Letter from the Editors

**This issue of ijcam** features five papers. and a book review. The issue starts with a paper by Olive McCarthy, Centre for Co-operative Studies, University College Cork. McCarthy’s paper focuses on social impact measurement and reporting for Irish credit unions. The second paper, by Peter Davis, University of Leicester, examines the original co-operative purpose from the perspective of co-operative and trade union organisational development for social and economic transformation. The next three papers were authored by graduates of Saint Mary’s University’s Masters of Management in Co-operatives and Credit Unions. The papers are based on their capstone research projects. Jennifer Tan, Senior Consultant with Vancity Investment Bank in Vancouver, Canada examines environmental sustainability implementation at Vancouver City Savings Credit Union. Ashley Grewal, Community Investment Portfolio Manager at Vancity Credit Union, analyzed how lessons from the San Francisco Bay Area and Finland could be applied to growing British Columbia’s co-operative economy. The final paper by Andrew Gansenberg, Project Manager at New Frameworks, Waterbury, Vermont, evaluates the ability of co-operatives to facilitate a shift in the construction industry, changing it from

a major source of climate change into a source of climate regeneration.

We are hoping to make our next issue a special issue devoted to the impact and lessons of the Covid pandemic on the poorest communities and the co-operative and credit union response during the pandemic and going forward, given that, for many parts of the world, there is, at the time of publication, no end in sight.

**Upcoming Calls for Papers**

Special Issue – Impact of Covid-19 on co-operatives and credit unions

* Submission deadline – April 30, 2022

General Call for papers on co-operative accounting and management topics

* Submission deadline – August 31, 2022

Papers related to management topics should be submitted to Peter Davis: pd8@leicester.ac.uk and those focusing on accounting and reporting should be submitted to Daphne Rixon: daphne.rixon@smu.ca.

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