



Canadian Social Economy Hub  
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## Call for Papers

# The 1<sup>st</sup> World CIRIEC Research Conference On the Social Economy

## Building and Strengthening Communities: The Social Economy in a Changing World

October 22-24, 2007  
Victoria, British Columbia Canada  
Fairmont Empress Hotel

A Scientific conference on the Social Economy with researchers, senior practitioners and government officials attending

**Organized by**  
**The Canadian Social Economy Hub at the**  
**BC Institute for Co-operative Studies and the**  
**University of Victoria, British Columbia, Canada**  
**In partnership with**  
**CIRIEC International**  
**CIRIEC Canada**

### IMPORTANT DATES:

31/01/07	Deadline for the Submission of abstracts for papers
15/04/07	Notification of Acceptance of Papers and Presentations
31/07/07	Early Registration Deadline
01/05/07	Detailed Conference Program Available
22/10/07	Conference begins 7:00pm

**Conference Website:** <http://www.socialeconomyhub.ca/conference>

### Conference Registration fees:

Early bird before July 31, 2007:	CAN \$250
After July 31, 2007:	CAN \$ 300
Includes welcoming reception, 2 breakfasts, 2 lunches, one gala dinner	

### **The Conference:**

The world is undergoing rapid and extensive changes associated with globalization, conflicting ideas about the roles of the State and the reconfiguration of communities. The Social Economy contains several approaches that could be of use to communities, social entrepreneurs, policy makers, community activities and researchers. The goal of the conference is to highlight the role of the co-operatives, foundations, credit unions, mutuels, non-profit organizations, the voluntary sector, charities and social economy enterprises in building and strengthening communities in a variety of contexts and cultures.

### **Organizing institutions:**

- CIRIEC International (Centre of Research and Information on the Public, Social and Cooperative Economy [www.ulg.ac.be/ciriec](http://www.ulg.ac.be/ciriec))
- CIRIEC Canada is the Canadian section of CIRIEC. [www.ciriec.uqam.ca](http://www.ciriec.uqam.ca).
- The Canadian Social Economy Hub (CSEHub [www.socialeconomyhub.ca](http://www.socialeconomyhub.ca))
- The British Columbia Institute of Co-operative Studies (BCICS) [www.bcis.uvic.ca](http://www.bcis.uvic.ca)
- The Canadian Community Economic Development Network (CCEDNet) [www.ccednet-rcdec.ca](http://www.ccednet-rcdec.ca)

### **Thematic Streams:**

#### **I The Social Economy in communities: an international view**

- Mapping, portraying and evaluating the Social Economy
- Major trends in recent development of the Social Economy: coops, nonprofit, mutual societies, social enterprises, community enterprises in sectoral and territorial perspectives
- Major trends in developed, developing and emerging economies

#### **II The Social Economy facing globalization**

- Utopian and pragmatic representations of the relationship between Economy and Society
- Social Economy and social movements
- Social innovation and institutionalization

#### **III The Social Economy and governance**

- Ethics, social responsibility and the Social Economy
- Democratic governance, civic participation and management in the Social Economy
- The structuring of the Social Economy movement, coalitions and federations at local, national and international levels

#### **IV The Social Economy facing the reconfiguration of the State**

- Relationships to national and international institutions (UN, OECD, UNESCO, ILO, World Bank etc)
- Evolution of public policies
- Intersection of public economy and Social Economy

**Submission of proposals for presenting papers at the conference:**

All submissions will be refereed. Abstracts of the papers should have no more than 400 words in length and can be provided in English, French, or Spanish. Abstracts should be submitted as an attached MS Word document to [secoord@uvic.ca](mailto:secoord@uvic.ca), with cc [Rafael.Chaves@uv.es](mailto:Rafael.Chaves@uv.es), indicating in the Subject Line: "CIRIEC 2007 – ABS – Authorname", for example. "CIRIEC 2007 – ABS – Jose Luis Monzon". The attached document must be named "ABS –Authorname – CIRIEC 2007.doc". Submissions that do not contain the required information will be sent back to the authors.

**Information required for the Submissions includes the following:**

Title:	title of Paper
Keywords:	(five) keywords describing the content of the paper
Stream:	thematic stream addressed by the paper:
Author:	name of first author
Affiliation:	of first author
Author:	name of 2 <sup>nd</sup> author
Affiliation:	of 2 <sup>nd</sup> author
Contact Address:	full postal address of first author or contact person
Fax Number:	of first author or contact person
Phone Number:	of first author or contact person
Email Address:	of first author or contact person
Language:	preferred language for the presentation: English, French or Spanish

The list of accepted proposals will be posted on the Conference Website by April 15, 2007: <http://www.socialeconomyhub.ca/conference>. A book of the abstracts of the papers will be provided to all conference participants. In addition, abstracts will be published on the conference web page. Presentations can be made in French or English. Some sessions may be in Spanish.

**Registration:**

All participants must register for the Conference. Please complete and submit the registration form along with registration fees. Presenters and participants should check visa requirements for Canada and ensure that the necessary documentation is acquired. The Conference will take place at the Fairmont Empress Hotel [www.fairmont.com/empress](http://www.fairmont.com/empress) in downtown Victoria. Rooms have been set-aside at an exceptional rate for conference participants (promotional code is GRCIRI). Information about Victoria, British Columbia, the Fairmont Empress Hotel, the University of Victoria, registration fees, travel, accommodation and local attractions can be found at: [www.socialeconomyhub.ca](http://www.socialeconomyhub.ca). Please note that Victoria is located on Vancouver Island and can be reached by ferry or air from Vancouver, BC, or Seattle, Washington State, USA.

## **Scientific Committee for the conference:**

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### **Inquiries:**

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