

60th Anniversary

Gala Dinner & Academic Conference

26 & 27 September 2017

Albert Hall, Brussels

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26 September 2017

Gala Evening

Theme: Celebrating Euro Coop's History

19:00 – 19:30 Co-op Reception

19:30 – 20:15 Opening Ceremony – 60 Years Euro Coop

- ❖ *Movie Screening: "Euro Coop's Evolution = 6x10"*
- ❖ *Massimo Bongiovanni – President, Euro Coop*
- ❖ *Vytenis Adriukaitis – European Commissioner, Health and Food Safety*
- ❖ *Luca Jahier – President, Group III – Various Interests, European Economic and Social Committee*

20:15 – 21:45 Cocktail Dinner & Networking

27 September 2017

Conference "Consumer Co-operatives: the Power of People-First"

09:00 – 09:30 Registration

09:30 – 10:00 Opening Ceremony

- ❖ *Introductory Remarks: Massimo Bongiovanni – President, Euro Coop*
- ❖ *Co-operatives Europe Address: Jean-Louis Bancel – President, Cooperatives Europe*
- ❖ *Consumer Co-operative Worldwide (CCW) Address: Petar Stefanov, PhD – President, CCW*
- ❖ *Video Address: Monique Leroux – President, International Co-operative Alliance*

10:00 – 10:30 Keynote Speech

Dr Linda Shaw – Associate, Co-operative College, UK

10:30 – 10:50 Consumer Co-operative Start-up: Case Study of Bees Coop, Brussels

Enrico De Sanso – Member of Management Board, Bees Coop

10:50 – 11:00 Q & A with Audience

11:00 – 11:15 Networking Break**11:15 – 12:25 Roundtable*****The Co-operative Difference in Europe's Socio-Economic Development***

❖ **Moderator:** Maria Laura Franciosi, Press Club Brussels Europe

❖ **Speakers:**

- ✓ **Colin Macleod** Chief Executive Officer, The Channel Islands Co-operative Society & Euro Coop Vice-President
- ✓ **Marjaana Saarikoski** Director, Cooperative Affairs & Partnerships, SOK Finland
- ✓ **Jens Nilsson** MEP, Committee on Regional Development (REGI), European Parliament
- ✓ **Peter Schmidt** President of the European Economic Social Committee (EESC) Permanent Study Group on Sustainable Food Systems
- ✓ **Patrick Klein** Team Leader Social Economy, DG Internal Market, Industry, Entrepreneurship and SMEs (GROW), European Commission

12:25 – 12:45 Q & A with Audience

12:45 – 14:20 Lunch**14:20 – 15:30 Roundtable*****Consumer Co-operatives in the Future of Retail and Consumer Empowerment***

❖ **Moderator:** Georgi Gotev, Senior Editor, EurActiv, Brussels

❖ **Speakers:**

- ✓ **Marco Pedroni** President & CEO, Coop Italia
- ✓ **Lasse Bolander** President, Coop Denmark
- ✓ **Carlo Pettinelli** Director, Consumer, Environmental and Health Technologies, DG Internal Market, Industry, Entrepreneurship and SMEs (GROW), European Commission
- ✓ **Anneleen Van Bossuyt (TBC)** MEP, Chair of Committee on Internal Market and Consumer Protection (IMCO), European Parliament
- ✓ **Ursula Pacht** Deputy Director General, BEUC

15:30 – 15:50 Q & A with Audience

15:50 – 16:05 Closing Remarks

*** Interpretation available during conference: EN, IT, FR, RU**