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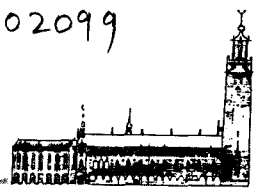
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MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT



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The Executive committee already started following-up on the decisions at its meeting in October and in collaboration with the secretariat in Geneva the work is proceeding.

The aim of the work is to produce a result on account of the congress resolutions on basic values. The result will be submitted to the 1992 congress in Tokyo and will lead to a revision of the principles at the congress in Manchester in 1995, ICA centennial year.

The rules, too, will be revised, i.a. to meet present day demands between ICA and the specialized committees, but also because the increased regionalization makes further demands on ICA.

Another important step taken in 1988 was the establishment of even closer relations with the UN. The participation in and contribution to the Congress by Mr. Perez de Cuellar strengthened the ties between the UN and the world's largest NGO, the ICA. One of the issues that will be followed up is the decision to make 1995 the UN's International Year of Co-operation. I was given the opportunity to investigate this in more depth as a member of the Swedish UN delegation during the 1988 UN session.

To conclude I should like to thank all those involved - the office staff, delegates, organizers and others taking part in the Stockholm congress as well as the retiring members of the Central Committee - for a good ICA year. ICA is now well equipped and I look forward to 1989 and the next four years with confidence.

1988 will undoubtedly be regarded as one of the memorable years in the history of the ICA.

The 29th Congress, which was held in Stockholm in July, was the changeover between two congress periods.

The preceding four-year period was marked by reconstruction work in respect of both organization, administration and economy.

We have now a well-functioning office and this is the first year for a long time to yield a small economic surplus.

The next congress period up to 1992 will entail work for the building up and development of the activity. The resolutions passed by the congress on account of the reports and the discussion on the basic values of co-operation on one hand on the forms for ICA's continuous development assistance on the other will form the basis of this work.



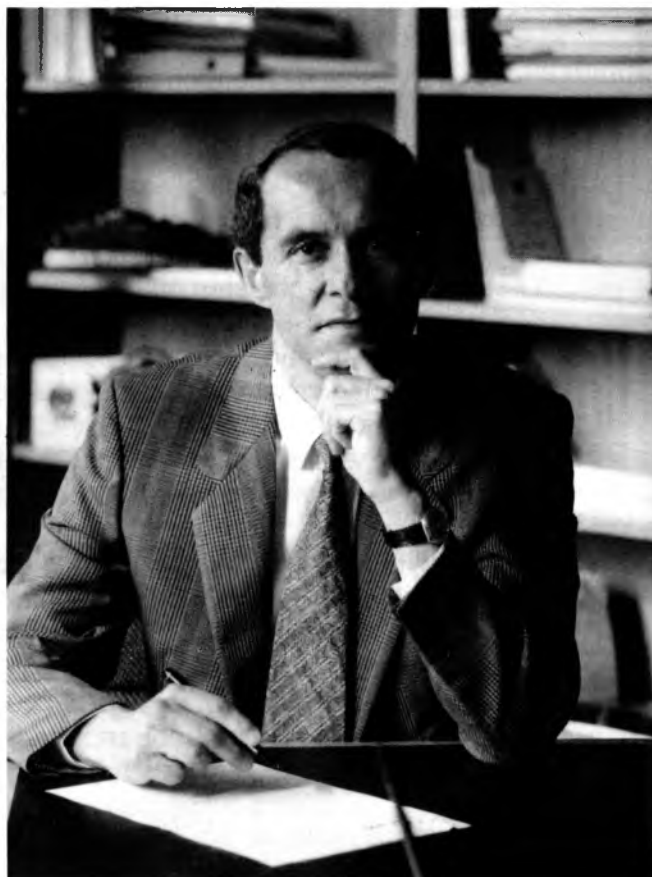
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DIRECTOR'S REPORT

This report is designed to provide only a brief overview of ICA's activities during the period 1987-88. A more detailed account can be found in the report on "The Work of ICA since the Hamburg Congress", which was presented to the 1988 Congress in Stockholm.

Although ICA's accounts are maintained on a calendar-year basis, its activity report is traditionally presented to the annual Central Committee meeting in October. In 1988 this meeting took place in July in conjunction with the quadrennial Congress, which made it impractical to present a normal annual report. Hence this report, which combines a brief overview of recent activities with a more detailed account of the 1988 Congress.

For ICA this period marked the conclusion of the process of reorganisation and recovery that dominated the last four years.



(Photo L. Bianco, Geneva)

The year-end 1987 financial results showed a modest surplus, in sharp contrast to the serious deficits which had occurred during the three preceding years. The Audit and Control Committee was able to report in Stockholm that the organisation's financial management is now under control.

Similar sentiments were expressed about ICA's development programme in an external evaluation report prepared in late 1987. It concluded that the restructuring of the development programme "was healthy and has now resulted in clarified objectives, a trimmed organization, substantially improved cost-consciousness, an acceptable standard of financial control, work-planning, and follow-up".

With the most serious problems of the immediate past under control, ICA has been able to turn its attention toward the future. The resolutions passed at the Stockholm Congress, which are included later in this report, provide an indication of some of the priorities facing ICA during the next four-year period--the ongoing examination of the link between co-operative basic values and economic success; development; relations with the United Nations system; and the social responsibility of co-operatives. All will be the focus of special effort in coming months.

Several other issues are also occupying the attention of the secretariat. Efforts to strengthen and support the work of the specialised sectoral organisations will receive increased attention. A strategy to attract new members is being developed. The content of ICA meetings, especially its Central Committee, must be improved.



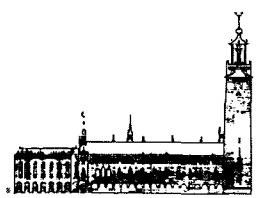
Internal issues are also being addressed. A new organisational structure, including revised job descriptions and personnel policies, has been developed for the head office staff. In accordance with one of the Congress resolutions, a review of the ICA's governance system--the structure and role of the Executive Committee, Central Committee, and Congress--has begun.

As it focusses its attention on its future priorities, the ICA is very much aware that it is, and must be, first and foremost responsive to the needs and wishes of its members. It is their support which will determine not only the financial strength of the organisation but also its ability to achieve its objectives. The establishment of a consensus within such a diverse membership group will never be an easy task, nor is it likely to be totally attainable. But if ICA succeeds in maintaining the trust and good-will of its members, it should be able to overcome the contradictory pressures to which a membership organisation is inevitably subjected.

If member-responsiveness is one theme which is guiding the work of ICA, another is planning. With limited resources at its disposal, and confronted with unlimited demands, a careful selection of priorities is essential. The ICA's development programme has already prepared detailed four-year workplans and budgets to guide its activities. Similar planning has now begun with respect to the work of other ICA departments.

It is with all these thoughts in mind that ICA is entering into its next year--the 94th of its existence. During these nine decades the world in which the co-operative movement operates has changed dramatically. ICA, and indeed its member organisations, may not always have responded to these changes with the necessary speed. Just as the co-operative movement operates as a third force in the world economy, so must it find a workable balance between the legitimate forces of tradition and change. This is now the fundamental challenge facing ICA and the world-wide system which it represents.

Bruce Thordarson



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ICA WORLD MEMBERSHIP

AFRICA

✓ 22 ORGANIZATIONS
✓ 15 COUNTRIES

ASIA

✓ 51 ORGANIZATIONS
✓ 21 COUNTRIES

594,828,239 INDIVIDUALS
✓ 183 ORGANIZATIONS
72 COUNTRIES

Individuals

1	BOTSWANA	56,500
1	COTE D'IVOIRE	213,405
5	EGYPT	3,850,000
1	GAMBIA	106,000
1	GHANA	680,002
2	KENYA	2,991,248
1	LESOTHO	42,233
1	MALI	4,447
1	MAURITIUS	40,000
3	MOROCCO	21,793
1	SENEGAL	838,000
1	SOMALIA	53,950
1	TANZANIA	640,463
1	UGANDA	980,076
1	ZAMBIA	150,000

Individuals

1	AFGHANISTAN	220,652
2	BANGLADESH	9,000,000
1	CHINA	132,000,000
8	INDIA	120,000,000
1	INDONESIA	8,492,197
1	IRAN	UNKNOWN
1	IRAQ	1,200,000
1	ISRAEL	1,540,274
8	JAPAN	18,409,631
1	JORDAN	38,094
1	KOREA D.P.R.	1,575,000
3	KOREA Rep. of	2,132,153
1	KUWAIT	140,094
8	MALAYSIA	1,732,620
2	PAKISTAN	2,960,448
3	PHILIPPINES	735,851
2	SINGAPORE	323,134
3	SRI LANKA	4,212,161
1	THAILAND	1,779,545
1	VIET NAM	20,000,000
1	YEMEN ARAB Rep.	12,450

EUROPE

✓ 89 ORGANIZATIONS
26 COUNTRIES

Individuals

3	AUSTRIA	3,027,328
4	BELGIUM	2,725,967
1	BULGARIA	2,933,855
4	CYPRUS	287,533
1	CZECHOSLOVAKIA	4,754,263
3	DENMARK	1,745,263
5	FINLAND	2,060,730
7	FRANCE	13,652,284
6	F.R.G.	7,013,331
1	G.D.R.	4,389,847
1	GREECE	814,864
4	HUNGARY	4,692,910
1	ICELAND	45,968
3	ITALY	5,215,381
1	NETHERLANDS	1,000
5	NORWAY	1,218,600
5	POLAND	12,011,558
5	PORTUGAL	3,000,000
5	SPAIN	2,672,205
1	ROMANIA	14,976,698
7	SWEDEN	4,593,498
4	SWITZERLAND	1,210,424
5	TURKEY	8,204,516
5	UK	10,011,813
1	USSR	60,300,000
1	YUGOSLAVIA	1,506,000

NORTH & SOUTH AMERICA

✓ 18 ORGANIZATIONS
8 COUNTRIES

Individuals

9	ARGENTINA	6,048,642
1	BRAZIL	3,440,947
2	CANADA	11,282,247
1	JAMAICA	250,000
1	MEXICO	210,000
1	PUERTO RICO	562,436
2	URUGUAY	398,500
1	USA	58,344,538

AUSTRALIA & OCEANIA

✓ 3 ORGANIZATIONS
2 COUNTRIES

Individuals

✓	AUSTRALIA	4,022,098
✓	FIJI	30,574

INTERNATIONAL ORGANIZATIONS IN MEMBERSHIP OF THE ICA

Arab Co-operative Federation, Bagdad
 Confederacion Lationoamericana de Cooperativas y Mutuales de Trabajadores, Bogota
 Sociedad Interamericana de Desarrollo y Financiamiento Cooperativo, Buenos Aires
 Organizacion de las Cooperativas de America, Bogota
 Confederacion de Cooperativas del Caribe y Centro America, San José
 Nordisk Andelsforbund, Copenhagen
 Collège Coopératif International, Paris
 International Co-operative Petroleum Association, Doornrecht
 BfG: Bank (Schweiz) AG INGEBA, Basel
 World Council of Credit Unions, Madison



WORLD INDIVIDUAL MEMBERSHIP BY SECTOR-1988

SECTOR	INDIVIDUAL MEMBERS	%	SOCIETIES	%
AGRICULTURAL	60,032,310	10.1	224,744	33.3
CONSUMER	142,187,074	23.8	65,278	9.7
CREDIT UNIONS	170,235,444	28.5	180,488	26.8
FISHERIES	2,018,716	0.3	15,210	2.3
HOUSING	14,058,142	2.4	72,726	10.8
INDUSTRIAL	2,984,189	0.5	35,159	5.2
INSURANCE	39,208,017	6.6	12,366	1.8
MULTIPURPOSE	133,612,405	22.4	47,564	7.0
OTHER	32,009,954	5.4	21,162	3.1
TOTAL	596,346,251	100.0	674,697	100.0

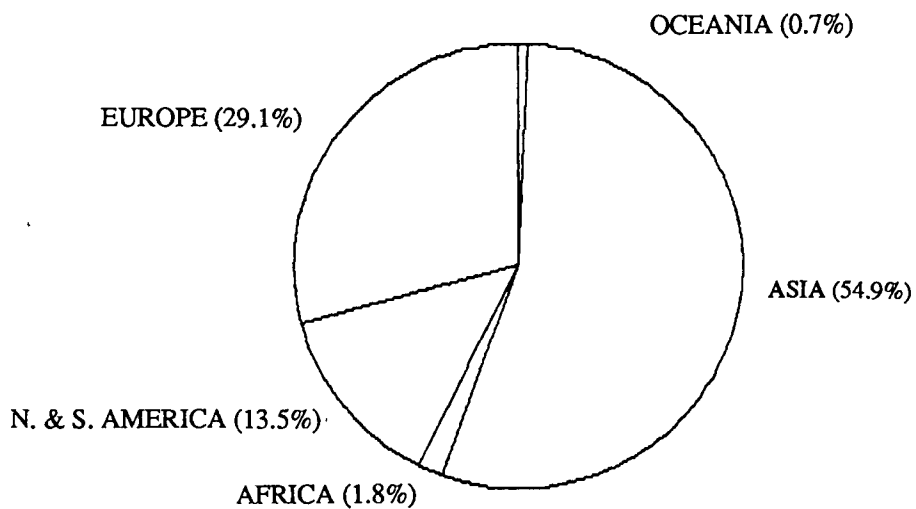
DEVELOPING COUNTRIES - INDIVIDUAL MEMBERSHIP BY SECTOR

SECTOR	INDIVIDUAL MEMBERS	%	SOCIETIES	%
AGRICULTURAL	30,202,001	10.5	174,934	35.0
CONSUMER	32,144,771	11.2	47,588	9.5
CREDIT UNIONS	86,991,332	30.3	140,809	28.2
FISHERIES	1,262,248	0.4	12,208	2.4
HOUSING	2,976,139	1.0	41,291	8.3
INDUSTRIAL	1,810,991	0.6	22,633	4.5
INSURANCE	129,533	0.1	266	0.1
MULTIPURPOSE	131,171,248	45.6	47,767	9.5
OTHER	950,593	0.3	12,633	2.5
TOTAL	287,638,856	100.0	500,129	100.0

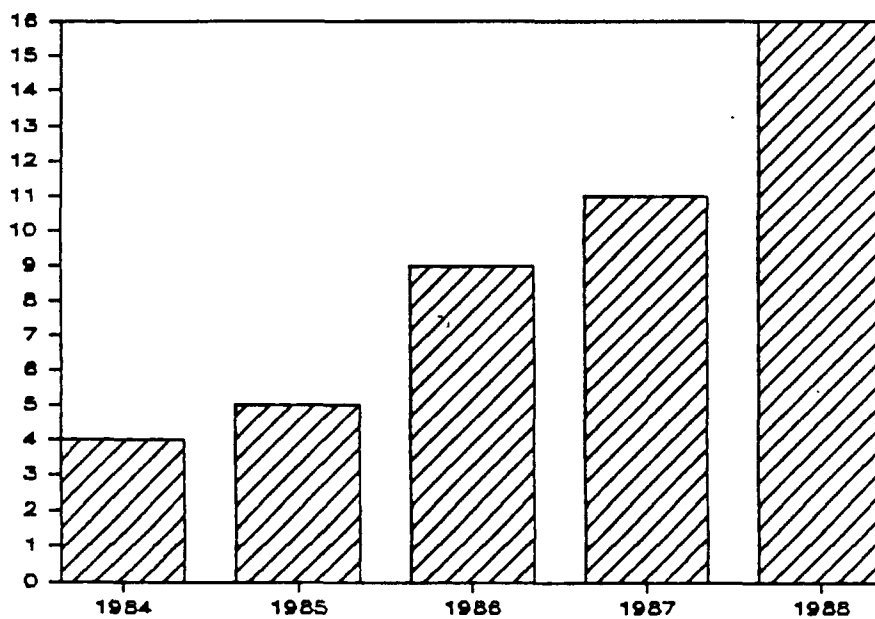


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ICA MEMBERSHIP BY CONTINENT



NUMBER OF ORGANIZATIONS ADMITTED TO ICA 1984 - 1988



REPORTS OF THE SPECIALIZED ORGANIZATIONS

Agricultural Committee



(Photo ILO)

Chairman: Mr. Jean-Louis Doumeng (France)

Secretary: Mr. Lajos Varadi (ICA)

The activities of the ICA Agricultural Committee in the year 1988 could be summarized by the following main events:

1. Executive Committee meeting in Cairo, March 1988.

During the meeting members gave an overview of recent developments of their movements.

This was the first time the Committee had met in Africa. After the meeting delegates visited local agricultural co-ops, giving them an insight into the day-to-day concerns of co-operative farmers in Egypt. Members hoped this initiative would be continued in other countries.

2. Joint Meeting with the ICA Consumer Committee - July 1988

The meeting discussed opportunities for closer co-operation among agricultural and consumer co-ops, and a paper on this theme was presented by Mr. Willy Soegaard, a lecturer from the Sydjysk University, Esbjerg, Denmark. After a lively discussion, the committee decided



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joint collaboration should be carried out mainly in joint marketing. Recent examples of successful joint-marketing projects had taken place in Japan, Argentina and Italy.

3. Plenary Meeting, Stockholm, July 1988

The main subject of the Stockholm plenary meeting was "Challenges to Agricultural Co-operatives". Discussion papers emphasized the most acute concerns of farming co-operatives today.

A work programme for the next four-year period was adopted. During the period the Committee will discuss the following themes: Experiences of Self-reliance in the Field of Food Supply in Developing Countries; Farmers and Employees - Sharing Benefits and Risks on a Mutual Basis; The Effect of Agricultural Production on the Environment.

The Committee also agreed to further collaboration with other organizations engaged in agriculture, such as the International Federation of Agricultural Producers (IFAP), the European Agricultural Confederation (EAC), The EEC General Committee of Agricultural Co-operatives (COGECA), the Food and Agricultural Organization (FAO), etc. Mr. M. Idris reported on his representation of the Agricultural Committee at IFAP meetings, including the IFAP Congress in Adelaide, Australia during 1988. The Secretary reported on the meeting of the EAC in Bern, Switzerland and said he and the Chairman would attend the General Assembly of EAC to be held in September 1988 in Graz, Austria. The committee is also studying a proposal for a joint meeting with COGECA to identify possible resources of financing farming co-operatives.

The following Executive Committee members were elected for the next four-year period:

- Mr. Jean-Louis Doumeng - France (Chairman)
- Mr. Mohamed Idris - Egypt (Vice-Chairman)
- Mr. Mihály Lehoczki - Hungary (Vice-Chairman)
- Mr. S. S. Dawra - India (Vice-Chairman)
- Mr. Valentin Levisman - Argentina
- Mr. Pavel Jonas - Czechoslovakia
- Mr. Bruno Oestergaard - Denmark
- Mr. Mamadou M. Dibba - The Gambia
- Mr. Agostino Bagnato - Italy
- Mr. Odd Gran - Norway
- Mr. Jan de Woul - Sweden
- Mr. Charles Kabuga - Uganda

The Economic Bureau of the Agricultural Committee (BECA)

During the reporting period BECA opened regional bureaus in Cairo, Manila, New Delhi, Budapest and Rome, in order to facilitate regional trade. A meeting of members in the Mediterranean region was held on June 23 - 24 in Rome and a meeting between co-operatives from Latin-America and Eastern Europe is planned for Spring 1989 in Brasil.



Banking Committee

Chairman: Terry Thomas

Secretary: Roger K. Jones

During the period under review the Committee revised its Rules and introduced a subscription fee for all members. The new rules provide for the foundation of Regional Committees to promote co-operation between banks in certain areas. Such Regional Committees have already been set up in Africa and South-East Asia.

During the past year many young people have taken advantage of the Committee's Trainee Exchange Programme. This programme aims to give young co-op bank employees the opportunity to work in overseas banks, learn a foreign language and establish personal friendships with young bankers from other countries. The Banking Committee is convinced that these contacts will further solidarity between Co-operative Banks on a world-wide scale.

In July 1988, in Stockholm members from France and Pakistan presented their institutions and their work at the plenary session. At previous plenary meetings co-operative friends from Nigeria, Kenya, Argentina, Norway, Great Britain and Ghana had the opportunity to present their organizations. This exchange of experience helps to strengthen the links between members of the Committee.

A new Executive was elected in Stockholm for the period 1988-1992. The following members were elected:

Mr. T. Thomas - U.K. (Chairman)

Mr. C. Bunwaree - Mauritius

Mr. J. Duramé - France

Mr. D. Grethe - Switzerland

Mr. P. Gulaker - Norway

Mr. J. Moreau - France

Mr. E.K. Mureithi - Kenya

Mr. G. Persson - Sweden

Mr. K. Vogelsang - Switzerland

Mr. H. Vögeli - Switzerland

Mr. A. Yuhtman - Israel



CICOPA (Producers' Co-operatives)



(Photo ILO)

Chairman: Yves Regis (France)

Secretary: Lajos Varadi (ICA)

During the period under review the activities of CICOPA can be characterized under four headings:

1. CICOPA Membership Campaign

An extensive membership campaign has increased membership figures to 53 co-op organizations from 29 countries, and these figures are expected to increase with the creation of further regional sub-committees.

2. Establishment of Regional Sub-committees.

For some years now there has been a regional committee integrating the industrial co-operatives of the European Community, headquartered in Brussels, Belgium. This committee is called CECOP (European Committee of Producers' Co-operatives). Recognizing the success of such regional collaboration the Executive Committee of CICOPA have worked out



a scheme for setting up further sub-committees. Consequently, a meeting was organized with Asian producers' co-operatives in New Delhi, India, in May 1988. The sub-Committee called ASIA-CICOPA was established at the ICA Congress in Stockholm. It will hold its first Plenary Meeting in November 1988 in New Delhi, India.

During the review period CICOPA offered training and educational help to Indian producers' co-operatives through CECOP, and has also put the CICOPA co-op trade data bank at the disposal of ASIA-CICOPA members.

Mr. Y. Régis, the Chairman of CICOPA, will visit Colombia to begin preparations for the establishment of a regional committee for the Latin-American region, scheduled for March 1989.

CICOPA also plans to set up a sub-committee for Western Africa in the second half of 1989 and another sub-committee for Eastern-Central and Southern Africa in June 1990.

3. The third World Conference of CICOPA, Paris, February 1988

The third World Conference was held in Paris in February 1988 with the main theme "the Future of the Democratic and Participative Enterprises". More than 200 participants attended representing 63 countries.

The participants reviewed main trends and changes since the second CICOPA World Conference in Poland in 1983. The conference also tried to find answers to the many problems faced by both co-operative and other participative enterprises.

The conference concluded that the co-operative and participative form of ownership has a bright future in the post-industrial society, offering solutions for job creation and in leveling social differences. In socialist countries one can also witness the revival of producers' and service co-operatives, presenting an alternative to heavily bureaucratized State-owned enterprises.

The Proceedings of the Conference are now available in French with English and Spanish editions scheduled for early 1989.

- Mr. Yves Régis - France (Chairman)
- Mr. Wiktor Sielanko - Poland (Vice-Chairman)
- Mr. Damiano Bussini - Italy (Vice-Chairman)
- Mr. Alvaro Bonistalli - Italy (Chairman of Sub-Committee (CECOP))
- Mr. Rai Singh - India (Chairman of Sub-Committee (ASIA-CICOPA))
- Mr. Istvan Lendvai - Hungary
- Mr. Roberto Malucelli - Italy
- Mr. Sayed Zaki - Egypt



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Consumer Committee



(Photo ILO)

Chairman: Ms. Turid Ström (Sweden)

Secretary: Lajos Varadi (ICA)

The highlights of ICA Consumer Committee's activity for 1987/88 are as follows:

1. International Consumers' Day.

1988 was the second consecutive year that the ICA Consumer Committee called upon all consumer co-operatives to celebrate March 15th as International Consumers' Day. This day commemorates the adoption of a UN Charter which gives guidelines for consumer protection. On this occasion a Consumer Committee message emphasizing the protection of the environment and hazard-free products was published in the ICA Review. The message was well received in numerous countries, especially in Scandinavia, where environment consciousness is particularly high, but letters of support were also received from Morocco, Japan, and Malaysia.

2. Joint Meeting with Agricultural Committee, July 1988

Please refer to the report under the heading ICA Agricultural Committee.



3. Plenary Meeting, Stockholm, July 1988

Two main subjects were discussed:

a) Co-operative Consumer Policies in Societal Development

Mr. Sven Åke Böök, Director of the Swedish Cooperative Institute, presented a paper on fundamental co-op values, co-operative consumer policies to be followed in market-based economies, and the development trends within Societies.

b) Guidelines for Co-operative Consumer Policy

The Committee adopted new Guidelines which had been drafted by Ms. T. Ström and Mr. K. Suomela. The Guidelines reaffirm consumers' rights as adopted at the ICA Congress in 1969 and underline that, as consumer co-ops are the world's largest mass movement of consumers, they have a responsibility to protect consumer rights.

It was also stressed that consumer co-ops are business organizations motivated by ethical values. It was important, therefore, that members should control management decisions through the appropriate administrative bodies. The Committee also stressed that co-operative consumer policy should not be limited to only co-operative business, but should also include general consumer matters.

The new Executive elected in Stockholm are the following:

- Ms. Turid Ström - Sweden (Chairman)
- Mr. Manfred Dabrunz - FRG (Vice-Chairman)
- Mr. Masao Ohya - Japan (Vice-Chairman & Chairman of the Regional Consumer Sub-Committee for Asia)
- Mr. Luis Armando Carello - Argentina
- Mr. Kalevi Suomela - Finland
- Mr. István Szlamenicky - Hungary
- Mr. Giuseppe Fabretti - Italy
- Mr. Abdulatif Al Kharaza - Kuwait



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Fisheries Committee



(Photo ILO)

Chairman: Jirozaemon Saito (Japan)

Secretary General: G. Suzuki (Japan)

Assistant Secretary: Masaaki Sato (Japan)

In 1987 the Committee introduced a subscription fee for all members in accordance with the new rules established the previous year.

Only 9 organizations from 8 countries registered in 1987, but due to the Committee's efforts to increase membership, in 1988 the numbers had jumped to 17 national/apex co-operative organizations from 15 countries. The membership recruitment campaign will be continued in 1989.

A training programme for the leaders of fisheries co-operatives in the world has been funded by the government of Japan as part of its Official Development Aid (ODA) programmes starting from the fiscal year 1987. The project aims to contribute to development of human resources in fishing communities by organizing seminars. During the period under review two seminars were held: one in Sri Lanka in November/December, 1987 and the second in Malaysia in February/March 1988. The characteristic feature of these seminars is that they were conducted in the local language of the target group. The seminars reached the following conclusions:

(1) Conclusion of seminar in Sri Lanka:

- A fishermen's co-operative law should be enacted
- Participation of women in the activities of fisheries co-operatives should be encouraged.

(2) Conclusion of seminar in Malaysia:

- There is a need to establish a special committee to discuss the views and recommendations of the seminar and to take appropriate measures for the development of the fishing community in Malaysia.

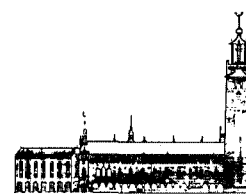
At the Fisheries Committee meeting held in Stockholm on the 5th of July, 1988, the budget and business plan for 1989 fiscal year were unanimously approved and further plans for 1988 confirmed:

- (1) The Committee intends to undertake several surveys, including a preliminary survey on banking services available to fishermen.
- (2) Further ODA seminars on fisheries co-operatives will be held in India in November, 1988, in Thailand in January, 1989 and in Hungary in April 1989.
- (3) The results of these studies and of the ODA seminars will be summarized and published in the Fishermen's Co-operative Bulletin or other special publications for distribution to members.

The next meeting of the Fisheries Committee will be held in New Delhi, India, in mid October 1989.

During the plenary meeting in Stockholm, the following executive members and auditors were elected:

Mr. P. Lacour - France (Honorary Chairman)
Mr. Jirozaemon Saito - Japan (Chairman)
Mr. Datuk Haji Aziz Mohd - Malaysia (Vice-Chairman)
Dr. Antal Csoma - Hungary (Vice-Chairman)
Mr. Erlender Einarsson - Iceland (Vice-Chairman)
Mr. Park Hee Jae - Republic of Korea (Vice-Chairman)
Mr. William Buckman - Ghana
Mr. Subash Chandra - India
Mr. Maurice Benoish - France
Mr. Vieri Spaggiari - Italy (Auditor)
Mr. Anan Chamnankit - Thailand (Auditor)



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INCOTEC

Chairman: Robert Houlton (UK)

Secretary: Cecilia McNicholas (UK)

Following the Hamburg Congress of 1984 AGITCOOP set itself four inter-connected main tasks :

1. To examine new Co-operative training methods.
2. To promote a debate on Co-operative values and education prior to the 1988 Congress.
3. To analyse the potential of the new communications and computer technologies for co-operative training.
4. To review its own constitution and programme and recommend changes to the Executive Committee of the ICA.

During the reporting period these included:

- * a woman Training Officer (Thailand) outlining the use of video-tapes in rural co-operative training (1988)
- * a tele-conference between delegates at the Co-operative College, Var Gard and a tutor 50 kilometers away (1988)

Throughout these various events and activities the AGITCOOP Executive was concerned to identify the most cost-effective approach to education and training in the developing countries. In 1988 Agitcoop decided to change its name to more fully reflect the direction the group was taking.

The Executive produced a new constitution designed to reflect changes in AGITCOOP's role within the structure of the ICA and sustain the on-going work until the year 2000.

A new constitution and name - INCOTEC (International Co-operative Training and Education Committee) was approved by the ICA Executive Committee, recognising that the role of the committee had changed from being advisory to being a specialist committee in its own right.

AGITCOOP's legacy to INCOTEC is (i) a work programme which extends to 1994; (ii) the ability to raise its own resources through subscription and (iii) a communications network which embraces :

- * the International Co-operative Training Centres
- * the ICA Regional Offices
- * the Research Register
- * the ICA/CEMAS programme
- * the ILO/MATCOM programme
- * the Development Forum



Having struggled with the problems and dilemmas involved in applying co-operative principles and values to the training of co-operators in the developing countries, the epitaph for AGITCOOP is perhaps expressed best in the words of Goethe.

“Grau, teurer Freund, ist alle Theorie und grün des
Lebens goldner Baum”

(Rough translation : ‘Grey, dear friend, is all theory,
but green is life’s golden tree.’)

AGITCOOP in its fourteen years has combined the grey and the green to make the gold of human development.

The Executive Committee of INCOTEC is as follows:

Dr Robert Houlton - UK (Chairman)
Dr. Y Paz - Israel (Vice-Chairman)
Prof. U. Aziz - Malaysia (Vice-Chairman)
Vacant . USSR (Vice-Chairman)
Ms. F. Baulier - France (co-opted)
Mr. R. Singh - India
Ms. E. Cicheru - Kenya
Mr. L. Schujman - Argentina
Dr. R. Otto - GDR
Mr. M. Jonsson - Sweden
Prof. S. Zsarnoczai - Hungary

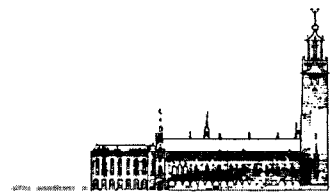
Research Planning and Development Group

Chairman: Mr. Garth Pratt - U.K.

Vice Chairman and acting Secretary: Mr. Sven Åke Böök - Sweden

The Research Planning and Development Group of the ICA remains active, concerned, and tries to be an initiating and responsive group within the Alliance. It seeks to meet annually as a group, for a seminar, coupled with visits in the host country of an essentially practicable kind, which will enable its more theoretical work to be complemented. The group met in 1987 in Middelfart, Denmark, and in 1988 in Stockholm, Sweden, and plans are in hand for the annual seminar of the group to be held this year in Bologna, Italy, in November. Attendance at group meetings has varied between 15 and 25. Representation has been secured from a very wide ranging network of countries and movements, and the following countries have been represented more or less regularly over the last four years: Austria, Denmark, Finland, France, Hungary, Ireland, Italy, Japan, Norway, Poland, Sweden, the United Kingdom and the USSR.

The group has sought to pursue general themes and in the recent past these have included “The Question of Management Strategy and How That Imposes Upon Co-operative Identity” and “Recent Organizational Changes and their implications for Co-operative Democracy” More recently the group has tried to relate to the ongoing debate within the ICA about basic values. In Denmark it was able to agree about the main structure of Co-operative values but had some different classifications.



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- It discussed the value of “self-help” in some length and stressed the importance of the proper interpretation of that value within the context of co-operative values.
- It stated the need to clarify more the distinctions between co-operative values and co-operative principles in terms of value norms and rules of action.
- It stressed the need to study the ways in which co-operative values and principles are diverging from actual performance.
- It emphasized the process approach in studying the issues of co-operative values and in recommending guidelines for the future.
- It noticed the trend among consumer co-operatives to take over private enterprises and keep them as such. In that connection it raised the question whether this behavior could be looked upon as an expression of emerging new values.
- It was especially worried about the widening gap between co-operative values and actual co-operative practice, that could be observed from different perspectives.
- It did not generally support the idea of introducing “new” co-operative values. Instead it stressed the need to “re-discover” the values already in existence and to consciously seek ways of implementing them.
- It especially emphasized the ecological values implicit in the co-operative values as crucial for the future. These ecological values might be introduced as an explicit part of the co-operative basis of values for the future.

The group was supportive of the conference organized in Stockholm by the Swedish Co-operative Institute and Society for Co-operative Studies on Traditions and Trends in Co-operative Development and Change, and will continue to explore the question of developments and changes when it meets at Bologna and looks particularly at the question of the relationship between the traditional Co-operative Movement, especially the consumer oriented ones, and the new and emerging co-operatives established in the industry and producer area.

Members of the Executive are:

Mr. Garth Pratt - U.K. (Chairman)

Mr. Sven Åke Böök - Sweden (Vice-Chairman)

Kai Ilmonen - Finland

Plus one representative from the host organization at each seminar.

ICIF (Insurance)



Chairman: J.E. Fisher (USA)

Secretary: T.H. Webb (UK)

The quadrennial conference of the ICIF took place in Stockholm between 2 and 4 July. There was a record attendance of more than 200 delegates, observers, specially invited guests and visitors. This was the first conference at which observers attended in an official capacity, since the observer status had been formalized in order to bring prospective members closer to the Federation's activities.

Apart from formal business, there were three discussion sessions. The first was a review and celebration of 25 years of development activity by the Federation's development bureau. This included an impressive multi-image programme, illustrating how co-operative insurance had spread around the world, and presentations by a number of speakers on the origins and significance of the bureau as well as the importance of this work viewed from different standpoints.

The second discussion was a seminar on the theme of "Managing into the 1990s". Eight member societies submitted papers dealing with aspects of this theme, such as trends in markets, distribution changes and opportunities, and expense management including the management of human resources. In the final discussion session, rapporteurs gave their appraisals of three case studies, each one featuring a different member of the Federation. They



had been chosen because their significant achievements had been made over the last twenty years, and the purpose of the session was to see what lessons could be learned.

The outgoing executive committee had decided to increase the committee by one seat to the maximum permitted by the rules, the additional seat being intended to provide for representation from France which had assumed more significance in the Federation's affairs following the admission of two major French members. The new committee, which will serve until 1992, is as follows:

Elected members

J.E. Fisher - USA (Chairman)
S. Ochiai - Japan (Vice-Chairman)
W. Schulz - FRG (Vice-Chairman)
A.S. Sneddon - UK (Treasurer)
R. Belhomme - France
H. Dahlberg - Sweden
E. Mazzoli - Italy
O. Mercure - Canada
Tan Kin Lian - Singapore
A. Vainstok - Argentina

Ex officio non-voting:

P-O. Granstedt - Sweden (Chairman, ICRB)
T. Haalboom - Canada (Chairman, CIDB)
T.H. Webb - UK (Secretary)

The Federation has 102 individual member societies (75 groups) in 37 countries and the premium income of its member societies exceeds £16,000 million.

Co-operative Insurance Development Bureau (CIDB)

The conference approved a change of name for this bureau, which was previously known as the Insurance Development Bureau of the ICIF. The change was made so that the purpose of the bureau in fostering insurance on a co-operative basis will be more readily apparent, particularly in dealing with aid agencies. The member societies also approved a change in the way the Federation finances that part of its activities not funded from other sources. It was agreed to establish an equalization fund to be known as the Co-operative Insurance Development Fund and to commit a fixed proportion of income (25% at the outset) to that fund.

The CIDB also implemented a re-structuring embodying the regional approach which had evolved over the previous few years. Member societies involved in development work will in future meet regionally, with a plenary meeting being held every two years at the time of ICIF conference. Coordination and supervision will be the responsibility of a new, smaller management committee, consisting of regional coordinators and CIDB secretariat staff.

International Co-operative Reinsurance Bureau (ICRB)

The ICRB reported a very small decline in the volume of premiums exchanged in 1988 compared with 1987. Membership continues to increase. The next three-yearly Meeting of



Reinsurance Officials is due to be held in Paris in 1989 and the bureau is planning to use this occasion to mark its 40th anniversary.

Regional Associations

The Association of European Co-operative Insurers (AECI), the North American Association of the ICIF (NAA-ICIF) and the Asia & Oceania Association of the ICIF (AOA) all held meetings in Stockholm in association with the ICIF conference.

Later this year the AECI will mark its tenth anniversary with a conference in Brussels aimed at stressing the role played by AECI members in European insurance markets. It is intended as a public relations event and is directed in part towards the Commission of the European Community.

UITCA (Tourism)

Chairman: Mr. G. Ganneby, Sweden

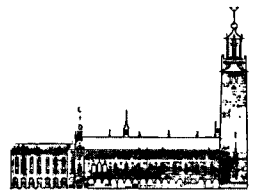
Secretary: J-P. Champeaux, France

The International Union of Co-operative and Associated Tourism held a general assembly in Stockholm on July 5, 1988.

The committee undertook to plan a programme of action to make itself better known to ICA members and to investigate the best methods of developing co-operative tourism in order to compete with the private sector.

During the plenary meeting the following Executive members were elected.

- Mr. G. Ganneby - Sweden (Chairman)
- Mr. M. Marik - Czechoslovakia (Vice-Chairman)
- Mr. N. Matsui - Japan (Vice-Chairman)
- Mr. J-P. Champeaux - France (Secretary)
- Mr. M. Thiercelin - France (Treasurer)



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INTERCOOP (Trade)

Chairman Sir Dennis Landau (UK)
Secretary J.E. Dalgaard Jensen (Denmark)

On December 31st 1987, 21 consumer co-operative federations were members of INTERCOOP. This Specialized Organization's working programme comprises the following main tasks:

- Promotion of joint purchases of food and non-food on the world markets
- Promotion of exchange of products from members' factories
- Promotion of exchange of experience in questions of retailing and distribution issues.

The economic situation improved in most member countries in 1987, and this positively affected collaboration between INTERCOOP members within most activity areas.

The non-food sector, which mainly comprises joint buying activities in 6 regional and 11 international buying groups, continued to have an overall positive development. The member organizations are being offered financial benefits in the form of lower buying prices, better delivery terms, etc. and by means of clearly defined joint buying. The most successful buying groups covered clocks, garden implements, footwear, tools, toys and electrical appliances.

INTERCOOP Far East Ltd., the Hong Kong based joint buying office, has been in operation for eight years. The office again reported a positive development in 1987, with orders increasing by 29%. This result was achieved not only because of the low value of the US\$ and HK\$ compared to most European currencies but also because of support from member organizations. The office, which today is handling purchases of textiles from most Far East countries and hardware from Hong Kong and China, expects to re-pay part of the surplus obtained in 1987 to the members.

In connection with the Far East activities, INTERCOOP established in 1981 a joint transportation system in 1981 to reduce transport costs. After some years of rate decreases, overbooked vessels in 1986 and 1987 motivated the shipping lines to change policy and, although the group succeeded in extending the agreement periods and keeping the rates far below the official tariffs, rate increases were inevitable. China and the Indian Sub-continent are becoming more and more important, and a special investigation has been made for establishing a concept, which ensures that the members are able to influence the routing of shipments, as soon as the goods leave the factories.

The joint buying of food takes place via the buying offices of NAF. After reductions in purchases in 1986, NAF's position as important buyer of Brazil coffee for the non-Scandinavian co-op organizations was regained in 1987, when the Brazilian Coffee Institute reconsidered their price policy. For other products like tea, cocoa, dried fruits, bananas and off-season fruits the purchasing developments were also very positive.

The exchange of co-op brand food and non-food products has also seen a positive trend in 1987, with high turnovers especially in wine, fresh fruit and vegetables, confectionery, pasta, bread and cheese.



The activities related to the POS (Point of Sales) project, such as exchange of experience and information as well as coordination with selected suppliers were continued in 1987 as part of INTERCOOP's ongoing activities.

Some of the main issues in the discussions among the project managers in 1987 were the requirement specifications for small stores using 2 to 3 cash lanes, as well as the introduction of a co-op member system with plastic cards offering members financial and social benefits. An agreement with one of the POS suppliers made provision for frequent meetings in order to clarify the outstanding questions before the end of 1987 and to determine future collaboration.

The exchange of experience and information within the various groups (both permanent and ad hoc) continued at a high level with most organizations actively involved.

The permanent group for "Food Stores" discussed i.a. "effective store management" and "ecology marketing", whereas the working group for "Warehouse and Distribution" exchanged experience in computerized food distribution systems and compared logistic systems in different co-op society structures. Ad hoc meetings were held on chemo-technical products including the forming of a buying group for chemical raw materials and among bakery specialists discussing the new "bake-off" concept and the distribution of fresh bread.

The new Board of Directors, elected in July 1988 in Stockholm, is the following:

- Sir Dennis Landau - Great Britain (Chairman)
- Mr. L. Lewin, Sweden, Vice-Chairman
- Mr. E. Schuster, Austria, Vice-Chairman
- Mr. B. Augustyn - Poland
- Mr. E. Rantala - Finland
- Mr. A. Severi - Italy
- Mr. J. Negre - France
- Mr. A. Döttger - W. Germany
- Mr. I. Szlamenicky - Hungary
- Mr. A. Andersen - Denmark
- Mr. A. Heines - Norway
- Mr. R. Leuenberger - Switzerland

Chief Executive of Inter-Coop is J.E. Dalgaard Jensen. G. Güttler is Deputy Chief Executive in Copenhagen and H. Johansen is General Manager in Hong Kong.



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Women's Committee



(Photo ILO)

Chairman: Norah Willis (UK)

Secretary: Muriel Russell (UK)

During the period under review meetings of the ICA Women's Committee have taken place in Hungary in Oct. 1987 and Stockholm in July 1988. Its Executive Committee also met in both these venues and in March 1988 in Geneva.

In Budapest the Committee and the ICA Agricultural Committee held a joint meeting which resulted in the publication of a set of recommendations on the participation of women in agricultural co-operatives, not only for the benefit of women but for the social and economic strength of the organization.

In Stockholm the Committee adopted a draft plan which will provide programmes to coincide with all its meetings until Congress 1992. Subjects will include Women Co-operators in South East Asia (next year in New Delhi) Women and New Technology, Women's Concern for the Environment and, if the UN designates 1992 as UN Year of the Family, a theme based on the Family. In addition, as and when facilities are available, attention will be given to women and their needs as co-operators in Africa.

Arrangements were discussed for the training seminar which will take place in Israel in collaboration with Histradut and the World Council of Credit Unions. Twenty-five women will study the handling of credit and savings, together with leadership roles in this area of development.

OFFICERS OF ICA SPECIALIZED ORGANIZATIONS

Liaison Officer with Specialized Organizations



Lajos Varadi
Manager, Specialized Organizations (ICA)

AGRICULTURAL COMMITTEE



Chairman: Jean-Louis Doumeng (France)
Secretary: Lajos Varadi (ICA)

CICOPA (Producer Co-ops)



Chairman: Yves Regis (France)
Secretary: Lajos Varadi (ICA)

CONSUMER COMMITTEE



Chairman: Turid Ström (Sweden)
Secretary: Lajos Varadi (ICA)

BANKING COMMITTEE



Chairman:
Terry Thomas (UK)



Secretary:
Roger K. Jones (UK)

FISHERIES COMMITTEE



Chairman:
J. Saito (Japan)



Secretary:
Giichi Suzuki (Japan)

HOUSING COMMITTEE



Chairman:
Olle Lindström (Sweden)



Secretary:
Kerstin Hermansson (Sweden)

ICIF (Insurance Cttee)



Chairman:
John E. Fisher (USA)



Secretary:
Terry Webb (UK)

INCOTEC (Training & Education Cttee)



Chairman:
Robert Houlton (UK)



Secretary:
Cecilia McNicholas (UK)

INTERCOOP (Co-op Trade Cttee)



Chairman:
Dennis Landau (UK)



Secretary:
Jens-Erik Dalgaard-Jensen
(Denmark)

UITCA (Tourism Cttee)



Chairman:
George Ganneby (Sweden)



Secretary:
J.P. Champeaux (France)

WOMEN'S COMMITTEE



Chairman:
Norah Willis (UK)



Secretary:
Muriel Russel (UK)

WORKING PARTY ON CO-OPERATIVE COMMUNICATIONS (WPoCC)



Chairman:
Milton MacKenzie (Canada)



Secretary:
Mary Treacy (ICA)

WORKING PARTY ON CO-OPERATIVE LIBRARIANS & DOCUMENTATION OFFICERS



Chairman:
Bernard Howcroft (UK)



Secretary:
Aline Pawlowska (ICA)

WORKING PARTY ON CO-OPERATIVE RESEARCH



Chairman:
Garth Pratt (UK)



Acting Secretary:
Sven Ake Bööck (Sweden)
Vice-president



ICA FINANCIAL REPORT

For Year Ended 31 December 1987
(All amounts are in Swiss Francs)

Summarized Balance Sheet

	1987	1986
ASSETS		
Total current assets	2,549,383	2,970,169
Net furniture and equipment	45,994	77,408
Total other assets	37,753	35,186
	<u>2,633,130</u>	<u>3,082,763</u>
LIABILITIES, FUNDS AND RESERVES		
Total liabilities	1,633,082	2,120,838
Total funds and reserves	1,000,048	961,925
	<u>2,633,130</u>	<u>3,082,763</u>

Summarized Statement of Activity

	1987	1986
Total revenue	2,126,682	2,002,105
Headquarters' expense	1,965,205	2,403,291
	<u>161,477</u>	<u>(401,186)</u>
Total net support to the regional offices	(149,743)	(293,751)
	<u>11,743</u>	<u>(694,937)</u>
Surplus/Deficit on ordinary activities	11,743	(694,937)

Summarized Statement of Funds & Reserves

	RESERVE FUND	OTHER FUNDS	RESERVES	TOTAL FUNDS & RESERVES
Balance at the beginning of the year	750,000	456,410	(244,485)	961,925
Contributions		39,972		39,972
Surplus on ordinary activities			11,743	11,743
Expenses		(13,592)		(13,592)
Transfer		(149,734)	149,734	
Balance at the end of the year	<u>750,000</u>	<u>333,056</u>	<u>(83,008)</u>	<u>1,000,048</u>

*The complete audited financial statements are distributed separately.
Copies are available upon request.*



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PART II

SUMMARY REPORT OF THE XXIX CONGRESS

Stockholm 7 - 10 July 1988





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SUMMARY REPORT OF THE XXIX CONGRESS OF THE INTERNATIONAL CO-OPERATIVE ALLIANCE

Stockholm 7 - 10 July 1988

THURSDAY 7th JULY

Item 1 - Opening Ceremony

The opening ceremony lasted for approximately one hour, during which participants enjoyed a medley of Swedish folk music, light opera and classical music, and were entertained by Swedish folk-dancers.

Item 2 - Welcome speech by the Representative of the Swedish National Congress Committee, Mr. Ake LUNDQVIST

Mr. Ake LUNDQVIST, KF, Sweden, welcomed participants to the Congress on behalf of the Swedish National Congress Committee.

Item 3 - Introductory speech by ICA President, Mr. Lars MARCUS

ICA President, Mr. Lars MARCUS, then made an introductory speech declaring the Congress open.

Item 4 - Greetings by the General Secretary of the Communist Party of the Soviet Union, Mikhail GORBACHEV

ICA President, Mr. Lars MARCUS, read a message of greetings from Mikhail GORBACHEV. The message pledged the Soviet Union's intention to encourage the growth of the co-operative movement as part of Perestroika, the restructuring of Soviet society.

Item 5 - Address by Swedish Minister for Foreign Affairs, Mr. Sten ANDERSSON

In his address to the Congress Mr. Sten ANDERSSON, Sweden's Minister for Foreign Affairs, said that the ICA Congress had been held in Stockholm in 1957. This meeting had provided the impetus for the world-wide movement to play a more active role in supporting the growth of co-operatives in the countries of the South. The Swedish movement had been especially active in this area and it was, therefore, appropriate that 30 years of co-operative development should be discussed at the Stockholm 1988 Congress.

Item 6 - Address by UN Secretary General, Mr. Javier PEREZ DE CUELLAR

Mr. PEREZ DE CUELLAR addressed the Congress, stressing that the United Nations was strongly committed to encouraging the development of grassroots level co-operative organizations. He praised the work of the ICA, especially in the countries of the South.



Photo Ove Wallin, Sweden

ICA President, Lars Marcus presenting Mr. Javier PEREZ DE CUELLAR, UN Secretary General, with a painting to commemorate his opening the XXIX ICA Congress in Stockholm.

Item 7 - Official Welcome by ICA President, Lars MARCUS

Mr. Lars MARCUS, ICA President, welcomed all delegates, observers and guests.

Item 8 - Speech by the Deputy Director-General of the International Labour Office, Mr. B. BOLIN

The Deputy Director-General of the International Labour Office, Mr. B. BOLIN, spoke about ILO's close and cordial relations with the ICA which dated back to ILO's inception. One of the practical actions expressing this spirit of solidarity between the two organizations had been the establishment of a co-operative unit within the ILO in 1920.

After Mr. B. BOLIN had addressed the Congress, Mr. Lars MARCUS handed over the chair to Vice-president, Yvon DANEAU.

Item 9 - Attendance report

ICA Director, Mr. R. BEASLEY, reported that to date the following participants had registered for the Congress:

- 407 delegates
- 479 observers
- 28 interpreters
- 14 press
- 61 guests

making a total of **989 persons**



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Item 10 - Election of Congress Committee

In addition to the President, Mr. Lars MARCUS (Sweden) and the Vice-president, Mr. Yvon DANEAU (Canada), the following persons were elected to serve on the Congress Committee:

- Mrs. Bernadette WANYONYI, Co-operative Insurance Services, Kenya
- Mr. Masao OHYA, Japanese Consumer Co-operative Union
- Mrs. Birgitta LINDSTROM, Folksam Insurance Group, Sweden
- Mrs. Barbara DEVERICK, National Co-operation Business Association, USA
- Mr. Dante CRACOGNA, Intercoop Editora Cooperativa, Argentina
- Mr. A. KRASHENINNIKOV, Centrosoyus, USSR

Item 11 - Appointment of Tellers:

The following tellers were appointed:

- Mr. William BUCKMAN, Ghana Co-operative Fisheries Association
- Mr. Dusan CECHVALA, Ustredni Rada Druzstev, Czechoslovakia
- Mr. Kalevi SUOMELA, KK, Finland
- Mr. H.Hasle NIELSEN, Danske Andelsselskaber, Denmark
- Ms. Françoise BAULIER, FNCC, France
- Mr. Olof ANDERSSON, KF, Sweden
- Mr. Alexander LEUKHIN, CENTROSOYUS, USSR



View of main Congress Hall in "Folkets Hus", Stockholm during the ICA Congress in July 1988 (Photo Patricio Salinas, Stockholm)



Item 12 Election of the Central Committee

A list of candidates to the Central Committee was circulated and the Chairman asked that any changes be submitted to the Secretariat before the end of the Congress. The amended list of Central Committee delegates is attached to this report as Appendix 'B'.

Item 13 - Report of the work of the ICA since Hamburg Congress

Mr. R. BEASLEY, ICA Director, presented the ICA Secretariat report. He pointed out that ICA's finances had improved dramatically during the past four years.

ICA Department Heads then gave reports on their different sectors of activity: Development was presented by Mr. B. THORDARSON, Membership Relations by Mr. V. OUGLEV, Communications by Ms. M. TREACY, and Liaison with Specialized Organizations by Mr. L. VARADI.

The Chairman thanked the Director and staff members for their reports and all the work accomplished during the past 4 years.

Item 14 - Other Business

1. Ms. N. WILLIS (Women's Committee) presented the work of the Women's Committee.
2. Mr. A. KRASHENINNIKOV (Centrosoyus) commented on the Secretariat Report.
3. Mr. W. WOLF (VdK) invited the ICA to hold its Central Committee meeting in Berlin (GDR) in 1991.
4. Mr. Sven Ake BOOK (SCI) referred to the vital role played by co-operative research.
5. Ms. M. FIGUEREAU (Delegate of the Social Economy - France) spoke about the future of co-operatives and the place of women in the movement.
6. Mr. I. TAKAMURA (JCCU) invited ICA to hold its 30th Congress in Japan in 1992.

FRIDAY, 8th JULY

MAIN THEME - CO-OPERATIVES AND BASIC VALUES

Item 1 - Introduction of Guests

Mr. Lars MARCUS, President of the ICA, opened the session by introducing the following guests:

- Mr. M. HELLSTRÖM (Swedish Minister of Agriculture)
- Mr. R. KERINEC (former ICA President - France)
- Mr. P. SOILAND (former ICA Vice-President - Norway)

He then made reference to the formal invitation received from the member organizations of India for the ICA to hold its 1989 Central Committee meeting in that country.



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Item 2 - Greetings

A message of greetings was given by the Minister of Agriculture and Co-operation, Mr. Bhajan LAL, Government of India,

Item 3 - Debate on The Basic Values of Co-operation

The President, Lars MARCUS, introduced the topic and interventions were made by the following:

- 1) Mr. P. FEDIRKO, Centrosoyus, USSR
- 2) Mr. H.J. SOKALSKI, United Nations, Vienna
- 3) Mr. A. RAUTER, Konsum Oesterreich, Austria
- 4) Mr. L. TURCI, Lega Nazionale, Italy
- 5) Mr. I. SZLAMENICKY, SZOVOSZ, Hungary
- 6) Mr. W. SIELANKO, Central Unions of Work Co-ops, Poland
- 7) Mr. J. LEITE, Instituto "Antonio Sergio", Portugal
- 8) Mrs. N. WILLIS, Co-operative Union, United Kingdom
- 9) Dr. E. ALENIUS, EKA Corporation, Finland
- 10) Mr. J. KAMINSKI, Supreme Co-operative Council, Poland
- 11) Ms. S. MONKARE, EKA Corporation, Finland
- 12) Dr. K.H. ABOUL KHEIR, Higher Institute, Egypt
- 13) Mr. J. LAKS, Instituto Movilizador, Argentina
- 14) Mr. R. RODRIGUEZ, Organisation Coops Brazileiras, Brazil
- 15) Mr. S. AKE BOOK, Kooperativa Forbundet, Sweden
- 16) Mr. A. KILAYKO, Sugar Co-operatives, Philippines
- 17) Mr. D. HOLLELA, Co-operative Union, Tanzania
- 18) Mr. R. HULTBERG, Riksbyggen, Sweden
- 19) Mr. M. SAKURAI, Central Union of Agricultural Co-ops, Japan
- 20) Mr. M. DIBBA, Co-operative Union, Gambia
- 21) Ms. Madeleine RANDQUIST, Folksam Insurance Group, Sweden
- 22) Mr. Ian MACPHERSON, Canadian Co-operative Association
- 23) Dr. Werner PETERS, BfK, Federal Republic of Germany
- 24) Mr. Isao TAKAMURA, Japanese Consumers' Co-operative Union
- 25) Mr. Paul Niculescu MIZIL, Centrocoop, Romania
- 26) Mr. Frantisek TESAR, Central Co-operative Council, Czechoslovakia
- 27) Mr. Jacques MOREAU, Crédit Coopératif, France
- 28) Mr. Dieter GRETHE, BfG:Bank (Schweiz) AG, Switzerland
- 29) Mr. Ungku AZIZ, Ankasa, Malaysia
- 30) Mr. Bansi Lal MEHTA, KRIBHCO, India
- 31) Mr. Erlendur EINARSSON, Samband, Iceland.
- 32) Mr. B.S. VISHWANATHAN, National Co-op Agricultural and Rural Development Banks Federation Ltd., India
- 33) Mr. W. SEIBT, VdK, German Democratic Republic
- 34) Mr. Francisco CEBALLO HERRERO, National Union of Consumer Co-ops, Spain
- 35) Mr. Luis CARELLO, Federation of Consumer Co-operatives, Argentina
- 36) Mr. Ellis WOHLNER, Folksam Insurance Group, Sweden
- 37) Mr. Dario MENGOZZI, Confederazione Cooperative Italiane, Italy
- 38) Mr. Rai SINGH, National Co-operative Union, India
- 39) Mr. S. CHANDRA, National Co-operative Union, India
- 40) Mr. Moss E. GALETSHOGE, Botswana Co-operative Union
- 41) Mr. Corbe KLIME, Co-operative Union, Yugoslavia
- 42) Mr. Bohdan AUGUSTYN, Spolem, Poland
- 43) Ms. Antonio LEMOS MAIA, Confecoop, Portugal

Item 4 - Appointment of Director

ICA President, Mr. Lars MARCUS, reported that the Executive Committee had decided to recommend to the Central Committee that Mr. Bruce THORDARSON be appointed Director of the ICA.

He paid tribute to Mr. Robert BEASLEY for his achievements during his time as Director.

A presentation of an original oil painting was made to Mr. BEASLEY to commemorate his four-year Directorship of the ICA.

Item 5 - Visit of the International Co-operative Youth Seminar

Representatives of the International Co-operative Youth Seminar brought a message of peace to the Congress. The message called for the banning of nuclear weapons and the abolition of apartheid.



Representatives of the International Co-operative Youth Seminar met with Mr. Perez de Cuellar immediately prior to the opening

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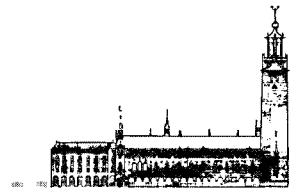
Item 6 - Introduction and Vote on the Basic Values Resolution

Introducing the resolution, Mr. Y. DANEAU, Vice-president of ICA, invited delegates to undertake studies on the basic values as practiced in their countries and to send the results to the ICA Secretariat in Geneva. A special committee would be set up by the Executive Committee to produce a report on the basis of these country studies.

The Resolution on Basic Values was Unanimously Adopted

Item 7 - Resolution on ICA Representation to the EEC

The resolution was introduced by Mr. RAMAEKERS, FEBECOOP, Belgium, in view of the fact that he could not be present for this agenda item on 10th July.



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SATURDAY 9th JULY

MAIN THEME - CO-OPERATIVES AND DEVELOPMENT

Item 1 - Opening Remarks

The Director-elect, Bruce THORDARSON, welcomed the participants and explained the procedure for the election of the Executive Committee, to be conducted by the Central Committee later that day.

Item 2 - Co-operatives and Development

Bruce Thordarson, ICA Development Director, introduced the theme of the day, "Co-operatives and Development".

Interventions were made by the following:

- 1) Mr. Joao LEITE, INSCOOP, Portugal
- 2) Mr. William HOWE, World Council of Credit Unions
- 3) Mr. Jacobo LAKS, Institute for the Mobilization of Co-operative Funds, Argentina
- 4) Mr. Giancarlo PASQUALE, National Co-operative League, Italy
- 5) Mr. Valentin YERMAKOV, Centrosoyus, USSR
- 6) Chief Luu Bright NALUBAMBA, Zambia Co-operative Union
- 7) Mr. David HOLLELA, Co-operative Union of Tanzania
- 8) Mr. Momodou DIBBA, Gambia Co-operative Union
- 9) Ms. Barbara DEVERICK, ICA Women's Committee,
- 10) Mr. E. HORII, International Confederation of Free Trade Unions
- 11) Mr. František TESAR, Central Co-operative Union, Czechoslovakia
- 12) Mr. Tristram EASTWOOD, Committee for the Promotion of Aid to Cooperatives (COPAC)
- 13) Mr. Dante CRACOGNA, INTERCOOP Editora Cooperativa, Argentina
- 14) Mr. Olle LINDSTROM, ICA Housing Committee
- 15) Mr. Yves REGIS, ICA International Committee of Producers' Co-operatives (CICOPA)
- 16) Mr. John JORDAN, Co-operative Insurance Development Bureau, Canada
- 17) Mr. Robert HOULTON, INCOTEC - International Co-operative Training and Education Committee (formerly AGITCOOP)
- 18) Mr. Rodolfo NAVAS, Confederacion de Cooperativas del Caribe y Centro America
- 19) Mr. William BUCKMAN, Ghana Co-operative Fisheries Association
- 20) Mr. Mohammed Ali AHMED, Union of Somali Co-operative Movement, Somalia

Item 3 - Proposition for Regional Office in Buenos Aires

Lega Nazionale delle Cooperative, Italy, declared its interest in financing the opening of an ICA Regional Office in Buenos Aires.

Item 4 - Introduction and voting of Resolution on Co-operative Development

The resolution on Three Decades of Co-operative Development was carried unanimously.



SUNDAY, 10th JULY

Item 1 - Opening remarks

The new Director, Bruce THORDARSON, announced the composition of the new Executive Committee, which had been elected by the Central Committee the previous day. In addition to the President, Mr. Lars MARCUS (Sweden) and two Vice-presidents, Mr. Yvon DANEAU (Canada) and Mr. Pavel FEDIRKO (USSR), the following persons were elected to serve on the Executive Committee:

- 1) Mr. Dilip Singh BHURIA, NCUI, India
- 2) Mr. Momodou DIBBA, Gambia Co-operative Union
- 3) Mr. Mitsugu HORIUCHI, CUAC, Japan
- 4) Ms. Raija ITKONEN, KK, Finland
- 5) Mr. Jan KAMINSKI, SCC, Poland
- 6) Mr. Michal MARIK, URD, Czechoslovakia
- 7) Mr. Jacques MOREAU, GNC, France
- 8) Mr. Knud OLLGAARD, DSA, Denmark
- 9) Mr. Bernd OTTO, BdK-Coop AG, Federal Republic of Germany
- 10) Mr. Anton RAUTER, KO, Austria
- 11) Mr. Robert SCHERER, NCBA, USA
- 12) Mr. Lanfranco TURCI, Lega, Italy
- 13) Mr. YANG Deshou, ACFSMC, China





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All was not work at the ICA Congress. . . All participants were invited to a reception in the City Hall on the eve of the Congress and the Swedish host organizations invited everyone to a dinner in the City Hall on the eve of the last day.

Facing page: participants of ICA Congress enjoy a delicious banquet and entertainment in Stockholm's City Hall.

Right & Below: Social events gave delegates the chance to renew old friendships and meet new business contacts.



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Item 2 - Amendments to ICA Rules and Standing Orders

On the recommendation of the Central Committee the Congress adopted the amendments to the ICA Rules and Standing Orders proposed by the Membership and Subscription Working Party. These were:

1. Article 8 - Clause (d)

To delete existing clause and replace with:

"National co-operative business organizations such as wholesale societies, banks, insurance societies, oil societies, etc. and other entities such as educational, research and other institutions which promote co-operatives."

2. Article 15 - Clause (g)

Add the following new sentence:

"The Executive Committee may determine a scale of penalties to be payable by member organizations whose subscriptions have not been received by the latter date."

Item 3 - Introduction and Voting of Resolutions

The following resolutions were discussed and approved:

1. Peace
2. International Year of Co-operatives
3. ICA to meet the Challenges of the New Century
4. ICA Representation at EEC
5. To Achieve Social and Economic Equality for Women
6. The Co-operative Movement and International Debt
7. Twinning of Co-operatives
8. Literacy
9. To protect Childrens' Rights and Interests

(for texts of resolutions see pages 49 - 63)

Item 4 - Other Business

- 1) Mr. Alain STERN (World Trade Unions Federation) indicated several common goals between the co-operative and trade union movements.
- 2) Mr. Michal MARIK (International Union of Co-operative and Associative Tourism) informed delegates that Mr. George GANNEBY, Executive Vice-President of RESO A. B. (Sweden) had been elected as the new Chairman of the Committee.
- 3) Mr. Lloyd WILKINSON (Consumer Committee) reported on the work of the Consumer Committee and said that Mrs. Turid Ström from KF Sweden had been elected as Chairman of the Committee.
- 4) Mr. Jirozaemon SAITO (Fisheries Committee) presented to the Congress the report of the activities of the Fisheries Committee. Mr. Saito had been re-elected as its Chairman.
- 5) Mr. Hüsnü POYRAZ (Chairman of the Board of the Turkish Co-operative Associations) presented the latest developments in the Turkish co-operative movement.



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In conjunction with the ICA Congress, the Swedish hosts organized an exhibition in the Kungsträdgården, (the King's Garden), a park in central Stockholm. The exhibition included 18 kiosks, each depicting different aspects of Sweden's co-operative movement, and two specials displays showing everyday life in South America and Africa.

- 6) Mr. Daniel NUNEZ (CCC-CA) thanked the Swedish Co-operative Movement for the support given to his organization.
- 7) Mr. Hans THULI (INTERCOOP) reported on the work of his committee.
- 8) Mr. Olle LINDSTROM (Housing Committee) reported on the recent Housing Committee Conference.
- 9) Mr. Kalevi SUOMELA (WPoCC) reported on the activities of his Working Party. The new chairman was Mr. Milton McKenzie from Canada

Item 5 - Closing Remarks

The President, Lars MARCUS, thanked the outgoing Executive Committee. He thanked the host organizations and the participants for their support.

The new vice-president, Pavel FEDIRKO, said that the contributions made by the Secretary-General of the UN and Swedish government officials, and the messages from the General Secretary of Communist Party of the Soviet Union and the Indian Minister of Agriculture and Co-operation, testified to the growing influence of the ICA.

On behalf of the new ICA Executive Committee he said the members appreciated the confidence which had been placed in them. Mr. FEDIRKO said he was aware of difficulties and responsibilities of his new position and he looked forward to the support of L. MARCUS and Y. DANEAU. On behalf of the Congress he thanked the host organizations, the speakers, the guests, the observers, the interpreters, and the ICA Director and staff.



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Above: A lot of work is done in informal meetings

Below: The UN Secretary General leaving the 'Folkets Hus' after the Congress



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Resolution Adopted by the XXIX ICA Congress

Congress Motion Submitted by the ICA Executive Committee

BASIC CO-OPERATIVE VALUES

The twenty-ninth Congress of the ICA, at its meeting in Stockholm in July 1988:

- THANKS** Mr. Lars Marcus, ICA President, for submitting to the Congress a key report on basic values, thus initiating important, timely and stimulating discussions within the world co-operative movement;
- RECALLS** that objectives of ICA include propagating co-operative principles and methods throughout the world as well as safeguarding the interest of the co-operative movement in all its forms;
- RECOGNIZES** that the report continues a permanent process within the ICA, with more prominent occasions in 1937 and in 1966, a process reactivated by all special reports to Congress both in Moscow 1980 and Hamburg 1984, searching for better and innovative co-operative ways in the future to promote more viable and stronger co-operative movements as well as new co-operative ventures more attractive to potential members, especially to youth;
- UNDERLINES** that co-operatives, while adapting to a changing environment, must reaffirm their specificity and loyalty to the co-operative ethics which should stand as a decisive force for a peoples' movement of half a billion members aimed at achieving a better and safer world;
- ACKNOWLEDGES** the ever-increasing interest both inside and outside the co-operative movement towards identifying co-operative basic values, universal by nature and inherent in all genuine co-operatives irrespective of their type or their economic, social and political environment;
- REQUESTS** that all ICA member organizations and its specialized organizations join in the effective discussion of co-operative basic values, their relevance in a contemporary changing world, and the opportunities for strengthening their respective specific field of activity, and to report to the ICA Secretariat and Executive Committee on their findings;



ENTRUSTS

the ICA Executive Committee to set up an independent International Committee of Experts to analyze these principles in the light of the new challenges facing co-operators and co-operative institutions today and in years to come;

REQUESTS

that the ICA Executive Committee regularly inform the ICA Central Committee on the progress being made in implementing the provisions of this resolution and draw appropriate conclusions and recommendations as to the future policy of the ICA to be presented at the ICA Congress in 1992.



Resolution Adopted by the XXIX ICA Congress

Congress Motion Submitted by the ICA Executive Committee

RESOLUTION ON THREE DECADES OF CO-OPERATIVE DEVELOPMENT

The twenty-ninth Congress of the ICA, at its meeting in Stockholm in July 1988:

- DECLARES its continued support for resolutions in favour of co-operative development as passed by ICA Congresses and Central Committees since 1957,
- STRESSES the importance of the co-operative approach as a principal means of resolving many of the most serious economic and social problems facing the countries of the South,
- REGRETS that previous efforts to promote co-operatives have not always led to the desired results,
- BELIEVES that the essence of successful co-operative development is a determination by individuals to solve their problems through collective action in a spirit of self-help and mutual aid,
- REQUESTS governmental authorities to support the creation of a true partnership with co-operative movements and to establish programmes which will lead to the progressive independence and self-reliance of co-operative movements,
- CALLS upon co-operative movements in the North to strengthen their commitment to movement-to-movement assistance through the creation of specialized structures and the provision of additional human and financial assistance,
- INVITES international and bilateral development organizations to find innovative means of channelling increased amounts of official development assistance to co-operative development through co-operative structures both in countries of the North and in the South,
- ENCOURAGES all organizations working in support of co-operative development to emphasize and concentrate efforts in the priority areas of institution building, education and training, women, and research in innovation,



UNDERLINES

in this regard, the importance of the mobilization of co-operative labour, to utilize to the fullest extent the resources of Developing Countries. Such mobilization is a prerequisite for achieving good self-sufficiency within the framework of a self-supported development process.

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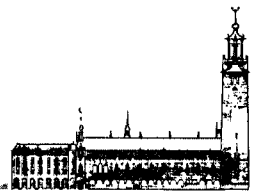
to develop an initiative leading to a more effective intervention of international bodies working in Developing Countries, and, in particular, to promote the coordination of aid programmes carried out by the co-operative organizations that are ICA members, with the purpose of concentrating efforts on the growth of the world productive capacity,

ENDORSES

the ICA strategy for co-operative development as approved by the Central Committee in 1986,

AND CALLS

upon members to increase their financial support both to the ICA Development Fund and to the activities of the ICA Regional Offices, as well as to their own national co-operative development programmes.



Resolution Adopted by the XXIX ICA Congress

Congress Motion Submitted by the ICA Executive Committee

PEACE

The twenty-ninth Congress of the ICA, at its meeting in Stockholm in July 1988:

- RECALLS** that its Rules call upon member organizations to work for the establishment of lasting peace and security;
- REAFFIRMS** the calls for peace adopted since the last Congress by the Central Committee meeting in Washington, Basel and Budapest, in which the dangers of the arms race and a strong support for the International Year of Peace were stressed, and which Soviet-American dialogue at the summit level aimed at creating a system of international security was welcomed;
- NOTES WITH CONCERN** multiple challenges of a global nature facing mankind, the principal among them being the remaining nuclear threat, armed conflicts in numerous parts of the world and unstable political situations, affecting economic and social progress and security of people;
- The Congress:*
- BELIEVING** that the world co-operative movement, constituting a powerful economic and social strength, can influence the improvement of the political climate throughout the world, which in its turn can create favourable conditions for extending co-operation between peoples and between their co-operatives;
- AFFIRMS** the vital need for curbing the arms race, for bringing an end to all local and regional conflicts and reducing existing tensions, and for achieving universal respect for human rights and elimination of all forms of inequality and discrimination;
- AFFIRMS** the necessity for all nations to respect UN resolutions aimed at solving military conflicts;



WELCOMES

the signing of the Treaty on the Elimination of Intermediate and Shorter-Range Missiles, which creates hopes for real nuclear disarmament;

RECOGNIZES

the importance of the 3rd UN Special Session on Disarmament and of the Disarmament Conference in promoting the process of disarmament and in internationalizing efforts to build a nuclear weapons-free non-violent world;

URGES

member organizations to mobilize public opinion in support of the UN and government actions aimed at reducing international tension, at banning weapons of mass destruction, at settling local and regional conflicts, and at creating a climate of mutual trust and co-operation;

FURTHER ASKS

member organizations to participate in efforts to improve promotion of peace and co-operation between nations.



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Congress Motion Submitted by Centrosoyus (USSR)

INTERNATIONAL YEAR OF CO-OPERATIVES

The twenty-ninth Congress of the ICA, at its meeting in Stockholm in July 1988:

- EMPHASIZING** invariable support to the work of the United Nations on the part of the international co-operative movement, the ICA being one of the first NGOs to receive highest consultative status with the UN in 1945,
- NOTING** the growing influence and importance of co-operatives in the world widely recognized as an efficient instrument promoting people's participation in the development of society, furthering social and economic progress and ensuring more equitable distribution of profits,
- NOTING FURTHER** the significant contribution of the UN and its specialized agencies, primarily ILO, FAO, UNESCO, UNIDO and others, to co-operative development, the keen interest of the UN towards the problems of the world co-operative movement, reaffirmed in the series of the UN Secretary General reports and resolutions on National Experiences in Promoting the Co-operative Movement,
- STRIVING** to give new impulses to the development of co-operatives worldwide, to draw the attention of Governments, international organizations and donor agencies to the needs and concerns of co-operatives, and to promote the creation of a climate conducive to co-operative development,
- URGES** the United Nations to declare an International Year of Co-operatives, preferably to coincide with the centennial of the birth of the International Co-operative Alliance in 1995,
- CALLS UPON** the ICA member organizations to make every effort possible to mobilize world public opinion in support of the idea of an International Year of Co-operatives.



Resolution Adopted by the XXIX ICA Congress

*Congress Motion Submitted by SOK, Pellervo-Suera, KK,
EKA, Keskinainen Vakuutusyhtio Tapiola (Finland)*

THE ICA TO MEET THE CHALLENGES OF THE NEW CENTURY

The twenty-ninth Congress of the ICA, at its meeting in Stockholm in July 1988:

- RECALLING** that the ICA is approaching its centenary in 1995,
- UNDERLINING** that the ICA today is the world's largest non-governmental organization,
- APPRECIATING** the work done since the last Congress to make the ICA overcome its recent problems,
- STATES** that there is urgent need to consider the objectives, structures, strategies, and procedures of the ICA to enable it to meet the challenges of the new century as a dynamic international organization promoting co-operation in all countries and enhancing the role and image of co-operatives,
- REFERS** to the Laidlaw Report of 1980 on CO-OPERATIVES IN THE YEAR 2000, to the Daneau Report of 1984 on the ICA Work Programme and to the discussion on the Basic Values of Co-operation at this Congress,
- REQUESTS** the Executive Committee to review the organizational and management structures and procedures of the ICA and to present to the Central Committee in 1989 a strategic plan on how to proceed in order to develop the ICA as a universal and effective representative of all types of co-operative organizations.



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*Congress Motion Submitted by
Fédération Belge des Coopératives (Belgium)*

ICA PERMANENT REPRESENTATIVE AT EEC HEADQUARTERS

- GIVEN** the diversity of the aims of the International Co-operative Alliance, the existence of regional centres, of specialized committees and of regional associations;
- IN VIEW OF** the expressed interest in co-operation by various European institutions-Parliament, Commission, Economic and Social Committee;
- IN VIEW OF** the perspectives of the European domestic market, which not only involve member states, but also other countries and NGOs;
- GIVEN** that co-operatives support employment throughout the world, a phenomenon recognized by the European Economic Community, as well as supporting humanitarian objectives of aid to the Third World;
- IT APPEARS DESIRABLE** that, in order to benefit from the financial and technical aid given to NGOs by the Community, the ICA should have a permanent representation at EEC headquarters.



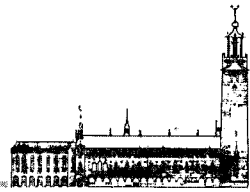
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Congress Motion Submitted by Centrosoyus (USSR)

TO ACHIEVE SOCIAL AND ECONOMIC EQUALITY FOR WOMEN

The twenty-ninth Congress of the ICA, at its meeting in Stockholm in July 1988:

- NOTES** the growing activity of women co-operators, their contribution to successful development of co-operatives, social and economic transformation of society, to the solution of global problems like food shortages, environmental protection, and safeguarding peace,
- EXPRESSES** satisfaction with the progress achieved during the UN Decade of Women as well as in the implementation of the Nairobi Strategy to ensure full equality of men and women in all spheres of life,
- REFERS** to the resolutions passed at previous ICA Congresses and Central Committee sessions which called for more active involvement of women in decision-making processes vital to the future course of co-operative development; for wider representation of women in various bodies of national and international co-operative organizations,
- STATES** the necessity to create new jobs for women in the co-operative sector, to improve conditions of their work and life, and to provide women with ample opportunity for professional and cultural self improvement,
- CALLS UPON** all member organizations to enhance co-operation with national and international co-operative training centres with a task to draw in more women to educational and professional training in the spirit of peace, fraternity and mutual understanding.



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*Motion Submitted by
Legg Nazionale delle Cooperative e Mutue (Italy)*

THE CO-OPERATIVE MOVEMENT AND INTERNATIONAL DEBT

The debt crisis of many Developing Countries has reached such dimensions as to represent not only an obstacle to the economic growth of these nations, but also a barrier to the development of industrialized countries in general. Thus, it is one of the most negative elements in the international economic perspective and a cause of instability in the general social and political world picture. Therefore, the co-operative movement cannot remain disinterested in a matter of such importance. For this reason, Lega Nazionale delle Cooperative e Mutue submits the following resolution to the 29th ICA Congress, with the hope that it be presented to and adopted by the appropriate international institutions and political, economic authorities.

PREMISED

that the developing debtor nations have been in serious crisis since the summer 1982 owing to difficulties in repaying their international debt; that the crisis has manifested itself as sizeable decrease in the rate of income growth, notably in per capita terms, producing a dramatic reduction in the living standards of these populations, especially among the poorest classes; that the efforts to observe agreements drawn up by the International Monetary Fund regarding the rescheduling of debt have allowed industrialized nations to make commercial progress while developing countries were not in a position to take advantage of this privilege; that, in spite of this, the international banking system has not been able to facilitate further credit and so provide the funds necessary for a recovery in investments, this being essential for the future development of the countries concerned; that the efforts of monetary authorities, first and foremost those of U.S. Secretary of the Treasury James Baker, to induce banks to resume the financing of debtor nations, have so far not been successful; that the slackening in development of debtor nations has serious consequences not only for the economic, social and political conditions of the Third World, but also for the economies of industrialized countries as well, given that the possibilities of their exporting to these markets are diminished.

IT IS CONSIDERED ESSENTIAL THAT

the credit system, as a whole, in accordance with the international political and financial institutions comes to an agreement to find - both in the industrialized countries and in the debtor nations - measures to encourage the consolidation of the accumulated debt. Such require-



ments might also be effected through the consersion of credits into long-term securities - that enjoy particular tax advantages - to be sold in the creditor country's market both to institutional and private investors, so to facilitate, in the form of investments, the return of the capital exported from the Developing Countries,

URGES

the governments of the creditor nations to direct investments towards these countries in the form of joint ventures so as to increase the capital and technological resources necessary for an autonomous process of growth and improving competitiveness. This is to be achieved totally or partially insured by governmental funds, taking into consideration the risks associated with the countries concerned,

FURTHER URGES

the member organizations of ICA and their affiliates to consider ways in which they can participate financially in the conversion of developing country debt into investments and join economic ventures with co-operatives in seriously indebted developing countries,

In virtue of GATT and bilateral relations:

**HOPES ARE
EXPRESSED**

that it will be possible to find ways to increase the exports of the debtor nations and to reduce technical and other obstacles which limit the exporting possibilities of the Developing Countries towards the creditor nations.



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Resolution Adopted by the XXIX ICA Congress

*Congress Motion Submitted by
Verband der Konsumgenossenschaften (German Democratic Republic)*

LITERACY

The twenty-ninth Congress of the ICA, at its meeting in Stockholm in July 1988:

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| REFERRING | to the recommendations and proposals put forward by the Economic and Social Council and by the Executive Council of UNESCO to proclaim a literacy year, |
| SUPPORTING | these proposals with firm conviction, mindful of the fact that, in spite of the great success achieved so far as a result of joint action, widespread illiteracy still severely hampers the economic, social, cultural and intellectual advance of a large number of developing countries, |
| CONVINCED | that education and training are essential to the elimination of starvation and misery, to social progress and to mutual understanding and co-operation between nations, |
| STRESSING | the humanist responsibility of the advanced nations in view of the prevalence of illiteracy on a global scale, in particular in underdeveloped countries, |
| OBLIGING | its member organizations to do all that is within their power to educate and train the people in these parts of the world, |
| DECLARING | its willingness to campaign, in collaboration with all institutions and movements concerned, including the UN and its specialized agencies, for the overcoming of this situation which should not exist in our time, |
| SUPPORTS | the proposal made at the 126th session of the Executive Council of UNESCO that the UN General Assembly should proclaim the year 1990 as the International Literacy Year. |



Resolution Adopted by the XXIX ICA Congress

*Congress Motion Submitted by
Co-operative Union Ltd. (United Kingdom)*

TWINNING OF CO-OPERATIVES

The twenty-ninth Congress of the ICA, at its meeting in Stockholm in July 1988:

- RECOGNIZING** that the value of the principle “Co-operation between co-operatives” is to develop business, social and cultural links between co-operatives around the world,
- CALLS** upon member organizations to encourage “twinning” arrangements between their co-operatives and those of other countries, particularly in the developing world, with the object of establishing long-term links for mutual benefit, exchange of experience and better understanding, and,
- REQUESTS** the Executive Committee to arrange for appropriate support and assistance to be given by the Alliance in the furtherance of such “twinning” arrangements.



Resolution Adopted by the XXIX ICA Congress

Congress Motion Submitted by Centrosoyus (USSR)

TO PROTECT CHILDREN'S RIGHTS AND INTERESTS

The twenty-ninth Congress of the ICA, at its meeting in Stockholm in July 1988:

- WELCOMES** contributions made by a number of ICA members to the children's immunization campaign launched by UNICEF and intended to be carried out in the period of 1986-1990.
- EXPRESSES** hope that other ICA members will join in and contribute to the cause of combating child deaths and infant mortality,
- DRAWS ATTENTION** to the grave conditions of orphans in many countries, especially those at war,
- POINTS OUT** that in many regions of the world protection of children's interests and rights has not yet become the vital concern of governmental and public organizations,
- RECALLS** the principles of humanism inherent in the concept of co-operation itself,
- CONSIDERS** it important to further develop and diversify forms and methods of protecting children's interests worldwide,
- CALLS UPON** national co-operative movements to render unselfish aid and support to children suffering both at home and abroad, primarily in hot spots of the world.