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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), it is my privilege to invite you to nominate potential candidates to serve as members of the IUFRO Board. This will be for the period of October 2019 until the end of the IUFRO Congress 2024.

The IUFRO Board is the executive organ of the Union. Its elected members include 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) can nominate potential candidates. Importantly, nomination does not guarantee election.

The Board's Nominating Committee will review all nominations and provide a slate of candidates for each position on the Board at its meeting in October 2018. The Board in turn will make final recommendations to the International Council at the next IUFRO World Congress in Curitiba, Brazil, in October 2019.

As far 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 2019-2024 seeks to identify outstanding persons in these categories. Nominations of female candidates are especially encouraged.

In making a nomination, you are asked to confirm that the individual person is willing to serve in the post that you suggest. Also that her/his employer is willing and able to support her/him for 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 sponsor its Board members. They must thus obtain their own support from employers or donors.

In making your nomination, you are requested to put forward reasons why the candidate would be particularly qualified for the office s/he is nominated for. This should also provide an indication of her/his record in working with 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 to fulfill 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 incumbent President and Vice-Presidents cannot 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 Vice-Presidents for a different post. As already done in the previous Board periods, the IUFRO Deputy Division Coordinators will not be subject to the nomination process. In each Division, the Division Coordinator, after her/his election, will appoint the three Deputy Division Coordinators, two of whom should 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 participation or leadership in IUFRO activities to me, with a copy to Professor Dr. Niels Elers Koch, 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 December 2017**, although earlier responses are encouraged. I look forward to hearing from you.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads 'Michael J. Wingfield'. The signature is written in a cursive, slightly slanted style.

**Michael J. (Mike) Wingfield**  
*IUFRO President*

Encl.

Proposal Form (Annex 1)

Agreement of employer and nominee (Annex 2)