

Jobs, Community Cohesion: Understanding the Value of Cooperatives in a Global Market

2006 ACE Institute
Sheraton Old San Juan
San Juan Puerto Rico
August 1-4

AGENDA

All Activities will take place in the Fortaleza Room unless otherwise noted.

TUESDAY ~ AUGUST 1

5:00 – 6:00 pm

Registration

Fortaleza Room

Pre Conference Area

7:00 – 9:00 pm

ACE Board Meeting

Tamarindo Boardroom

WEDNESDAY ~ AUGUST 2

7:30-8:30 am

Continental Breakfast

8:30-8:45 am

Welcome and Introductions

~ James Montalvo Laracuente, Vice President, ACE, and Sales Manager,
Cooperativa Seguros Múltiples de Puerto Rico, San Juan

~ Colette Lebel, President, ACE, and Director of Cooperative Affairs, La
Coop fédérée de Québec, Montréal

8:45-9:45 am

~ **MODERATOR:** Christina Clamp, Professor, Southern New Hampshire
University, Manchester, NH

KEYNOTE SPEAKER:

Coaching for Change in Cooperative Management

~ Edwin Quiñones Suárez, Consultant, San Juan, PR

9:45-10:30 am

Cooperative Identity

~ Félix J. Cristiá Martínez, Executive Director, Confederación de
Cooperativas del Caribe y Centro América, San Juan, Costa Rica

10:30-11:00 am

Coffee Break

11:00-11:45 am

Competition and Competitiveness at Cooperative Organizations

~ Carlos Fernández, President, Cooperativa de Seguros de Vida de Puerto Rico, San Juan

11:45 am-12:45 pm

La Puntilla Room

Lunch

12:45-1:45 pm

Internal Re-engineering: Incorporating Cooperative Values in Decision Making

~ Miguel A. Arrieta Morales, Phd., Executive Director, Instituto para El Desarrollo Humano, Hato Rey, PR

1:45-2:30 pm

Leadership in Insurance Cooperatives

~ René A. Campos Carbonell, President, Cooperativa de Seguros Múltiples de Puerto Rico, San Juan

2:30-3:00 pm

Coffee Break

3:00-3:45 pm

Banco Cooperativo: As a Financial Helper of Puerto Rican Credit Unions

~ Angel Saez, President, Banco Cooperativo, Hato Rey, PR

3:45-4:30 pm

The Cooperative Paradigm: Moving Towards a Renewed Educational Path?

~ André Martin, Researcher, Institut de recherche et d'enseignement pour les coopératives de l'Université de Sherbrooke (IRECUS), Sherbrooke, QC

6:00 pm

Reception

Coctel Paseo de La Princesa

~Short walk from the hotel. Directions will be provided at the conference.

THURSDAY ~ AUGUST 3

7:00-8:00 am

Continental Breakfast

8:00-9:00 am

MODERATOR: Anne Reynolds, Assistant Director, Center for Cooperatives, University of Wisconsin, Madison

KEYNOTE PRESENTATION:

Cooperative Membership and Globalization: Creating Social Cohesion through Market Relations

~ Brett Fairbairn, Head, Department of History, and most recent former director, Centre for the Study of Co-operatives, University of Saskatchewan, Saskatoon

9:00-10:15 am

MODERATOR: Jim Wadsworth, Program Leader, U.S.D.A. – RBS/Cooperative Services, Washington, DC

Government's Role in Cooperative Development in Puerto Rico

~ Mildred Santiago, Executive Director, Liga de Cooperativas, San Juan, PR

~ Moises Méndez López, Executive Director, Fomento Cooperativo, PR

10:15-10:45 am

Coffee Break

10:45 am-12:00 pm

MODERATOR: Jorge Sousa, Assistant Professor, Educational Policy Studies, University of Alberta, Edmonton, AB

Cooperative Economic Development in Puerto Rico

~ Harold Acevedo Márquez, Sub Director, Fomento Cooperativo, PR

~ Heidis Calero, President, Consulting Group Inc.

~ Dr. Francisco Catalá Olivera, Consultant, Puerto Rico

~ Jose Torres III, Coopharma, Aguada, Puerto Rico

12:00-1:00 pm

LaPuntilla Room

Lunch

1:00-2:00 pm

MODERATOR: Ken Astrup, General Manager, Dakota Plains Cooperative, Valley City, ND

Communications and Public Relations on the Cooperative Movement

~ Carmen Ortiz, Vice President, Comunicadora Nexus, San Juan, PR

2:00-3:00 pm

MODERATOR: William Nelson, President, CHS Foundation and The Cooperative Foundation, St. Paul, MN

Cooperative Education Developments in Puerto Rico

~ Francisco Jordán, Executive Director, Instituto de Cooperativismo, University of Puerto Rico

~ Eric Marrero, Director, Escuela Nacional de Cooperativismo, San Juan, PR

3:00-3:30 pm

Coffee Break

3:30-5:00 pm

MODERATOR: Roger Herman, Educational Program Development and Research Officer, Centre for the Study of Co-operatives, University of Saskatchewan, Saskatoon

REACHING THE NEXT WAVE: NEW APPROACHES TO COOPERATIVE EDUCATION

Youth Cooperatives in Puerto Rico

~ Carmen Muñoz Hernández, Administradora, Auxiliar de Desarrollo Cooperativo, Fomento Cooperativo, San Juan, PR

Building Cooperative Futures Conference and College Conference on Cooperatives

~ Cathy Statz, Education Director, Wisconsin Farmers Union, Chippewa Falls

Including Cooperatives in High School Economics

~ Jessica Gordon Nembhard, Assistant Professor, African-American Studies, and Principal, Democracy Collaborative, University of Maryland, College Park

Together Toward Success: A Status Report

~ Colette Lebel, Director of Cooperative Affairs, La Coop fédérée de Québec, Montréal

5:00-6:30 pm

- ~ **Cooperative Reception**
- ~ **ACE Annual Meeting**
- ~ **ACE Auction**

FRIDAY ~ AUGUST 4

6:00 – 8:00 am

Tamrindo Boardroom

ACE Board of Directors Meeting

7:00-8:00 am

La Puntilla Room

Continental Breakfast

8:30 am-5:00 pm

COOPERATIVE TOURS

Bus loading location to be provided at conference

~ Caribbean Cooperative

Worker cooperative: Shoe manufacturing

~ Consumidores Noroeste

Consumer Cooperative: Supermarket

~ Orocoveña Biscuit

Worker cooperative: Bakery

7:00– 8:00 pm

Garita Room

ACE Awards Reception

8:00 -10:00 pm

San Cristobal Ballroom

Banquet and Awards Ceremony

EMCEE: Louis Doering, Vice President, Twin City Co-ops Federal Credit Union, Falcon Heights, MN, & Carmen Lopez, Medicoop, San Juan, PR

10:00 pm – Midnight

San Cristobal Ballroom

Live Music and Dancing