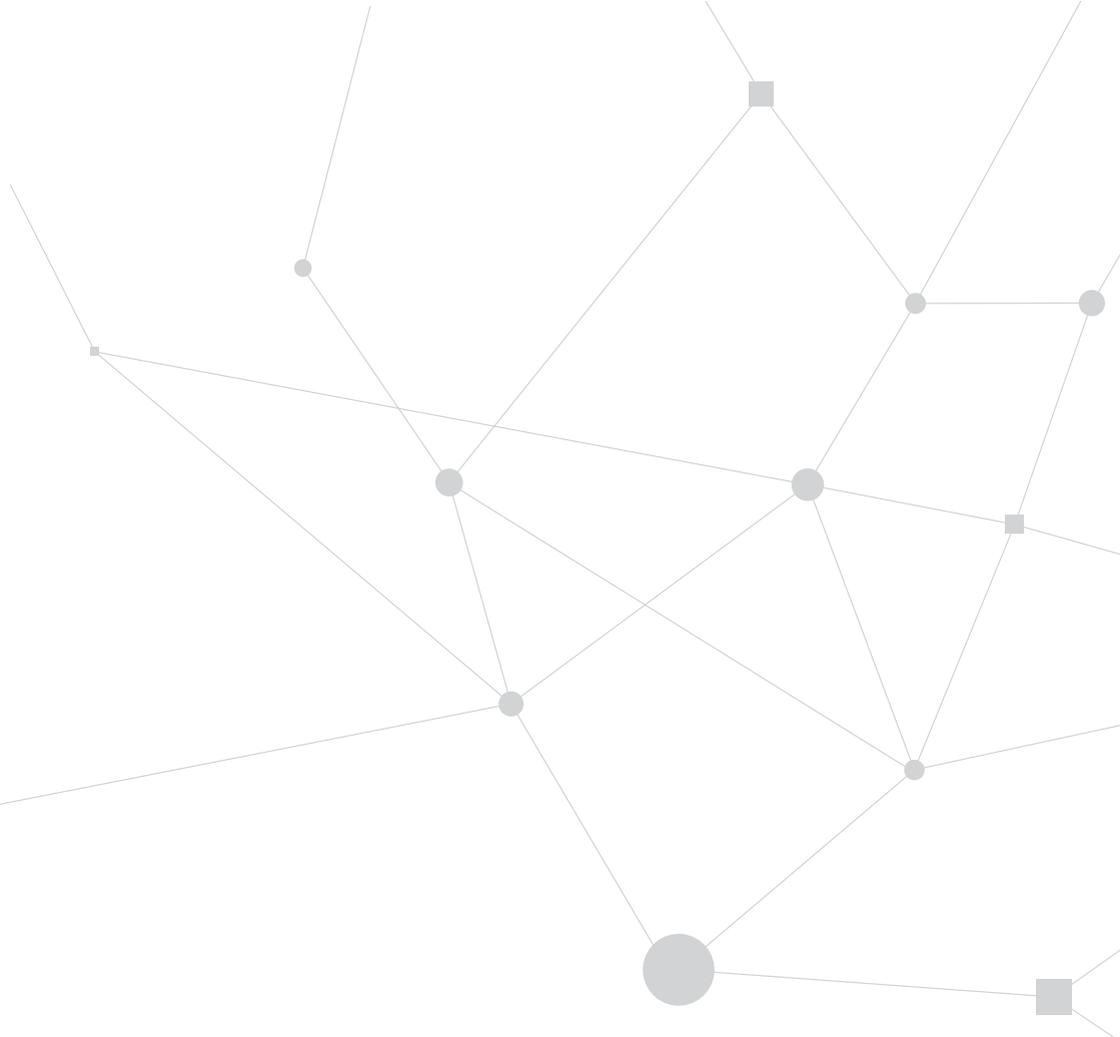


*Memory  
of the future*



**Fondazione Ivano Barberini**

Per lo studio e la divulgazione  
della Storia e Civiltà della Cooperazione



*Do not seek to follow in the footsteps  
of the wise; seek what they sought.*

JAPANESE POET, XVII CENTURY

*Ivano Barberini, Come vola il calabrone*

## *The Foundation*

*The Ivano Barberini Foundation is a place for historical, economic, and social research, dedicated to the knowledge and dissemination of the culture of cooperation and cooperation considered as a form of enterprise able to respond to the development needs of contemporary society.*

*All of the Foundation's activities are inspired by the thought of Ivano Barberini according to which the cooperatives and the cooperative movement are not only a different way of producing and distributing wealth through business activity, but are also a vital reference for the construction and the strengthening of democracy and its values.*

*The Foundation supports the exchange of ideas with some of the most advanced in the scientific world both at a national and international level, in particular with regard to public space, active citizenship and community cooperatives, cooperative identity, self-organization of new social classes, participation, employment and economic democracy in the cooperative enterprise, finance and governance in cooperatives.*

## *Aims pursued by the Foundation*

- **Emphasize** the potentialities of cooperation as a tool for social aggregation and a resource for the most vulnerable citizens and for development;
- **Revive** a public consideration on cooperation in the twenty-first century at the European and international level, recovering organizational links and thoughts on the role of cooperation in the various countries in the world;
- **Guarantee** further research on the most relevant issues concerning the development of cooperative enterprises: financial tools, tax issues, and the preconditions for full implementation of article 43 of the Italian Constitution, i. e. “cooperative production of essential public goods”.

## *Activities*

The Ivano Barberini Foundation promotes the development and dissemination of up-to-date contents concerning the identity, role and social function of cooperation. From the vast amount of knowledge generated by the cooperation, it aims at contributing to the growth of economic democracy and outright democracy.

### ■ **Books presentations**

Books are an essential element to power knowledge and comparisons in the public sphere. For this reason, the Foundation places great emphasis on the promotion of books and reading with particular attention to the debate on politics, economics and society in Italy and Europe. Inside the premises of Librerie.coop in Bologna, Milan and Turin, the Foundation organizes “Foundation Barberini Afternoons” with the presentation of academic and scientific text, dialoguing with researchers and members of major Italian universities.

## ■ Conferences and seminars

The Foundation organizes conferences and seminars on topical interest issues affecting the world of cooperation and the changes taking place in our society, to be attended by academics and representatives from business, politics and public administration. These are precious moments of analysis and debate knowing no lack of proposals for launching concrete projects.

## ■ Research

One of the central objectives of the Foundation is to fund and develop scientific research on topics of interest to the world of cooperation involving research groups and individual researchers both nationally and internationally.

This aspect of the foundation has the following major purposes:

- Revive a time of cooperative studies;
- Produce social research useful to the Cooperative Movement;
- Create opportunities for exchange between the worlds of research and cooperation, contributing to the mutual enrichment;

- Strengthen the presence of cooperation-focused themes in the public debate and disseminate, in the cooperative world, the culture, history, and values the presence of cooperation in economy and society is based;
- Build a network of relationships on several levels with researchers, opinion leaders, managers, and members of cooperatives and citizens;
- Encourage the creation of a network with other organizations and research institutes, be they regional, national, international, public and / or cooperative.

## ■ I Quaderni della Fondazione / *The Foundation's Notebooks*

The Notebooks present the results of researches carried out by the Ivano Barberini Foundation (reports, final reports, theses). In addition, they show the results of cultural activities (conference proceedings, theoretical premises underlying the seminars) and the final output of the proposed initiatives (essays, handbook).

## A portrait of Ivano Barberini

*Ivano Barberini, who was born in Modena in 1939 and died in 2009, has been a major figure in the history of the cooperative movement both in Italy and at European level. In his forty years of work in cooperation he has held positions in the fields of economic and social research and business management. From 1978 to 1996 he was Chairman of Coop – Associazione Nazionale Cooperative di Consumatori (National Association of Consumer Cooperatives); from 1990 to 1996 Chairman of Eurocoop. From 1996 to 2002 he served as Chairman of Lega Nazionale delle Cooperative e Mutue (National League of Cooperatives and Mutual Companies). He was Director of Coop Modena, Chairman of Coop Italy-office of Bologna, and Chairman of Coop Emilia and Veneto. Since 2001 he has been Chairman of Alleanza Cooperativa Internazionale (International Cooperative Alliance), the organization founded in 1895 that unites and represents the cooperative movements worldwide. President of the Republic Giorgio Napolitano spoke of Ivano Barberini as a “passionate fighter for social and civil progress and peace”. Among his publications are “Come vola il calabrone” a legacy of philosophy and humanity for future cooperators.*

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### HOW TO PARTICIPATE IN THE DEBATE OF THE FOUNDATION

The Foundation Ivano Barberini wants to be a symbolic place of encounter, exchange and dialogue.

Our website [www.fondazionebarberini.it](http://www.fondazionebarberini.it) is, in this sense, a platform where everyone can feel part of a project that aims to disseminate the values and principles of cooperation, to wonder about important issues affecting our society and encourage a new form of active citizenship.

The Twitter profile and Facebook page of the Foundation have the same purpose, namely to stimulate a substantial interest in the development of new networks and for the circulation of a culture of dialogue and exchange of ideas.

Also if you want to send a contribution or other material you can do so by writing to [presidenza.fondazionebarberini@gmail.com](mailto:presidenza.fondazionebarberini@gmail.com)

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