

Cooperative Responses to Global Challenges

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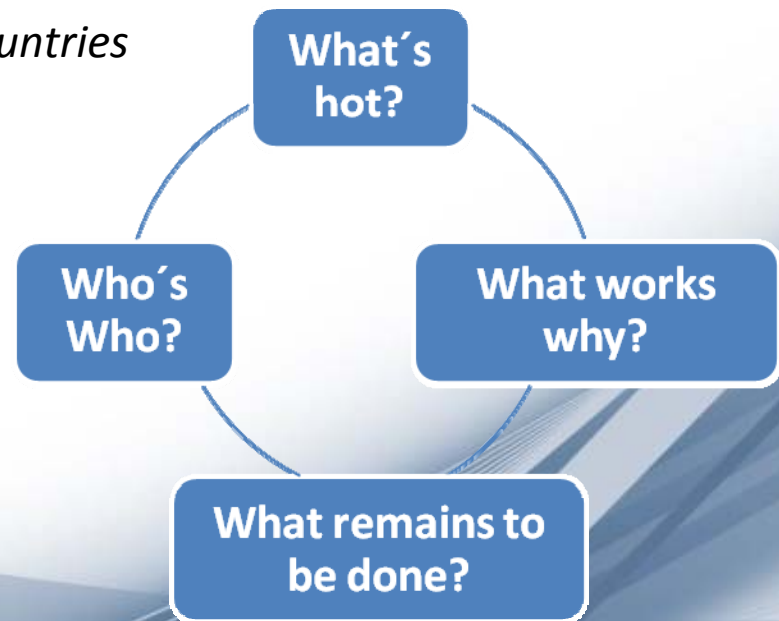
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Mission Concept

- *Raise attention for cooperatives as a research and education subject*
- *Create awareness for its importance worldwide*
- *Demonstrate the key issues and attract key figures in the field*
- *Enable fair access participation also for juniors in the field and from all countries*
- *Contribute to policy dialogue and future research agenda*



Mission accomplished ?

8 out of the 10 globally most cited scholars participated (2 decades)

239 participants collected their conference bags

All continents, 56 nations, only 17 countries from Europe

75% from academia

5% International Organizations: UN-DESA, FAO, WB, OECD, COSA

12% Government organizations and NGOs, Oikocredit, GIZ, BMBF, DRV, DGRV

72,3% participated in the results session at the third day

22% below the age of 35 years !

After the conference: 700 direct email feedbacks

13 Interviews, Radio, TV, Journals, Newspäüpers



Conference Products

101 overall presentations and 70 presented research papers

Special Issue of the best papers in Annals of Public and Cooperative Economics 3/2013

Book in Book Series with Proceedings

22p Key Note Address of Dr .Jomo Kwame Sundaram in the WWW on key challenges

62slides Key Note Address of Dr. Marie Helene Collion (WB) on coops for development

Transatlantic cooperation with Missouri+Indiana University,

Inter-European: EURICSE-Project, SFC EU Tender

Inter German: Coop entrepreneurship Quandt Foundation

Oiko-Credit Young Researchers Award will remain



Message research: “join forces”

Research pathways: Motto “join forces”

Take action towards comparative international research on cooperatives

Take action towards crafting a comparative conceptual framework

Agents need better facts to support effectively: enable common data bases

Support research agendas analyzing the roles of coops for integrating youth

Support global initiatives food security and natural resource management

Quality control on impact statements, used concepts, definitions and academic output

International Association for the Study of Cooperative Organizations with Peer Reviewed Journal and sector branches (IASCO)

Message Policy: “enabling environments“

No panaceas! Cooperative idea rightly understood!

Finding independent facts is not for free: Universities!

Strengthen education and research (management, colleges, webedu, foundations, universities)

Facilitate the professionalisation of members in the process of board structure innovation (internal governance)

Support international cooperative development bank initiative

Coop ownership and coop banking: Counter land grabbing?