

Introduction

THE THEME FOR THIS SPECIAL ISSUE arose from discussions among members of the Board of Canadian Association for Studies in Co-operation (CASC) concerning the need to generate awareness among co-operators, academics, students and the general public about the interesting forms of co-operation that take place between the co-operative sector and institutions of higher education and the importance of such initiatives. While collaboration between the sector and institutions of higher education goes back to the nineteenth century and has existed in countries around the world, the nature of such collaboration is not widely known. This special issue seeks to highlight some of the ongoing initiatives in Canadian universities that relate to research, education and even support for the incubation of new businesses.

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We would like to extend our thanks to the guest editors for their work on this special edition. Also, please note that we are issuing a call for papers for another special edition of IJCAM which is focused on ***Social, Environmental and SDG Performance and Reporting in Co-operatives***. Papers related to management topics should be submitted to Peter Davis and those focusing on accounting and reporting should be submitted to Daphne Rixon.

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