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1. PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

March
2023 -
Present

INTERNATIONAL CONSULTANT AND AUTHOR COOPERATIVES AND INTERNATIONAL DEVELOPMENT

Among other activities, I edited and partly authored the book "[Cooperativism at Work – Worker-owned Cooperatives around the World](#)", elaborated in 2024 - 2025 and published by Routledge in February 2026; the book presents the history and evolution of cooperatives in general and worker-owned ones in particular, as well as of the social economy, describes 26 case studies from 15 countries through 32 contributors among academics and practitioners, and concludes on the actual and potential contributions of cooperatives in meeting some of today's key global challenges. The book was endorsed by Thomas Piketty (Sciences Po, Paris), Stefano Zamagni (Bologna University, Italy) and Richard Wolff (Massachusetts University, USA) and has a foreword by Thomas Isaac, former Minister of Finance of the Indian State of Kerala. More information can be found [here](#).

April 2018
– Feb 2023

ICA INTERNATIONAL COOPERATIVE ALLIANCE

Global representative organisation of cooperatives

Director General

Some key contributions and accomplishments:

- Leading the design in 2018 of the most in depth and most responded **ICA member survey** on record, allowing the ICA to better understand ICA members' needs and expectations.
- Elaboration with the ICA board of the [ICA 2020-2030 Strategic Plan](#), requested by the 2017 ICA General Assembly in Kuala Lumpur and approved by the 2019 General Assembly in Kigali.
- Organisation and programming of the [ICA Kigali conference “Cooperatives for Development”](#) with the involvement of the whole ICA global team, as well as the ICA Regional and Sectoral Organisations; second ICA global conference ever held in Africa and first fully dedicated to development, with around 1000 participants from 94 countries; largest event of the 2016-2021 ICA-EU Framework Partnership Agreement.
- Overseeing the launch of a **cooperative-to-cooperative trade project cycle** with the international Trade Centre (ITC, the joint cooperation agency of *UNCTAD* and *WTO* for business aspects of trade development) through a first pilot project in 2021.
- Launch and supervision of the [ICA International Cooperative Entrepreneurship Think Tank](#) (ICETT) gathering some of the largest cooperatives and cooperative groups in the world was launched, upon my proposal, as I considered that the cooperative movement needed a global think tank focusing on entrepreneurship, however small it may be at the beginning; ICETT has just finalised its work plan for the next two years;
- Launch and supervision of the [ICA G20 Working Group](#) inaugurated under the Italian G20 Presidency (2021), which has generated a series of references to cooperatives in G20 documents.
- Co-organisation of the [ILO-ICA Conference on the Future of Work](#) convened in June 2019 at the ILO premises in Geneva, with the presentation of the book [Cooperatives and the World of Work](#), of which I am co-editor and was published at Routledge in 2020.
- Lobbied for the insertion of a reference to cooperatives and the wider social economy in the [ILO Centenary Declaration on the Future of Work](#), one of the key ILO documents, through my two-week lobbying in Geneva at the International Labour Conference (ILC) in 2019.
- Co-creation of the [International Coalition on Social and Solidarity Economy \(ICSSE\)](#), which was established in September 2021 with ICMIF, AIM, GSEF and SSEIF.
- Participation in the discussion at the ILC in 2022 in Geneva for two weeks on the ILO [Resolution Concerning Decent Work and the Social and Solidarity Economy](#), in close coordination with ICSSE.
- Supervision of the ICA's co-organisation, for the first time in 2021 and upon the request of the UN Department of Economic and Social Affairs (UN DESA), of the [UN Expert Group Meeting](#) which, every two years, provides the basis for the [UN Secretary General's recurrent report Cooperatives in Social Development](#)
- Chairing of **UN committee on cooperatives COPAC** in 2021 and 2022 on behalf of ICA; launch of a discussion on a new COPAC strategy, which was approved; facilitated the entry into COPAC of two new members, the **International Trade Centre** (ITC) and the **UN Research Institute on Social Development** (UNRISD).

In addition, upon UN DESA's suggestion, COPAC started in 2022 co-organising with UN DESA a cycle of [Voluntary National Reviews \(VNR\) labs dedicated to cooperatives](#) within the framework of the **UN High Level Political Forum on Sustainable Development (HLPF)** taking place every year in early July, allowing to celebrate simultaneously in New York the UN International Day of Cooperatives, which takes place during the same period.

- Organisation and programming of the 2021 [ICA 33rd World Cooperative Congress “Deepening our Cooperative Identity”](#), the first global cooperative event held in a hybrid form, with around 1000 participants physically present and 500 online; preceded by an array of preparatory activities as of August 2020, including two academic conferences immediately before.
- Organisation and programming of the first ever [ICA Global Roundtable of Government Authorities for Developing Cooperatives](#) just after the ICA 33rd World Cooperative Congress, with the presence of public authorities from 22 countries, 4 UN agencies and the EU.

**June 2002 –
Feb 2018**

CICOPA

INTERNATIONAL ORGANISATION OF INDUSTRIAL AND SERVICE COOPERATIVES

Sectoral organisation of the International Cooperative Alliance

Secretary General

Some key contributions and accomplishments

- Membership increased from 18 countries in 2002 to 31 countries in 2018. In some of these countries, such as the USA, CICOPA contributed to the birth of the organisation.
- CICOPA integrated CECOP as one of its regional organisations, and established CICOPA-Americas: both are part of their respective ICA regions; meanwhile CICOPA-Asia was in the making.
- Through its lobbying work, conferences, presentations, development projects, studies and videos, the organisation has become one of the most visible bodies of the ICA in 15 years' time.
- Leading role in the lobbying on International Financial Reporting Standards (IAS 32, IFRS 3, IFRS for SMEs).
- Leading role on cooperative statistics with the ILO.
- Successful lobby with ILO Recommendation 204 on the informal economy and ILO Conclusions on SMEs.
- Established world standards of worker cooperatives (2004) and social cooperatives (2011), based on the cooperative principles and values.
- Focused strongly on international compared cooperative legislation and advised a series of governments (Greece, Serbia, Poland, Argentina, Wisconsin etc.).

**Jan 2006 –
Feb 2018
Brussels**

CECOP

EUROPEAN CONFEDERATION OF INDUSTRIAL AND SERVICE COOPERATIVES

Regional organisation of CICOPA for Europe

Secretary General

Some key contributions and accomplishments

- Contributed to the establishment in 2006 of Cooperatives Europe, the regional organisation of the International Cooperative Alliance for Europe
- CECOP's study on cooperatives' resilience to the crisis [*The Resilience of the Cooperative Model*](#) was widely disseminated and led to collaboration with European Parliament on a [*Resolution on the Contribution of Cooperatives to Overcoming the Crisis*](#) (2013)
- Lobbied successfully to modify several articles of the EU Public Procurement Directive that are more favourable to cooperatives
- Shot 40 mn documentary film [*Together – How Cooperatives Show Resilience to the Crisis*](#), translated into Spanish, French, Italian, Japanese, Korean, Turkish, Polish, Greek and Bulgarian
- Reduced the debt of the organisation from over 200% of the annual budget to under 20% in two years' time after taking office

Oct 2002 –
Oct 2005
Brussels

ECG
EUROPEAN COOPERATIVE GROUPS
Director

Participating groups: Mondragon Corporation, Groupe Crédit Mutuel, Consorzio Gino Matarelli per la Cooperazione Sociale, Grup Empresarial Cooperatiu Valencia, Consorzio Cooperativo Produzione e Lavoro, Crédit Coopératif. Other groups, from Germany and Scandinavia, took part in some of the meetings.

Key contributions and accomplishments

Led exchanges between, and studies on different cooperative groups in Europe, focusing on the architecture of peer-to-peer business combinations, inserting cooperative SMEs into large corporate groups that are competitive in innovation, R&D, internationalization, business scale and scope.

Oct 2003 –
Oct 2004
Brussels

EESC
EUROPEAN ECONOMIC AND SOCIAL COMMITTEE
Expert

Drafting of two policy papers (“opinions”) approved in plenary:

- [*Economic diversification in accession countries - role of SMEs and social economy enterprises*](#) (2004)
- [*Ability of SMEs and social economy enterprises to adapt to changes imposed by economic growth*](#) (2005)

Oct 2002 –
March 2003
Geneva

INTERNATIONAL LABOUR OFFICE
Expert

Training project under the ILO's multinational enterprise section on discrimination at the workplace in large enterprises in China (mission to Beijing, Chengdu and Dalian)

Sept 2002 –
Dec 2002
Geneva

INTERNATIONAL LABOUR OFFICE

Expert to the World Commission on the Social Dimension of Globalization

Sole person invited to provide expertise on cooperatives

June 2001 &
June 2002
Geneva

AGCI, CONFCOOPERATIVE & LEGACOOOP ITALIAN COOPERATIVE CONFEDERATIONS

Representative to the 89th and 90th Sessions of the International Labour Conference in the Employers' delegation to work in the Committee on the Promotion of Cooperatives; coordinator of the working group of representatives of cooperative organisations accredited to the Committee (Geneva); output: [ILO Promotion of Cooperatives Recommendation, 2002 \(n°193\)](#), in which most of the desired contents previously approved by the board of the International Cooperative Alliance were incorporated, and which contains the first hint at the social economy in the UN system.

Sept 1998 –
Dec 2005
The Hague
Geneva
Brussels

CECOP

EUROPEAN CONFEDERATION OF INDUSTRIAL AND SERVICE COOPERATIVES

Project coordinator

Coordination of projects in Central and Eastern Europe

Main project coordinated: SCOPE ("Strengthening Cooperative and Participative Enterprises in Eastern Europe") project, an institution-building project under the PHARE-BSP (Business Support Programme) of the European Commission, grouping 36 partners from 17 European countries (2000-2005)

Sept 1995 –
June 2002
The Hague
China
India
South America

CICOPA

INTERNATIONAL ORGANISATION OF INDUSTRIAL AND SERVICE COOPERATIVES

Project coordinator

Coordination of projects in India and China, completion and evaluation of projects in Argentina, Uruguay and Paraguay

Feb 1995 –
Aug 1995
Luxembourg

ADA

AID TO AUTONOMOUS DEVELOPMENT

Project officer

Collaboration on a project on financial instruments for community development

July 1986 –

FRERES DES HOMMES - INTERNATIONAL

**Dec 1994
Beijing**

Field coordinator in China

Coordination of projects in Gansu, Hubei, Shandong, Henan, Anhui provinces and Beijing and Shanghai Municipalities, organisation of international study missions (to India and to Spain)

**Dec 1978 –
June 1986
Rome**

FRERES DES HOMMES – ITALY

Rome team coordinator

Development education in schools, coordination for Italy of Health Action International (HAI, Amsterdam) and International Baby Food Action Network (IBFAN, Geneva), follow up of community projects in Bangladesh, Burkina Faso and Bolivia

**Nov 1980 –
Jan 1981
Rome**

ITALIAN RED CROSS

Deputy coordinator

Coordination of international aid channeled through the Red Cross during the emergency period following the 1980 earthquake in Southern Italy, at the Central Committee of the Italian Red Cross

**1972 –1982
Brussels
London
Rome**

SELF-EMPLOYED

Artisan

Design, production and sales of creative objects (home and garden lights, toys, jewellery)

2. EDUCATION

**1995- 1997
The Hague**

IHSS

**INTERNATIONAL INSTITUTE OF SOCIAL STUDIES, ERASMUS UNIVERSITY
ROTTERDAM**

Master in Development Studies

Courses on cooperatives, human resource development, local and regional development, employment, trade unions and collective bargaining, social movements

Research paper on *Employment Creation and Cooperative Systems -- The role of meso-level institutions*.

**1988 – 1993
Beijing**

BEIJING UNIVERSITY OF CHINESE MEDICINE

北京中医药大学

Physician and Bachelor of Chinese Medicine

**1987 – 1988
Beijing**

BEIJING LANGUAGE AND CULTURE UNIVERSITY

北京语言大学

Diploma in modern and ancient Chinese

1982 – 1985
Rome

ITALIAN RED CROSS

Nursing diploma

Thesis on The nursing process: tool for a participatory Health System.

1979 – 1982
Rome

LA SAPIENZA UNIVERSITY

Studies in social anthropology

3. MEMBERSHIP OF ORGANISATIONS, BOARDS AND COMMITTEES

1992 –
Present

ICCIC-GUNG HO 工合国际威严会, Beijing

INTERNATIONAL COMMITTEE FOR THE PROMOTION OF CHINESE INDUSTRIAL COOPERATIVES

Member

March 2012 –
March 2015

GECES, Brussels

EUROPEAN COMMISSION EXPERT GROUP ON SOCIAL ENTREPRENEURSHIP

Member

March 2007 –
September 2010

SEE, Brussels

SOCIAL ECONOMY EUROPE

Member of the board

Jan 2005 –
July 2007

ICA, Geneva

INTERNATIONAL COOPERATIVE ALLIANCE

Member of the Governance Working Group

Jan 2006 –
Dec 2008

ICA, Geneva

INTERNATIONAL COOPERATIVE ALLIANCE

Coordinator of the Sectoral Organisations' Liaison Group (SOLG)

Sept 2006 –
June 2008

ICA, Geneva

INTERNATIONAL COOPERATIVE ALLIANCE

Member of the Restructuring Committee

Nov 1995 –
June 2002

CICOPA, Geneva

INTERNATIONAL ORGANISATION OF INDUSTRIAL AND SERVICE COOPERATIVES

Technical adviser to the Executive Committee

Nov 1995 –
Sept 1997

FRERES DES HOMMES – FRANCE, Paris
Board member

Jan 1995 –
Sept 1998

FRERES DES HOMMES – FRANCE, Paris
Member of the Asia Commission

1979 –
1985

ITALIAN RED CROSS, Rome
Member

4. LANGUAGES

English	Bilingual level
French	Mother tongue
Spanish	Bilingual level
Italian	Bilingual level
Chinese	Excellent speaking and writing skills
Portuguese	High speaking skills, moderate writing skills
German	Fair reading, understanding and speaking skills
Dutch	Fair reading, understanding and speaking skills
Russian	Basic (beginner)

5. ORGANISATION OF INTERNATIONAL EVENTS

2021
Seoul
ICA

[ICA 33rd World Cooperative Congress “Deepening our Cooperative Identity”](#), with around 1500 participants (1000 physically present and 500 online); preceded by two academic conferences (International Cooperative Research Conference and International Forum on Cooperative Law) and followed by the **ICA Global Roundtable of Government Authorities for Developing Cooperatives**, with the presence of public authorities from 22 countries, 4 UN agencies and the EU.

2019 Kigali ICA	Organisation of the <u>ICA International Conference “Cooperatives for Development”</u> , with around 1000 participants from 94 countries;
2012-2017 Plovdiv (Bulgaria) CECOP	Co-organisation of the annual <i>European Forum of Social Entrepreneurship</i> in Plovdiv, Bulgaria, with a conference and national fair (around 100 participants to the conference, fair attended by several thousand persons), together with NUWPC
Dec. 2016 Brussels CECOP	Co-organisation of the Conference <i>Towards a fair sharing economy: The role and place of cooperative platforms</i> , with the European Economic and Social Committee, PtoP Foundation, Smart, Ouishare, Coop des Communs and Confrontation Europe (around 120 participants)
Oct. 2016 Quebec CICOPA	Co-organisation of two sectoral workshops within the framework of the 2016 International Summit of Cooperatives : ▪ <i>Cooperatives in Industry, Services and Energy: How to Address the SME Dimension, Now and Tomorrow?</i>, with NRECA (around 90 participants) ▪ <i>Acting Wisely on Health and Social Services – The Cooperatives’ Way</i>, with IHCO (around 40 participants)
Nov 2013 Brussels CECOP	Co-organisation of the conference <i>Cooperatives and work integration of disadvantaged persons</i> with the European Economic and Social Committee and Federsolidarietà, in the presence of EU Employment Commissioner Andor (around 80 participants)
Nov 2013 Cape Town CICOPA	Co-organisation of the thematic session <i>Access to Community Services</i> with IHCO, within the framework of the ICA conference “A Cooperative Decade in Action” (around 300 participants)
June 2013 Brussels CECOP	Co-organisation of the conference <i>Business Transfers in Europe</i> with the European Economic and Social Committee (around 90 participants)
Nov 2012 Marseille CICOPA	Co-organisation of the Conference <i>Global Worker Cooperative Day</i> with CG Scop, at the occasion of the UN International Year of Cooperatives (around 1200 participants)
Sept 2012 Brussels CECOP	Photo exhibition at the European Parliament with photos from CECOP’s documentary film <i>Together – How Cooperatives Show Resilience to the Crisis</i> , with an opening including the participation of several Euro-MPs (several hundred visitors)
June 2012 Brussels CECOP	Presentation of the CECOP documentary film <i>Together – How Cooperatives Show Resilience to the Crisis</i> and the CECOP report <i>The Resilience of the Cooperative Model</i> , at the European Economic and Social Committee (around 70 participants)

Apr 2012 Brussels CECOP	Co-organisation, of the conference <i>Social Cooperatives and the Social Business Initiative</i> with the European Economic and Social Committee, with the presence of representatives from the cabinets from the European Commission's Internal Market, Employment and Enterprise DGs, within the framework of the UN International Year of Cooperatives (around 50 participants)
Nov 2011 Cancun CICOPA	Co-organisation of the Round Table <i>The Way Forward – Cooperatives and Development</i> with IHCO, with the presence of representatives from the United Nations, UNDP, government and NGO representatives, with the support of the FAI Foundation (around 90 participants)
Nov 2009 Geneva CICOPA	Organisation of the international seminar <i>Working Together for the Environment</i> , within the framework of the ICA conference (around 100 participants)
Sept 2009 Brussels CECOP	Organisation of the two-day working meeting <i>How worker cooperatives, social cooperatives and other employee-owned enterprises manage change in Europe</i> (around 50 participants)
Sept 2008 Brussels CECOP	European Conference on <i>Worker ownership: the synthesis between entrepreneurial development and social inclusion</i> , with three workshops: services of general interest, structural funds and public procurements (around 150 participants)
October 2007 Brussels CECOP	Co-organisation of the conference <i>The Involvement of Workers in Worker Cooperatives, Social Cooperatives and other Worker-owned Enterprises in Europe</i> with the European Trade Union Confederation (around 200 participants)
Nov 2006 Manchester CECOP	European seminar <i>Social Enterprises and Worker Cooperatives: Comparing Models of Corporate Governance and Social Inclusion</i> , within the framework of the ICA-Europe regional assembly (around 80 participants)
Nov 2005 Cartagena (Colombia) CICOPA	Organisation of the VI th CICOPA World Conference <i>The Contribution of Worker and Artisanal Cooperatives to Local Development</i> , with sessions on artisan cooperatives, start-ups, worker buyouts and health services (around 120 participants)
November 2004 Krakow CECOP	Participation in the organisation of the Krakow <i>European Social Economy Conference</i> , with the participation of the European Commission and 8 ministers (around 1500 participants)
September 2003 Oslo CICOPA	Organisation of V th CICOPA World Conference <i>Identifying World Standards of Worker Cooperatives and Conditions of their Development</i> (around 300 participants)

October 2002 Prague CECOP	Participation in the organisation of the Prague <i>European Social Economy Conference</i> , with the participation of the European Commission and 7 ministers (around 800 participants)
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6. PRESENTATIONS AND KEYNOTES AT INTERNATIONAL EVENTS

November 2023 Quebec (online)	Keynote presentation at the CWCF Conference “Stronger Together”
October 2022 Cairo	<i>Intervention at the session: African Agenda 2063 and successful governance for Cooperatives in Supporting Cooperative Activities and Achieving the Objectives of the African Agenda 2063; 13th Africa Ministerial Co-operative Conference (AMCCO)</i>
September 2022 Brussels & online	<i>Closing remarks; Cooperatives are Key Stakeholders in advancing SDGs through Culture and the Creative Sector, UNESCO Mondiacult 2022 side-event</i>
September 2022 Online	Keynote: Overview about the role of family farmers’ organisations and cooperation toward sustainable agri-food systems; Global Forum of the UN Decade of Family Farming 2019 – 2028, organised by FAO and IFAD
June 2022 Stockholm (online)	Intervention at Wellbeing economies: a new economic approach for human and planetary health, organised by the European Environmental Bureau
May 2022 Strasbourg	Intervention at the 4 th conference: Building a global movement for international recognition of the social economy; European Conference on the Social Economy “The social economy, the future of Europe”, organised by the European Commission
September 2021 San Jose, Costa Rica (online)	<i>Inclusive and Sustainable Development through Innovative Social Practices ; CIRIEC’s 8th International Congress</i>
September 2021 Online	<i>Keynote address; 2021 UK Society for Co-operative Studies Conference</i>
December 2020 Seoul (online)	<i>Cooperation and solidarity that stand out in moments of crisis; The 11th ASIA Future Forum, organised by the South Korean newspaper Hankyoreh</i>
October 2020 Nairobi (online)	<i>Keynote address; Regional Conference On: Fostering Implementation of the African Continental Free Trade Area through Cooperatives, organised by ICA Africa</i>

February 2020 Athens	<i>Comments on the Greek draft law on agricultural cooperatives</i> at the Permanent Committee of Production and Trade of the Greek Parliament
November 2019 San Jose, Costa Rica	<i>Marcos Internacionales de Fomento e Incidencia política del Cooperativismo</i> ; XIII Encuentro de Parlamentarios y Organismos de Promoción, Fomento, Regulación, Supervisión y/o Crédito Cooperativo, XXI Conference of Cooperatives of the Americas
September 2019 Ahmedabad, India	<i>New forms of Organizing to generate modern smart livelihood opportunities for the Youth and the Women Micro entrepreneurs</i> ; SEWA's Forum on Future of Work, organised by the Self-Employed Women's Association (SEWA)
April 2019 Ho Chi Minh	<i>Creating an Enabling Legal Framework and Policies to Promote Sustainable Development of Cooperatives in the 21st Century</i> ; Second Asia-Pacific Cooperative Registrar's Forum
December 2018 Haikou, China	<i>Cooperatives' Role in Poverty Alleviation</i> ; organised by the All-China Federation of Supply and Marketing Cooperatives and ICA-ROAP
November 2018 Moscow	Opening address " <i>Global agenda of co-operation</i> "; 17 th International Conference "Modern Co-operatives in the System of Sustainable Development Goals"
October 2018 Buenos Aires	<i>Recomendaciones de las organizaciones Internacionales</i> ; presentation at the 5th Summit of Cooperatives of the Americas
September 2018 Rome	<i>Opening address</i> ; 25 th anniversary of Coopfond "Valori per fare impresa", organised by Coopfond
September 2018 Athens	<i>Opening address</i> ; 2nd International Forum on Cooperative Law, Hellenic Open University
September 2018 Maribor, Slovenia	<i>Development of the international movement of cooperatives and Systemic Incentives for the Development of Youth Cooperatives</i> ; Združimo se! International conference "Co-ops and young people" organised by
July 2018 Daegu, South Korea	<i>Future of work and cooperatives</i> , presentation at the International Conference on the Future of Work and Worker Cooperatives, organised by the Korea Federation of Worker Cooperatives
May 2018 Manchester	<i>Cooperative learning: learn to do and learn to be</i> ; Conference "Skills for co-operators in the 21 st century", organized by the Co-operative College UK
April 2018 Cartagena (Colombia)	Keynote speech to the 33 rd Jornada de Opinion Cooperativa of Ascoop

Sept 2017 Athens	<i>Cooperatives and the Social and Solidarity Economy in Greece and around the World</i> , Seminar on cooperatives at the Athens Agricultural University
April 2017 Hanoi	<i>What is the role of cooperatives in the transition from informal to formal economy today?</i> , 10th Asia-Pacific Co-operative Ministers' Conference, Hanoi
March 2017 Malta	<i>Innovative solutions and methods for economically sustainable business transfers</i> , Business Transfer Conference of the Maltese Presidency of the Council of the European Union
Nov 2016 Delhi	<i>Introduction to the reality of industrial and service cooperatives</i> , in Workshop on Industrial and Service Cooperatives organized ICA-Asia Pacific and CICOPA
Oct 2016 Bratislava	<i>Public procurement as a tool for growth of social enterprises</i> , International conference on Social Economy under the auspices of the Slovak Presidency of the Council, of the European Union
Oct 2016 Zagreb	<i>Tourism for All, Sustainable and Inclusive: cooperation with the actors of the Social and Solidarity Economy</i> , ISTO World Congress
June 2016 Poitiers	<i>La coopérative, une réalité internationale</i> , at the International Summer School of young creators of cooperatives
June 2016 Winnipeg	<i>Indivisible reserves: an international perspective</i> , CMC Cooperative Congress
Oct 2015 Brasilia	<i>Cooperativas, crisis e oportunidade : uma visão contemporânea do papel das cooperativas</i> , OCB
Sept 2015 Berlin	<i>Unternehmensnachfolge bzw. Insolvenz – Konversion in intelligente, nachhaltige, selbstverwaltete Produktion</i> , Solikon
May 2015 Paris	<i>The Cooperative Principles applied to Worker Cooperatives</i> , ICA Research Conference
April 2015 Cartagena (Colombia)	<i>Las cooperativas contribuyen al desarrollo social</i> , XXX Jornada de Opinión Cooperativa, Ascoop
Feb 2015 Osuna (Spain)	<i>La resiliencia del modelo cooperativo frente a la crisis: calidad y estabilidad del empleo generado por el sistema cooperativo</i> , lecture at diploma course in management of cooperative enterprises and social economy organisations
Feb 2015 New York	<i>Industrial and Service Cooperatives in the World</i> , Cuny Economic Democracy Project Lecture Series
Dec 2014 Montevideo	<i>El empleo cooperativo en el mundo</i> ; conference at Montevideo University

Oct 2014 Quebec	<i>Cooperatives and Employment: a Global Report</i> , presentation at the Plenary of the International Summit of Cooperatives
March 2014 Gangwon (South Korea)	<i>How the growth of cooperatives should be measured</i> , conference organized by Gangwon Province
Oct 2014 Bilbao (Spain)	<i>Proyecto una década cooperativa</i> , Forokoop
July 2014 Bertinoro (Italy)	<i>Cooperazione e imprenditorialità sociale in prospettiva europea</i> , Scuola Impresa Sociale organized by Federsolidarietà
Nov 2013 Athens	<i>Policies for the Promotion of Social Cooperatives in Europe</i> , European conference on social cooperatives
Nov 2013 Cape Town	<i>Cooperative Growth for the 21st Century</i> , Plenary of the International Cooperative Alliance global conference
Nov 2013 Warsaw	<i>European experiences of transformation of SMEs into worker cooperatives in the context of the economic crisis</i> , conference “Cooperatives as a form of overcoming unemployment and building social integration” organized by the Polish Ministry of Labour
Nov 2012 Bandung (Indonesia)	<i>The Experience of Industrial, Service and Craft Cooperatives</i> , seminar on capacity building for Indonesian cooperatives towards achieving world class cooperative; organized by Dekopin
Oct 2012 Ljubljana	<i>How and when do cooperatives contribute to the current economic system and to human and social development</i> , Slovenia Coop2012
Oct 2012 Quebec	Participation to the plenary roundtable <i>Cooperatives and mutuals, a distinctive and effective business model</i> , International Summit of Cooperatives
July 2012 Santander (Spain)	<i>Las Cooperativas en la industria y los servicios</i> ; Universidad Internacional Menéndez Pelayo
July 2012 Manchester	<i>Capital and the Debt Trap</i> , Keynote address to the conference Mainstreaming Co-operation
June 2012 Barcelona	<i>La crisis, la finanza y las cooperativas</i> , Financoop
June 2010 Imshausen (Germany)	<i>Answers of workers movement to insolvencies in Europe</i> , workshop on steps on the way towards solidarity economy

Oct. 2010 Buenos Aires	<i>La Declaration Mundial sobre Cooperativas de Trabajo Asociado</i> , at the 17th Regional Conference of ICA-Americas
2009 São Paulo	<i>Direito cooperativo internacional</i> , VII Forum dos aspectos legais do cooperativismo, OCESP
March 2009 Bahia Blanca (Argentina)	<i>El movimiento cooperativo en la regionalización y en la globalización</i> , seminar organized by the consumer cooperative Cooperativa Obrera
Dec. 2008 Hanoi	<i>Cooperative advantage in ensuring inclusive growth</i> , Regional Conference of ICA - Asia Pacific
Nov. 2008 Strasbourg	<i>General interest and market rules</i> , European Social Economy Conference under the French presidency of the European Union
Feb. 2008 Podgorica	<i>Cooperatives and development</i> workshop on cooperatives with the Montenegrin government
Sept. 2007 Lisbon	<i>Social cooperatives in Europe: a main actor in social services of general interest</i> ; conference on the Social Services of General Interest organized by the Portuguese presidency of the European union
July 2006 Lima	<i>La declaracion mundial sobre cooperativismo de trabajo asociado</i> ; XIV th Regional Conference of ICA-America
June 2006 Johannesburg	<i>Co-operative Movement Responses to Competitive States and the Market</i> Conference on “Co-operative Alternatives to Capitalist Globalisation - Building Human Solidarity to Sustain Life” organised by COPAC
Nov 2005 Luxembourg	<i>Artisans’ cooperatives: helping small producers be competitive within globalization</i> ; European Social Economy Conference
Nov. 2003 Brussels	<i>Cooperative development, organisational development</i> , seminar on EU financing for development projects in new EU member states, organized by the Olof Palme Centre
June 2003 San Jose de Costa Rica	<i>El proceso de aprobacion de la Recomendacion 193 – Connotacion mundial e importancia como instrumento de desarrollo para el movimiento</i> , event organized at the Costarican parliament with the presence of the Costarican President at the occasion of the 1 st anniversary of the approval of ILO Promotion of Cooperatives Recommendation, 2002 (n°193)
June 2003 Paris	<i>Acteurs et stratégies de développement au niveau international dans le monde coopératif depuis le début des années 90</i> ”, Conference « Quels acteurs pour quel développement ? », XIX Journées du Développement, Paris 7 University
April 2003 Madison, USA	<i>The worker cooperative Movement worldwide</i> ; first Midwest Worker Cooperative Conference

Nov 2002 Vitoria-Gasteiz (Spain)	<i>La nueva ola del cooperativismo en el mundo</i> , Conference on “Sociedad y cooperativas: interés por la comunidad”
Nov 2002 Geneva	<i>Cooperatives in the World: Reality and Perspectives</i> , Technical Secretariat of the World Commission on the Social Dimension of Globalization, Knowledge Network 3 Meeting, ILO
Oct 2002 Asunción	<i>Recomendación de la OIT para la Promoción y el Desarrollo Cooperativo</i> , together with Danilo Gutierrez, Annual Conference of ICA-Americas
March 2002 San Jose de Costa Rica	<i>El proceso de revisión de la Recomendación 127 de la OIT – Presentacion de propuestas</i> , at the pan-American Conference on the Revision of ILO Recommendation 127, organised jointly by ICA-Americas, Infocoop, Conacoop and Banco Popular
Nov 2001 Cartagena (Colombia)	<i>Recomendacion sobre la promocion de las cooperativas (OIT 127)</i> , Annual Conference of ICA-Americas, Cartagena de Indias (Colombia)
May 2001 Bangkok	<i>Activities in Asia of the International Organisation of Industrial, Artisanal and Service Producers’ Cooperatives (CICOPA)</i> : Regional Conference on “Job Creation through Cooperatives and Small Enterprises”, ILO
July 2000 Trento	<i>Job creation and worker cooperatives: the role of financial meso-level institutions</i> : Presentation made at the Conference of IAFEP (International Association for the Economics of Participation), University of Trento
May 1999 Ulstron (Poland)	<i>Worker cooperatives and socio-economic development: the role of meso-level institutions</i> , presentation made at the international conference on “Cooperatives – Job Creation – Local Development” organised by the Cooperative Resarch Institute, the National Cooperative Congress and the KF Project Center
Sept 1998 Revfűlöp (Hungary)	<i>Employee-owned cooperatives: new possibilities for young people and for community development</i> , presentation made at the International conference “European Youth in the year 2000” organised by the European Society of Voluntary Agencies (ESVA)
Apr 1995 Kathmandu	<i>China’s worker cooperatives</i> , South Asian Mondragon follow-up workshop organised by the Institute of Social Studies (The Hague), the Centre for Worker Management (Delhi) and the Pakistan Institute for Labour Education and Research (Karachi)

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- 2011** [Cooperatives, Territories and Jobs](#), co-edited with Valerio Pellirossi and Olivier Biron; Brussels: CECOP Publications (translated into French)
- 2009** (ed) [Cooperatives and Social Enterprises – Governance and normative frameworks](#); Brussels: CECOP Publications, with Felice Scalvini, Mervyn Wilson, Roger Spear, Bob Cannell, Antonio Fici, Pekka Pattiniämi, Jean Gautier, Vilma Mazzocco, Eva Johansson, Guy Boucquiaux (translated into French)

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8. COUNTRIES WHERE I VISITED GRASSROOTS COOPERATIVES AND COOPERATIVE FEDERATIONS, AND INTERVIEWED COOPERATIVE MEMBERS

Africa	South Africa, Rwanda, Tanzania, Kenya, Nigeria
Americas	Argentina, Brazil, Uruguay, Colombia, Costa Rica, Mexico, USA, Canada
Asia	China, India, Mongolia, Pakistan, Philippines, Indonesia, South Korea, Israel
Europe	France, Italy, Spain, Portugal, Malta, Greece, Belgium, Germany, Switzerland, Slovenia, Bulgaria, Romania, Hungary, Slovakia, Czech Republic, Poland, Estonia, Lettonia, Lithuania, Russia, Denmark, Finland, Sweden,