

# Report of the ICA AP Research Committee

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# Special tribute to Dr. Paranjothi

- He had been active in promoting the network of Asian university/campus co-operatives in the ICA AP University Co-operative Committee since the 1990s.
- He serves as Vice Chair of the ICA AP Research Committee since 2012. We met almost every year (Kobe, Mysore, Bali, Delhi, Seoul, and Newcastle).
- He contributed chapters on the Asian youth co-operatives and the Indian agricultural co-operatives in “Waking the Asian Pacific Co-operative Potential”. He promised to write a chapter on Kerala co-operative hospital for our second book.
- He co-edited “Co-operatives and Social Innovation” published by Springer.
- He was an organizer of the ICA AP Research Conference in Kerala.

# 15th Research Conference in Trivanduram

- ICA-AP Co-operative Research Conference online from December 17-18, 2020. It was organized with the support of Agricultural Co-operative Staff Training Institute (ACSTI), Government of Kerala, ICA Domus Trust, ICA-EU Partnership on Co-operatives in Development and the Uralungal Labour Contract Co-operative Society (ULCCS).
- The event was well-attended by around 80 individuals from 12 countries viz. Australia (4), Belgium (1), Ethiopia (1), various provinces of India (50), Indonesia (11), Iran (2), Japan (2), Malaysia (3), Nepal (2), Palestine (2), Spain (1) and Sri Lanka (1) .
- The conference theme was 'Addressing climate change through co-operative enterprise'. Young Scholar's Workshops was led by Dr. Y. Dongre (India) and Dr. Sidsel Grimstad (Australia).
- Mauritz Bonow Award was given to Mr. Abhishek Saxena, Institute of Rural Management Anand and Ms. Sreelaksmi C. C., Cochin University of Science and Technology.

# Achievement in 2020 and Future

- Last year we published two volumes featuring Asia-pacific co-operatives.  
Waking the Asian Pacific Co-operative Potential by Elsevier  
Co-operatives and Social Innovation by Springer
- We need to build the capacity of co-operative research in Asia Pacific region in the “Asian century”.
- We invite Asian/Pacific researchers and practitioners to join research networks and contribute to new publications by Asia Pacific Co-operative Research Partnership (APCRP).