

VIII INTERNATIONAL SEMINAR - OCTOBER 28TH

On October 28th 2016, the 8th International Seminar reached its final day. Two parallel sessions followed by the Speed Networking and the Closing Ceremony took place at the University of Parma. The Parallel Sessions presented speeches related to “**The Significance of the Five Pillars of the Cooperative Movement for today’s Cooperatives**” and “**Cooperatives in Food and other specific industries**”.



In the first parallel session **Doctor Chuck Gould**, Director of ICA, from Italy; **Doctor Stefania Marcone**, from *Legacoop*, also from Italy; and Professor **Patrick O’Sullivan**, from *Grenoble Ecole de Management*, France, approached the theme in debate.

In the second parallel session, contributed to the debate: **Doctor Marco Bulgarelli**, General Director of *Cooperare*, Italy; **Doctor Antonio Caselli**, President of Greslab (WBO); **Doctor Giordano Curti**, General Director of Cir Food, **Professor Chiara Dall’Asta**, from *Università di Parma*- Italy, and **Doctor Stefania Monini**, Director of UR Cir Food.

SPEED NETWORKING



The Speed Networking, which was attended by nearly 30 representatives from institutions from several countries from all continents, occurred in the morning of

October 28th 2016. This session allowed the participants to establish new contacts, make new partnerships, sign cooperation agreements, and discuss further possibilities of international cooperation.



CLOSING CEREMONY OF THE 8TH INTERNATIONAL SEMINAR OF CGBU AND FIRST BRAZIL-ITALY RECTOR'S MEETING



On the afternoon of October 28th 2016, the Closing Ceremony started with the final greetings of the Magnificent Rector of Università di Parma, Loris Borghi, host of the 8th International Seminar and 8th General Assembly of the Coimbra Group of Brazilian Universities, who acknowledge the presence of all the participants in the days of the events, and emphasized the unique and historical moment lived during the week. Thereafter, the new board of CGBU took

office for the administration of biennium 2016-2018, after the reading of the instrument of investiture signed by the new members of the board, which was complemented by the speeches of the newly elected president of CGBU, the Magnificent **Rector José Arimatéia**, from *Universidade Federal do Piauí*, and the Magnificent **Rector Angela Maria de Paiva Cruz**, former president, who thanked and wished success for the



new administration. The ceremony was followed by the presentation of Cooperation Projects between *Università di Parma* and Brazilian Universities, among them the Program *Overworld*, and others in the field of double degree and mobility of professors and students. Henceforth, cooperation agreements were signed between GCBU and the following universities: *Universidad Técnica de Ambato*, from Ecuador, *Universidad Nacional Autónoma de Nicaragua-Managua*, from Nicaragua and *Arab Association of Universities*, from Jordan. For more information access [this link](#).

In conclusion of the events, the Executive Director of CGBU, Professor Rossana Valéria de Souza expressed in words her gratitude for the *Universtià di*

Parma, especially to Rector Loris Borgh, and the staff of the University and CGBU, who work hard to make the event happen, and finalized her speech presenting a video as a tribute to everyone who worked for the accomplishment of these historical moments of fraternization and celebration of the bonds of friendship between the two countries.