The purpose of the 7th conference is to provide an international discussion forum for research in economics and management of networks (franchising, cooperatives, joint ventures, strategic alliances, clusters, corporate governance relations and virtual networks). Theoretical, conceptual and empirical papers from all areas in economics and management of networks are presented.
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Thursday: December 3, 2015 (in UWC)

Registration in President Hotel: 12.00 – 13.30
Registration in UWC: 14.00 – 18.00

13.30: Bus transfer from President Hotel to UWC (https://www.uwc.ac.za/Pages/default.aspx; https://www.uwc.ac.za/Pages/Campus-Location.aspx; https://goo.gl/maps/ZtneoAoLCzr)
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15.00 to 15.45: Welcome Session
Prof. Kobus Visser (Dean), Prof. Ricardo Peters, Prof. Marieta Du Plessis,
Prof. Philipp Hirschsohn, Prof. Josef Windsperger (Organizing Chair)

15.45 to 16.15: Break

Parallel Sessions (16.15 – 18.15) – in UWC

16.15 to 18.15 – Session 1: Franchising (Room 1E)
Session Chair: Odile Streed
Hachemi Aliouche, Dominique Bonet Fernandez:
Social Franchising: A Panacea for Emerging Countries – The Case of Algeria
Anita du Toit, Andrew Robinson
Developing a Government Social Franchise in South African Primary Health Care Clinics – the Answer to the National Health Insurance
Mohammed Duliem AlQahtany:
Franchising in Saudi Arabia: Barriers and Opportunities
Nina Gorovaia, Dildar Hussain:
Corporate Social Responsibility and Brand Competitiveness: The Case of Franchising

16.15 to 18.15 – Session 1: Cooperatives (Room 1F)
Session Chair: Karin Hakelius
Dietmar Roessl, Kati Hyslop, Martina Pieperhoff:
Cooperative Principles in the Image of Cooperative: Results from an Empirical Study in Austria
Mathias Dilger, Tanja Jovanovic, Kai-Ingo Voigt:
Upcrowding Energy Cooperatives: Evaluating New Financing and Diffusion Potentials for Energy Cooperatives through Crowdfunding
Judith Möllers, Diana Traikova, Axel Wolz, Brindusha Birhala:
What Factors Motivate Small-Scale Farmers to Join Producer Groups in a Post-Socialist Economy: Evidence from Romania
Sigurd Rysstad:
New Generation Cooperatives in Agriculture: Old Wine in New Bottles – A Life Cycle Perspective

16.15 to 18.15 – Session 1: Strategic Alliances (Room 1A)
Session Chair: Martin Zsifkovits
Eric Braune, Jean-Michel Sahut:
Corporate Venture Capital Syndication and Relationships in Syndication Networks
Suzanne Kroeze, Stefano Pascucci, Alessia Lombardi, Valentina C. Materia, Luigi Cembalo:
Understanding the Role of Informal Contracting in the Formation of “Venturing Networks”
Hussler, Muller, Rondé:
Internal Structure and External Connectedness: Towards a Typology of French Clusters
Patsy Govender, Sanjana Brijball Parumasur:
Organizational Diagnosis, the Stepping Stone to Organizational Effectiveness

18.30: Bus transfer from UWC to President Hotel
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Friday: December 4, 2015 (President Hotel)

Registration in President Hotel: 8.00 – 12.30 and 13.30 – 18.00

8.30 to 10.15 – Session 2: Franchising (Room 1)
Session Chair: Marko Gruenhagen

Ilan Alon, Melih Madanoglu, Amir Shoham:
Enduring Entrepreneurship via Strategic Agility: The Case of Franchising Firms

Brinja Meiseberg, Rozenn Perrigot:
Linkages between Pricing Practices in Franchise Chains and Franchisor-, Franchisee- and System-Level Outcomes

Magali Chaudey, Muriel Fadairo, Anne-Laure Le-Nadant, Frederic Perdreau
Entrepreneurial Orientation and Performance in Franchise Networks: The Mediating Role of Innovation

8.30 to 10.15 – Session 2: Cooperatives (Room 2)
Session Chair: Karl Morasch

Svetlana Golovina, Sebastian Hess, Jerker Nilsson, Axel Wolz:
Private Farmers’ Success and the Structure of their Social Interactions in the Russian Region of Kurgan

Behrang Manouchehrabadi, George Hendrikse:
Skewed Membership in Chinese Agricultural Cooperatives; An Inclusive Financial Design Explanation

Guenter Schamel, Georg Telfser:
The Pricing Environment for Cooperatives in Downstream Wholesale Markets

8.30 to 10.15 – Session 2: Strategic Alliances (Room 3)
Session Chair: Christoph Weiss

Ernst Verwaal, Herman Belgraver, Antonia Verdu-Jover:
Knowledge and Power in Alliance Relationships: A Knowledge-Based Resource-Dependence Perspective

Chiara Burlina, Guillio Cainelli:
Interfirm Networks and Agglomeration Externalities: The Case of Italy

Julia Planko, Maryse Chappin, Jacqueline Cramer:
Network Management for Collective System Building

Sonja Horvath:
Allocation of Control in International Joint Ventures

10.15 to 10.45 Break

10.45 to 12.30 – Session 3: Franchising (Room 2)
Session Chair: Aliouche Hachemi

Thierry Penard, Rozenn Perrigot:
Search Online – Purchase Online in Franchising: An Empirical Analysis of Franchisor Website Functionality

Farhad Sadeh, Manish Kacker:
The Relationship between Royalties and Franchise Fees: A Meta-Analysis

Nina Gorovaia:
Contract Duration and Performance of Franchise Networks

Eugenio Silva Bitti, Muriel Fadairo, Cintya Lanchimba, Vivian-Lara Silva
Spatial Strategies in Brazilian Franchising: Behavior Categories and Performance Outcome

10.45 to 12.30 – Session 3: Cooperatives (Room 1)
Session Chair: Guenter Schamel

Anna Petruchenya, George Hendrikse:
Boards of Directors in Cooperatives: Knowledge and Bounded Cognition Perspective

Sebastian Hess, Jerker Nilsson, Petri Ollila:
Farmers’ Views on Institutional Changes in Finnish Cooperatives

Julia Höhler, Rainer Kühl:
Cooperatively Organized Breeding Associations as Drivers of Innovation? An Explorative Analysis of Organizational Structures and Changes in Cattle Breeding

Richard Lang, Tricia Jones:
Co-operative Housing Governance and Social Capital Building: the Case of Vienna
10.45 to 12.30 – Session 3: Strategic Alliances (Room 3)
Session Chair: Martin Leroch

Simon von Danwitz:
Inter-Firm Projects: A Systematic Literature Review
Anna Tarabasz:
The Impact of IoT (Internet of Things) on New Approach in Network Management
Henrik Harms, Isabella Hatak, Katie Hyslop
Demystification of Family Business Cooperation Strategy
Velimir Bole, Laura Fink, Janez Prasnikar:
Heterogeneity of Market-oriented Competencies in Project Teams: What Can we Learn from a Real Life Case?
Abraham Bell, Gideon Parchomovsky
The Dual Grant Theory of Fair Use

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13.30 to 15.15 – Session 4: Franchising (Room 1)
Session Chair: Hussain Dildar

C. M. Sashi, Gina Brynildsen:
Franchise Networks, Social Media Networks, and Advocacy
Clarissa Bohlmann:
Innovating from Below: How Franchisee Trust and Personality Influence Franchisee Brand Extension
Sofiane Bouzid, Magali Chaudey, Muriel Fadairo, Frederic Perdreau
Network Strategies in the French Franchise System: A Predictive Model of Stratification
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Standardization versus Adaptation in Franchising and its Effects on Performance

13.30 to 15.15 – Session 4: Cooperatives (Room 2)
Session Chair: Karl Morasch

Karin Hakelius, Helena Hansson:
Members’ Attitudes to Producer Cooperatives – Impact of Agency Problems
Wendong Deng, George Hendrikse:
The Impact of Pooling on Social Interactions and Product Quality in Cooperatives
Mathias Dilger, Michael Konter, Kai-Ingo Voigt:
Keeping up the Energy Revolution by Cooperatives – How to Break through Barriers by Making their Business Models Future-Proof

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Zakaria Babutsidze, Marco Valente:
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Marian Sorin Nistor, Stefan Pickl, Manon Raap, Martin Zsifkovits
Quantitative Network Analysis of Metro Transportation System: Introducing the Flow-Weighted Efficiency Measure
Mathias Firgo, Dieter Pennerstorfer, Christoph R. Weiss:
Network Centrality and Market Prices: First Empirical Evidence
Raul Diachara, Blanca Isabel Niel:
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15.45 to 17.30 – Session 5: Franchising (Room 1)
Session Chair: Brinja Meiseberg

Farhad Sadeh, Manish Kacker:
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- Muhammad Zafar Yaqub, Saud Mahmood Mandurah: The Antecedents to Cooperate in Successive Exchange Episodes in Inter-Firm Relationships
- Krysztof Jarosinski, Grzegorz Masloch: Management of Local Public Sector Networks in the Regional Development in Poland
- Luidmila Petrova, Valentina Kuskova: Overcoming social network failure: Social networks influence

### 9.00 to 10.45 – Session 6: Special Workshop in Cooperation with UWC, School of Business and Finance: “Sustainable Supply Chain Management Research Projects” (Room 4)

Session Chair: Philipp Hirschsohn

- Hartley, Dorian and Imraan Narker: The Reverse Supply Chain of E-Waste in Cape Town

### 10.45 to 11.00 Break

### 11.00 to 12.45 – Special Panel on Franchising (Room 1)

Session Chair: Josef Windsperger

- Kurt Illetschko (Franchise Association of South Africa): “Franchising in South Africa”
- Marko Grünhagen and Muhammad Warraich: "Field Collection of Franchise Data in Emerging Economies: Asia & Africa"

### 11.00 to 13.00 – Session 7a: Strategic Alliances (Room 2)

Session Chair: Laurence Frank

- Massimiliano Borello, Alessi Lombardi, Stefano Pascucci, Luigi Cembalo: What are the Challenges for a Bio-based Circular Economy Model in the Agri-Food Sector?
- Francis Bismans, Igor Litvine: Forecasting with Neural Networks Models
- Laurence Frank: Airport Modernization as a Capacity Building Strategy
- Marco Aurélio Oliveira dos Santos, Daniela Callegaro, Antonio Domingos Padula: Building the Brand “Cafés do Brasil”: the Institutional Challenges and their Effects on the Brand’s Positioning on the International Market

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- Frano Barbic, Raffaela Cagliano, Antonio Hidalgo: Typologies of Hybrids
- Dieter Specht, Martin Busse: Lean Networks: A Theoretical Consideration of Improving Networks by Using Lean Methods and Tools
- Muhamad Al Abdulsalam: A Framework of the Strategy Networks in the International Entrepreneurship
- Stephanie Teufel, Dominic Feichtner, Angela Steinhauer, Bernd Teufel: Social Media Marketing Performance – Measurement Considerations
**Kristina Dewes, Henry Schäfer:**
‘To Win or to Lose with an Innovation Cluster’: Empirical Analysis of Incentives of German Firms to Join an Innovation Cluster

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- **Raymond Guillouzo:**
  Alliance Portfolio Management: A Model based on Dynamic Capabilities

- **Gisele Molinari, Antonio Domingos Padula:**
  The Experience of *Vale dos Vinhedos* under Approach of Networks in Economy

- **Thilo Heyer:**
  Internationalizing into Developing Countries – Businesses, Governments or Non-Governmental Organizations as Potential Partners

- **Jean-Marie Codron:**
  Food Safety Management through the Lens of Hybrids: The Case of Fresh Fruit and Vegetable Shippers

- **Hamida Parker, Timothy Beattie:**
  Cooperative Behaviour in Buyer – Supplier Relations Involving Entrepreneurial Firms

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- **Frano Babic, Antonio Hildalgo:**
  Managing Adaptation in Multi-Partner Collaboration: Role of Alliance Board

- **Marijana Serckovic:**
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- **Marina Klacmer Calopa, Jelena Horvat:**
  Leadership and Management Style in the Context of Strategic Planning and Financial Decision Making – Attitudes of Owners – Managers of SMEs in Croatia

- **Yuko Aoyama, Balaji Parthasarathy:**
  Collaborative Governance for Social Innovation: the Case of India

- **Krzysztof Jarosinski, Grzegorz Masloch:**
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- **Moos Yazeed, Rayyaan Petersen:**
  An Investigation into the Progress of Quality Beverages’ Sustainable Development Strategy through Recycling and Corporate Social Responsibility

- **Mactavie Melissa, Zikhona Anita Ngumbela:**
  Waste Disposal Practices and Recycling of Industrial and Hazardous Waste: a Case of Transnet SOC Ltd

- **Machikicho Delphino:**
  Tasty Wings don’t Fly Sustainably: Drivers of Sustainable Poultry Production in the Western Cape

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### 16.30 – 16.45 – Plenary Session (Room 1) - Publication Possibilities


*Here you find the conference papers!*