

## **Submission of Abstracts for Papers and Posters and of Session Proposals**

We hereby invite submissions for papers, posters and session proposals. Theoretical and applied presentations are welcome from all cooperative areas.

The main theme of the conference is innovation in enterprise and community. In addition, the conference will address the following research areas: `

- Innovations in internal governance
- Resilience and sustainability of the cooperative model
- Producer organisations and cooperatives
- Democratic decision-making
- Member commitment
- Financial and sustainability performance
- Entrepreneurship in cooperatives
- Leadership in cooperatives
- Education about cooperatives
- 200 years Raiffeisen
- Statistics on cooperatives
- Cooperatives and big data

## **Content and Structure of the Abstract**

We invite scholars and practitioners to submit an abstract of around 1000 words (or 2 pages) on one or more of the above topics, or other topics related to cooperative studies.

Abstracts should follow this format:

- Title of paper
- Keywords
- Context and problem statement
- Objective and/or research questions
- Theoretical framework
- Methodology
- Key findings
- Conclusions
- Contribution to the academic debate / to solving a practical problem

## **To be submitted on a separate page:**

- Name, position and affiliations of all authors
- Corresponding author
- Paper or Poster

### **Submission instructions**

Abstracts can be submitted until January 25, 2018.

Abstracts should be submitted by email to [ICA2018.mst@wur.nl](mailto:ICA2018.mst@wur.nl)

No full papers should be submitted at this stage

### **Sessions Proposals**

PROPOSALS FOR SESSIONS ARE WELCOME AND ENCOURAGED. If you propose an organised session, at least 4 papers on one of the above mentioned topics must be included. Session proposals should also be sent to the above email address. They should include a description of the theme to be addressed and the names and paper titles from all presenters, as well as an abstract of each of the papers to be presented.