



Invitation



**The International Health Co-operative Organisation (IHCO) and
Medicoop – the Network for Co-operation within Health Care and Welfare –
Are pleased to welcome you to a workshop on the subject**

” Co-operation, Subcontracting and Public Procurement within Health Care and Welfare”

Tuesday the 22nd of May 2007, Gamla Teatern
Östersund, Sweden

Type and management of public financed private and co-operative health care among other welfare services have been a debate topic both in Sweden and internationally for a long time. For this reason we have decided to spend one day on this topic discussing both national and international experiences. We will discuss with predecessors from Swedish agencies and also get the opportunity to convey our standpoints on the ongoing investigation work regarding “Delegation about the conditions for idea driven organizations within the public health care and elderly care”.

During the day, the subject will be handled by the participants sharing their experiences and points of view about co-operative and membership owned activities, nationally as well as internationally. The participants will be representatives from IHCO, Swedish agencies as well as representatives within service and health care.

In excess of that, three Swedish Health Care Co-operatives will present their activities with focus on their organization, among them both good and instructive experiences of co-operation and membership owned organization. The workshop is arranged in direct connection with IHCO’s Board Meeting which will take place in the County of Jämtland, Sweden.

We have the pleasure to invite you who are interested in health care and other public financed welfare services through alternative management forms to the Medicoop conference. We hope that this day will give an interesting interchange which will contribute to the development of each and everyone’s own businesses.

For further contact and information, please contact Per-Olof Jönsson, medicoop@telia.com, or Lisa Fröbel, lisa@serus.se. Visit as well the conference website www.medicoop.se/jamtland2007.

Don’t hesitate to spread the information through your networks.

Language: English with possibility to speak Swedish.

*Welcome to a profitable day in Jämtland Sweden when winter give way to spring!
Best regards*

IHCO & Medicoop
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Per-Olof Jönsson, President of Medicoop and Vice President of IHCO

IHCO was founded in 1996 and constitutes as a sectional affiliated organisation to the International Co-operative Alliance (ICA). IHCO is an organisation which brings cooperative and membership owned organisations within service and healthcare together. Medicoop is the Swedish member organisation of IHCO.

More information

Cost for participation to the conference:

77 Euro by application before the 1st April, 99 Euro by later application.

Members of member organisations of IHCO: 55 Euro by application before the 1st April, 77 Euro by later application.

The costs cover lectures, meals and dinners and documentation.

Travel expenses and accommodation are to be paid by the participant.

Registration is made to mediccop@telia.com. Number of seats is purpose of limitation – the principle of first come, first served applied

Preliminary Program

09.30 Registration and coffee

10.00 Welcome opening speech

- Jens Nilsson, Municipal Commissioner of Östersund
- Per-Olof Jönsson, President of Medicoop
- Dr José Carlos Guisado, President of IHCO
- Katarina Lindgren, Regional Co-operative Development Agency of the County of Jämtland

10.45 Swedish examples

- Mats Ellingsen, Home service Co-operative, Eskilstuna & Medicoop Vice President
- Annika Cederlund, Primary Health Care station of Hammerdal
- Representative of the Neighbourhood Co-operative of Tillberga, Västerås

12.00 Luncheon buffet

13.00 Guest speakers share their own experience on co-operation, subcontracting and public procurement

- Responsible Delegate of The Swedish Government
- Representative of the Opposition of the Swedish Parliamentary standing committee on finance
- Representative of The EU Commission DG Internal Market and Services Dir C. Public Procurement Policy
- Representative of The Swedish Association of Local Authorities (SALAR): The procurement purchaser's view on collaboration with private sector performers
- The Swedish Governmental Delegation on the Conditions of idea driven organisations within the public financed health care and elderly care
- Dr Jean-Pierre Girard, Conseil Canadien de la Coopération (CCC), Quebec, Canada: Forms of co-operation within Health and Welfare in Canada
- Mrs Barbara Sak, Assistant General Director of CIRIEC International, Liège, Belgium: Social and Health Services of General Interest in an European perspective of social economy.

16.30 Summary and closing