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FIRST ANNOUNCEMENT

After Victoria (Canada) in 2007 and Ostersund (Sweden) in 2009, the

3rd International Research Conference on Social Economy of CIRIEC

will take place in Valladolid (Spain) from 6 to 8 April 2011.

General Theme of the Conference:

The Social Economy, prop of a new model of sustainable economic development

Objective of the conference: To examine the role that the social economy can play in a new model of economic development which is sustainable for both the North and the South. Main thematic areas of the conference:

- 1. The social economy, a powerful socio-economic agent in the North and in the South
- 2. The social economy as a vector of social and economic change
- 3. The allies of the social economy in a new model of sustainable economic development
- 4. The role of the State and of international institutions with regard to the social economy.

Organised by CIRIEC-España and CIRIEC-International

Researchers, professionals working in this sector and government representatives are invited to participate in the Congress.

Save this date: 15/10/2010 - Deadline for submission of paper proposals

Languages accepted: English, Spanish and French.

2nd International Research Conference, Ostersund (Sweeden): http://socek.se/ciriec research 2009

Annals of Public & Cooperative Economics: http://www.wiley.com/bw/journal.asp?ref=1370-4788 Ciriec-España, revista de economía pública, social y cooperativa: www.ciriec-revistaeconomia.es

City of Valladolid (Spain): http://www.wiley.com/bw/journal.asp?ref=1370-4788

CIRIEC-International: www.ulg.ac.be/ciriec

CIRIEC-España, Observatorio de la economía social: www.observatorioeconomiasocial.es

Thematic areas of the conference:

I The social economy, a powerful socio-economic agent in the North and in the South

- The theoretical, conceptual and philosophical challenges of the social economy as a socioeconomic reality made up of cooperatives, non-profit and voluntary service organisations, mutual societies, associations and other social enterprises
- National and regional studies of the social economy: current situation, trends and challenges for the future
- Assessment of the social economy: how it is assessed and how its economic or social contribution is measured

II The social economy as a vector of social and economic change

- The social economy's answers to the problems of the 21st century: poverty, the environmental crisis, unemployment and the development of political and economic democracy
- The bases for a new model of development: social innovation and innovation systems
- Democratic government, participation, training and management in social economy organisations
- Integration through business associations and the socio-political organisation of Social Economy bodies
- The social economy's financial, social and economic responses to the first major world economic crisis of the 21st century.

III. The allies of the social economy in a new model of sustainable economic development

- Socially responsible enterprises and corporate social responsibility
- Social enterprises
- Micro-enterprises, worker-managed enterprises and enterprises with worker shareholders
- Social movements, trades unions, volunteers, social networks and the Social Economy 2.0
- The organisations that support and fund the social economy

IV. The role of the State and of international institutions with regard to the social economy.

- The role of the social economy in public policies, with particular reference to social, employment and local and regional development policies.
- Policies to support the social economy.
- New types of public policy and new policies (*new public management*, collaboration between the public sector and the social economy, etc.)
- Legal and regulatory scenarios for the social economy