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DESCRIPTION

The *Journal of Co-operative Organization and Management (JCOM)* aims to be the leading international journal for the study of **co-operatives.**

JCOM will provide the primary forum for advancement and dissemination of scientific knowledge on **co-operative organizations** and their **management.** The journal will include up-to-date, high-quality, and original contributions - research papers, reviews, and syntheses as well as book and conference reviews - dealing with questions on how, why and when co-operative organizations occur and succeed, fail and disappear, and what can be done to influence the outcome.

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• Engagement in action only if rewards/results are greater than costs/efforts (efficiency and beneficiality)
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