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International Journal of Co-operative Accounting and Management (IJCAM)

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Following up on the success of the May 2026 virtual International Centre on Co-operative Identity and Energizing the Co-operative Brand, we would like to publish a special edition of the [International Journal of Co-operative Accounting and Management](#) with a focus on “**Co-operative Identity, Branding and Marketing**”. The journal is a free and open publication, available to practitioners and researchers without cost.

Researchers and practitioners that took part in the Symposium are welcome to contribute to this publication, helping build the shared knowledge base on these topics and forwarding the work of co-operative growth, awareness, loyalty-building and impact. *Even though the journal (typical editions) allows for pieces focused on accounting, this special edition is not focused on accounting, so this does not need to be a component of your submission.

The special edition will allow for flexibility in formats, including:

- Case examples or pieces explaining strategies undertaken (5000-12000 words or 10-24 pages; can be flexible)
- Thought pieces based on your Symposium presentation (2500-5000 words or ~5-10 pages)
- Instructional pieces based on your symposium presentation (i.e. explanations, steps or tools on how to do marketing and branding for co-operatives) (1500-5000 words or ~3-10 pages; can be flexible)
- Research papers (5000-12000 words or 10-24 pages) – peer reviewed

Timing:

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July 31, 2026	Confirm you plan to submit and define what your submission focus and format will be (i.e. type of piece) by submitting this quick 'Indication of Intention to Submit' form: https://forms.gle/Dp88KYFPkNNCcZvU9
October 15, 2026	Submit draft piece including references to cme@smu.ca
November-January	Editorial process
January/February 2027	Release of the special edition

The International Journal of Co-operative Accounting and Management is managed by CEARC - The Centre of Excellence in Accounting and Reporting for Co-operatives (CEARC). CEARC is located in the Sobey School of Business at Saint Mary's University was created because the co-operative business model, with its unique business purpose, values and principles, is not adequately served by the same approach to accounting used by investor-driven firms. CEARC is a sister centre of the [ICCM](#) who hosted the Symposium.

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Format – All submissions should be in a Word document, using Times New Roman, 12-point font.

- All papers must be typed, single-spaced, on regular 8.5" x 11" paper, and fully justified.
- Margins should be set to 1-inch top, bottom, left, and right
- Headings must be concise, with a clear indication of the distinction between the hierarchy of headings. The preferred format is for first level headings to be presented in bold format and subsequent sub-headings to be presented in medium italics
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- Any reference to others' work, frameworks or examples should be substantiated with a reference
- Visuals and graphics are welcomed
- No headers and footers
- All papers must adhere to the [APA Guidelines for referencing](#).

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- Acknowledgements

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