



## International Union of Forest Research Organizations

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### **Ref. Invitation to nominate candidates for IUFRO Board membership**

Dear Colleagues,

On behalf of the International Council and the current Board of the International Union of Forest Research Organizations (IUFRO), I invite you to nominate potential candidates to serve as members of the IUFRO Board during the period of October 2014 until the end of the IUFRO Congress 2019.

The Board is the executive organ of the Union. Its elected members consist of the President, two Vice-Presidents, nine Division Coordinators and up to five President's Nominees. Membership of the Board is considered a highly prestigious appointment that brings credit and international attention to the individual and to his/her parent organization and country.

According to IUFRO's statutes, any individual member of the Union (individuals belonging to a Member Organization and Associate Members) may make nominations of potential candidates. However, nomination does not guarantee election.

The Board's Nominating Committee will review all nominations and provide a slate of candidates for each post to the Board at its meeting in June 2013. The Board in turn will make final recommendations to the International Council at the next IUFRO World Congress in Salt Lake City, Utah, United States in October 2014.

As much as possible, the Board membership should embody the range of scientific disciplines, nationalities, genders and age classes in the Union. Therefore, the selection process for Board nominations 2015-2019 seeks to identify outstanding persons in these categories. Nominations of female candidates are encouraged.

In making a nomination, you are asked to confirm if the individual person is willing to serve in the post you suggest and that his/her employer is willing and able to support him/her in the travel and coordination activities that the post requires (Annex 2). The Board meets typically once a year, each time in a different country, and Board committees may have additional meetings. IUFRO does not have funds to assist its Board members, expecting them to obtain their own support from employers or donors.

In addition, you are requested to put forward reasons why the candidate would be particularly qualified for the office s/he is nominated for, including an indication of his/her record within IUFRO.

The Board will take into consideration the nominee's ability and commitment to actively work in the pursuit of IUFRO's aims, as well as the nominee's outstanding scientific and managerial records. The Board will pay particular attention to the ability of a nominee to stimulate activity within the IUFRO network, to actively communicate scientific results to a non-scientific audience, and to relate science and its findings to the policy level.

Nominations may be submitted for the following IUFRO posts:

- President
  
- Vice-President - responsible for supporting and overseeing the work of IUFRO Divisions
- Vice-President - responsible for supporting and overseeing the work of IUFRO Task Forces, Special Programmes, Projects and IUFRO Initiatives
  
- Division Coordinator - Division 1: Silviculture
- Division Coordinator - Division 2: Physiology and Genetics
- Division Coordinator - Division 3: Forest Operations, Engineering and Management
- Division Coordinator - Division 4: Forest Assessment, Modelling and Management
- Division Coordinator - Division 5: Forest Products
- Division Coordinator - Division 6: Social Aspects of Forests and Forestry
- Division Coordinator - Division 7: Forest Health
- Division Coordinator - Division 8: Forest Environment
- Division Coordinator - Division 9: Forest Policy and Economics

Up to five President's Nominees for fulfilling the following tasks:

- Chair of the IUFRO Publications Committee
- Chair of the IUFRO Honours and Awards Committee
- Regional liaison
- Additional duties (to be determined)

The President and Vice-Presidents must not be re-elected in their present positions while other members may be re-elected only once to the same position. You may, however, propose the persons concerned for another post. As already done in the previous Board period, the IUFRO Deputy Division Coordinators will not be subject to the nomination process. In each Division, the Division Coordinator, after his/her election, will appoint the three Deputy Division Coordinators, at least two of whom will come from amongst the respective Division's Research Groups.

Please send your nomination letter together with Annexes 1 and 2 and an indication of the candidate's record of IUFRO leadership or participation in IUFRO activities to me, with a copy to Professor Don Koo Lee, Chair of the Nominating Committee, either by e-mail or airmail using the following addresses:

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The final deadline for nominations is **31 January 2013**, although earlier responses are encouraged. I look forward to hearing from you.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'Niels Elers Koch', written in a cursive style.

**Niels Elers Koch**  
*IUFRO President*

Encl.

Proposal Form (Annex 1)

Agreement of employer and nominee (Annex 2)