in research and the promotion of trade.

The ICA has felt strongly that industrial cooperatives have a considerable potential in the Third World and in 1976 the Ministry of Overseas Development, United Kingdom, agreed to fund a two year research programme entitled "The Economic and Social Potential of Industrial Cooperatives in Developing Countries." This project will investigate the factors which make for the success or failure of industrial cooperatives and it is intended that research will be carried out at the field level in Asia, Africa and Latin America.

The impetus created by the organisation of the ICA Seminar on Cooperatives and Functional Literacy held in Nigeria in 1975 was carried forward and three projects are being planned following discussions with government departments and cooperative organisations in Ghana, The Gambia and Sierra Leone.

As the ICA is continuing to develop regional programmes to assist its member organisations and cooperative development in general, there have been exploratory discussions to consider a mission to West Africa to investigate the possibility of an ICA regional programme which would serve the needs of cooperative organisations there.

MEMBER ORGANISATIONS

163 National
64 Co-operative
332,355,154 Individual Members

CONGRESS
Every 5 years
ICA President: Kerinec France
Vice-Presidents: P. Kilmov USSR
Spilland Norway
President and Vice-Presidents elected by Central Committee

CENTRAL COMMITTEE
222 members

EXECUTIVE
13 members (President and 2 Vice-Presidents)

AUXILIARY COMMITTEES
Agriculture
Fisheries Sub-Committee
S E Asia Sub-Committee
Banking
Consumers
Commerce (INTER-COOP)
Housing
Insurance
Women Co-operators
Workers' Productive

WORKING PARTIES
Librarians
Principals of Training Centres (AGITCOOP)
Press
Research

EXECUTIVE SUB-COMMITTEE

CO-OPERATIVE DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE

DIRECTOR GENERAL
S. K. Ghosh
SECRETARY
R. P. Miles

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appointed by member organisations of the Region

REGIONAL COUNCIL FOR EAST & CENTRAL AFRICA
appointed by member organisations of the Region

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Director:
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French Translator: H. Garnier
Women & Youth: M. J. Russell
UN Representative: J. J. Campbell

REGIONAL OFFICE for EAST & CENTRAL AFRICA, Moshi, Tanzania
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Regional Office and Education Centre for South-East Asia

“Bonow House”, PO Box 3312, 43 Friends Colony, New Delhi 110-014, India.

The Regional Office and Education Centre set up with the assistance of the Swedish cooperative movement was opened in December 1960.

ICA Council for South-East Asia

The ICA Council for South-East Asia comprising two representatives — one representing the Agricultural Cooperative Sector and the other representing the Non-Agricultural Sector — for each movement of the Region meets annually. The 10th meeting of the Council held in November in Tehran, Iran, reviewed the activities carried out by the Regional Office since its last meeting and approved the programme of work for 1977/78. The Council approved the constitution of the ICA Sub-Committee on Consumer Cooperation for South-East Asia which has as its objectives the promotion of consumer cooperation in countries of South-East Asia served by the Regional Office, the periodical review of progress made and the recommendation of policies and lines of common action in the field of consumer cooperation.

The Sub-Committee for Agriculture and Trade for South-East Asia and the Fisheries Group met in Tehran on the occasion of the Council.

Educational Activities

The Regional Seminar on “Cooperative Insurance and Promotion of Savings” was held in September in Japan and an Open Asian Conference on “Cooperative Credit and Financial Management” was held in November in India. Two National Seminars and two Work-Shops on Audio-Visual Aids were held in the region. A feasibility study was carried out in Sri Lanka during September to implement a cooperative teachers’ training programme. A study was undertaken on the role and participation of women in cooperative development in Sri Lanka; and two case studies on the problem of leadership and management were carried out in Iran and Thailand.

The Cooperative Education Field Project in the Indore District has now been transferred to the National Cooperative Union of India which has started 15 similar projects in 10 cooperatively less developed States of India.

Technical Assistance

A study on “The Role of the Cooperative Movement in Increasing Food Production” was carried out in Thailand by an expert commissioned by the Regional Office.

A donation of Sw. Kr. 3,000 by the Swedish Guilds was given to the Bangladesh Handicraft Cooperative Federation for the purchase of equipment for a Woollen Rug Project in the Rajshahi District of Bangladesh.

A gift of 10 metric tons of skim milk powder was made to the Bhor Dairy in Maharashtra State, India by the Aid India Fund of the Federal German Consumer Cooperative Movement which has assisted the project for a number of years.

Promotion of Cooperative Trade

The Regional Office continued to act as a clearing house for the trade information of interest to member organisations in the region and to publish the monthly bulletin entitled “ICA Trade News”.

The International Cooperative Trading Organisation set up in 1974 is continuing its activities. The main objective of the ICTO is to bring cooperative buyers and sellers together with a view to developing and promoting trade between cooperative organisations all over the world.

Regional Office for East and Central Africa

P O Box 946, Moshi, Tanzania.

The Regional Office for East and Central Africa was established in October 1968 with the assistance of the Swedish Cooperative Centre to support and promote cooperative development programmes in the Region. At present the Regional Office mainly assists the cooperative movements in Kenya, Tanzania, Uganda and Zambia.

Regional Cooperative Council

The Regional Cooperative Council met in October in Kabwe, Zambia to review the work of the Regional Office, and to formulate a programme of work for the ensuing year. The Council also considered plans for the expansion of the Regional Office.

Educational Activities

Educational activities and training in the Region which are the main tasks of the Regional Office covered national seminars and one regional seminar on modern practices of adult education, two Ad-Hoc Consultation of Cooperative Principals in the Region and a regional seminar on cooperative insurance and promotion of savings. The Regional Office organised a course for trade unionists to teach them the management of consumer shops and savings and credit societies.

The Standing Committee on Cooperative Education, Training and Publicity met twice during the year.

Consultancy Services

A consultancy service on Rural Credit was established in 1973 with financial support from the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Finland. With the assistance of the Swedish Cooperative Centre a Cooperative Education and Training Consultancy Service was established in 1975. A cooperative insurance consultant has been appointed by the Insurance Development Bureau to assist cooperative movements in the Region in matters related to insurance.

Research

The Research Unit at the Regional Office, which is supported by the International Technical Assistance Department of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs in The Netherlands has carried out a number of activities. The report based on the survey on "High Level Manpower Training Needs and Facilities" was discussed at a seminar held in March. A Cooperative Research and Planning Committee has been set up by the Regional Council.

Study Tour of West Africa

Seven top level cooperative leaders from East and Central Africa made a three-week study tour of cooperatives in The Gambia, the Ivory Coast and Nigeria. The tour, sponsored by the Ford Foundation, was organised by the Regional Office.

Export Promotion for Cooperative Unions

A seminar on export promotion for cooperative unions, organised by the Regional Office, the Export Promotion Training Programme of the East African Community and the International Trade Centre (UNCTAD/GATT), was held in Kenya in May.

Information and Publicity

The "ICA Regional Office Cooperative News" is published quarterly.

Latin America

LATICI

Since 1969, the Alliance in partnership with the Swedish Cooperative Centre (SCC) has financed the Latin American Technical Institute for Cooperative Integration (LATICI).

LATICI maintains contacts with some 20 countries in Latin America and the Caribbean and has integration projects in eight of these which carry on commercial activities. Staff training and member education for these projects is organised in three regional training centres. LATICI provides the projects with technical services with the aim of helping people in them to achieve the maximum output from their economic and human resources.

The most important activity carried out during the year was the start of a programme to group LATICI's activities into four administrative regions in Central America; the Caribbean; the Bolivian Region and the Conosur Region (Brazil). In addition the first steps have been taken to secure the registration of LATICI both as an international organisation and in the various countries where it has projects.

Executive Director: Mr J. W. AMES, GPO Box 4103, San Juan, Puerto Rico 00936.

OCA

The Organization of the Cooperatives of America was founded in Montevideo, Uruguay in 1963. Its members are cooperative organisations, mainly national unions, throughout America. During the year OCA organised a number of conferences and seminars dealing with Communications, Administration, Technical Assistance and Education and was responsible for the organisation of the Second Congress on Cooperative Law and the Second Congress on American Cooperative Housing and the First American Conference of Taxation Experts.

Since 1974 the OCA has been carrying out a programme of adult education for cooperative development in collaboration with the Lima University, the Federation of Thrift and Credit Cooperatives and the National Cooperative Bank of Peru. Similar projects are being developed in Ecuador and Bolivia.

OCA has initiated a programme of Popular Tourism to provide recreational and leisure facilities for cooperators and has set up an Economic Cooperative Interchange Service to assist member organisations with their economic interchange operations.

President: Mr M. R. R. DOMPER, Argentina.

Executive Director: Mr A. ROSSI, R., Organization of the Cooperatives of America, PO Box 4657, Correo Central, Lima, Peru.

Technical Assistance Calendar

To encourage collaboration in the field of technical assistance, the ICA has published an annual Calendar of Technical Assistance for Cooperatives since it was first suggested at the Technical Assistance Conference in Donor Countries in Denmark in 1966. The Calendar, which lists seminars on cooperative activities, training courses, and technical assistance projects in countries throughout the world from a variety of organisations and agencies engaged in the promotion of cooperatives in developing countries, has widened in scope over the years.

Research Register

A directory of organisations which engage in research on cooperatives in developing countries was first published in 1974. The second volume of the ICA Research Register, prepared by the Cooperative Research Institutes in Poland and Hungary, was published during the year. The project is being carried out by the ICA in collaboration with the Polish and Hungarian Cooperative Research Institutes using funds donated by the two cooperative movements to the Cooperative Development Decade.

Cooperative Education Materials Advisory Service (CEMAS)

The Cooperative Education Materials Advisory Service was established in 1975 as a permanent feature of the educational services of the ICA, operating as a special unit at the ICA Headquarters and the two Regional Offices. It is working as a clearing-house for information on cooperative education, material and methods and also as a production centre for manuals and prototypes.

Project Director: Mr J. BJÄRSDAL, International Cooperative Alliance, 11 Upper Grosvenor Street, London W1X 9PA.

THE ICA AND THE UNITED NATIONS

1976 was dominated by three major world conferences, UNCTAD IV, HABITAT and the World Employment Conference.

The ICA was represented at UNCTAD IV which met in May in Nairobi. Global issues of trade and development were discussed and perhaps the most important decisions related to an Integrated Programme of Action for Commodities. The objectives of such a programme include achieving stable conditions in the commodity trade at levels which would be remunerative to both producers and consumers. The Conference decided to set up a Common Fund to finance the creation of buffer stocks of various basic commodities produced by developing countries and thereby help to stabilise their prices.

At the World Conference on Human Settlements, "HABITAT", held in Vancouver, Canada, in May/June the ICA was represented by a delegation headed by Mr Wallace J. Campbell, ICA representative to the United Nations in New York. The Conference called for a higher priority for human settlements and it recommended that there be an inter-governmental body for human settlements to assist countries and regions in increasing and improving their own efforts to solve human settlement problems. During the Conference a Habitat Forum for NGOs was organised in the course of which the ICA sponsored a special meeting on Sources of Finance for Low-Cost Housing and a one-day session on cooperative housing. The Forum also scheduled a half-day symposium on "Housing for the Poor" at which the head of the ICA delegation outlined the need for organising credit unions, consumer, electric and agricultural cooperatives and low cost housing cooperatives.

The ICA was also represented at the World Employment Conference held in June in Geneva. There was broad consensus that national and international efforts should be directed to satisfying of "basic needs" which included the minimum physical requirements, food, shelter, clothing and essential services, such as water, sanitation, and transport. The ICA stressed the need for appropriate institutions to cater for the requirements of the poor and pointed out the role which cooperatives play in many countries in serving those needs. The Committee of the Conference mentioned in its final report that cooperatives should be promoted in a variety of fields in accordance with the ILO Recommendations 127 and that more emphasis should be placed on the development of cooperatives in national policies, especially so as to involve the lowest income groups.

At the United Nations' General Assembly held in New York in November a resolution on the "National Experience in Promoting the Cooperative Movement" was adopted unanimously. The resolution recognises that the expansion of the cooperative movement in the promotion of social and economic progress is closely linked to the structural and institutional reforms which aim at the equitable distribution of income, popular participation in the development process and equality of opportunity to contribute to and benefit from the fruits of development. The resolution has great potential for the development of cooperatives, for it provides an opportunity for national movements to report to their governments on the development of cooperatives, and the opportunities for further expansion. It is one of the most emphatic endorsements so far for the cooperative movement and is of particular importance to the International Cooperative Alliance which is closely studying the resolution with regard to follow-up action.

During the year the President, Mr R. Kerinec, and Director, Dr S. K. Saxena, held discussions with the Director-General of UNESCO and with the newly appointed Director-General of the FAO on matters of mutual concern. The ICA was also represented in discussions on the newly created International Fund for Agricultural Development (IFAD).

The ICA was represented at the Nineteenth General Conference of UNESCO held in Nairobi, and also at several specialist meetings in Paris concerned, inter alia, with a new world economic order, integrated rural development, and adult education. Regular contact with UNESCO is maintained by Ms F. Baulier of the Fédération Nationale des Coopératives de Consommateurs who acts as ICA Liaison Officer.

Within the Economic Commission for Europe, the ICA continued to maintain its relations with the Committee on Housing, Building and Planning. The ICA Regional Office for South-East Asia represented the ICA at the 32nd Session of the United Nations Economic and Social Commission for Asia and the Pacific (ESCAP).

UN Representation

Mr Wallace J. Campbell is the ICA representative to the United Nations in New York. Mr. Campbell, who has been the President of the International Cooperative Housing Development Association (ICHDA) since its inception in 1966, has a long and wide experience of international cooperative affairs.

Dr Marcel Boson, who has represented the ICA at the United Nations' European Office in Geneva for over 25 years, retired at the end of 1976.

PARTICIPATION IN OTHER COMMITTEES

The ICA has continued to play an active role in the **Joint Committee for the Promotion of Aid to Cooperatives (COPAC)** which coordinates activities for organisations working in the field of promoting cooperatives. The other organisations represented on the Committee are: UN, ILO, FAO, the International Federation of Agricultural Producers (IFAP), the International Federation of Plantation, Agricultural and Allied Workers (IFPAAW) and the World Council of Credit Unions (WOCCU).

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The International Liaison Committee on Cooperative Thrift and Credit. This Committee was established after the Third International Conference on Cooperative Thrift and Credit held in 1974 in London, and its aim is to promote the development of thrift and credit cooperatives throughout the world and coordinate their activities at the international level. Much of its work in 1976 was concerned with the plans for the Fourth Conference on Cooperative Thrift and Credit to be held in Brazil in April, 1977. The subject of the Conference "The Thrift and Credit Cooperative in its Economic and Social Environment" is to be dealt with under the headings: "Thrift and Credit Cooperatives as a Response to Specific Needs, to New Needs and to the Needs of the Poorest", "Thrift and Credit Cooperatives Faced with Competition", "The Conditions for the Efficiency of the Cooperative Sector", "The Role of the Thrift and Credit Cooperative Movement Confronted with the International Economic Situation and the Monetary Crisis".

Members of the International Liaison Committee are: Fédération de Montréal des Caisses Desjardins, Canada; Fédération des Caisses d'Economie du Québec, Canada; Fédération du Québec des Unions Régionales des Caisses Populaires Desjardins, Canada; Confédération Nationale du Crédit Mutuel, France; Union de Crédit Coopératif, France; National Cooperative Union of India; Central Cooperative Bank for Agriculture and Forestry, Japan; Groupe Raiffeisen du Bénélux, The Netherlands; the World Council of Credit Unions; and the International Cooperative Alliance, represented by its Banking Committee.

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