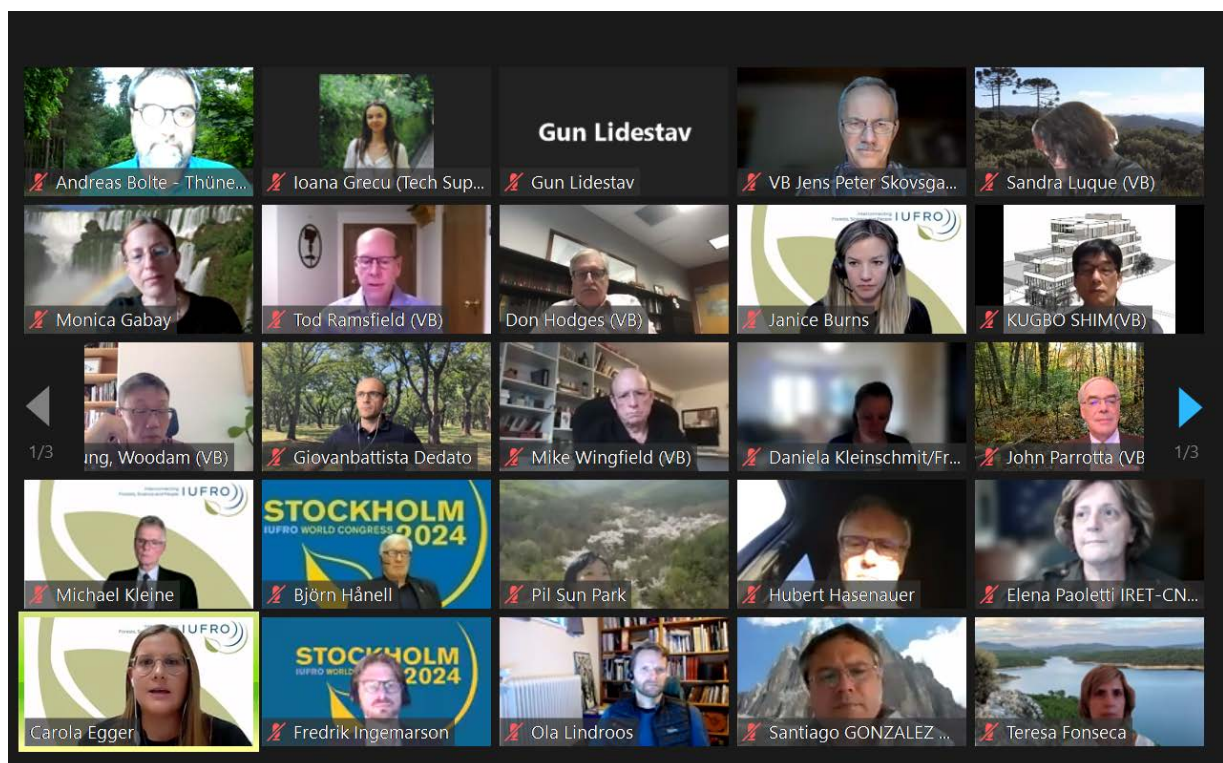


DRAFT MINUTES OF THE 60th IUFRO ENLARGED BOARD MEETING

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A screenshot from Zoom showing a part of the IUFRO Enlarged Board meeting participants.

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The IUFRO Enlarged Board (EB) met virtually for its 60th meeting via the video-conferencing tool 'Zoom' from 22 to 24 September 2020. The meeting was chaired by IUFRO President John Parrotta; and technically hosted by IUFRO HQ. The list of participants can be found in Annex 1.

Prior to the Enlarged Board Meeting (EBM), Task Force Coordinators had met virtually twice (on 8 December 2020; 14 September 2021) and Division Coordinators four times (on 7 December 2020; on 29 March, 18 June and 21 September 2021). The Management Committee had met virtually three times (on 19 January, 14-15 April, 28 June and 20 September 2021) prior to the EBM.

1 Opening of 60th Enlarged Board Meeting and Welcome Remarks

John Parrotta (IUFRO President and Chair of the meeting) welcomed the members of the IUFRO Enlarged Board, invited participants and observers, and opened the virtual IUFRO EB meeting.

J. Parrotta communicated regrets received from Maria Patek, HQ Host Country Representative, who was represented by Gerfried Gruber, Austrian Federal Ministry for Agriculture, Regions and Tourism (BMLRT). Additionally, regrets were received from François-Nicolas Robinne (Coordinator of TF on *Fire\$: Economic Drivers of Global Wildland Fire Activity*) and James Chamberlain (Coordinator of TF on *Unlocking the Bioeconomy and Non-Timber Forest Products*).

Alexander Buck (IUFRO Executive Director) provided information about the conduct and technical aspects of the virtual meeting.

2 Brief introduction of participants

The participants briefly introduced themselves in a *tour de table*.

3 Adoption of the agenda and call for additions

Documents:

- *EB 9/2021 Doc 3.1 Draft Agenda (IUFRO HQ)*
- *EB 9/2021 Doc 3.2 Revised Annotated Draft Agenda (IUFRO HQ)*

J. Parrotta called for any changes or additions to the agenda. On behalf of the Management Committee (MC), he proposed to change the order of agenda items as follows: take up agenda item 20 on the implementation of the Strategy Action Plan 2020-2024 before the agenda items dealing with Divisions (item 6) and Task Forces (item 7) on the first meeting day. Consequently, agenda item 8 on Special Programmes and Projects (SPPs) would be taken up on the last meeting day after agenda item 19.

Since there were no other proposals for changes or additions, the Chair proposed the following motion:

MOTION 1:

- To adopt the agenda of the virtual 60th IUFRO Enlarged Board Meeting with the modifications suggested by the Chair;

Seconded by Cecil Konijnendijk van den Bosch.

The motion was carried unanimously.

4 Approval of the draft minutes of the 59th Enlarged Board Meeting in September 2020, and pending actions

Documents:

- *EB 9/2021 Doc 4.1 Draft Minutes of the 59th IUFRO Enlarged Board Meeting (IUFRO HQ)*
- *EB 9/2021 Doc 4.2 Implementation of Actions of the 59th IUFRO Enlarged Board Meeting (HQ)*

The Chair invited the Board to approve the minutes of the 59th Enlarged Board Meeting, held virtually on 9-11 September 2020. K. Shim pointed out his incorrect affiliation on page 21. IUFRO Secretariat took note of the error and will correct the document. The Chair proposed the following motion:

MOTION 2:

- To approve the Minutes of the virtual 59th IUFRO Enlarged Board Meeting;

Seconded by Mike Wingfield.

The motion was carried unanimously.

A. Buck informed the Board that from the 22 actions adopted at the virtual 59th EBM, 13 actions had been fully implemented, 2 actions were of a permanent nature, and 7 actions were pending:

- Action 1 regarding the possible establishment of the Division Communication Officers: an update to be provided under agenda item 6 “*Divisions*”;
- Action 3 regarding the assessment of options for parallel hosting of all-Division meetings during the Regional Conference/Board Meeting in 2022 to be addressed under agenda items 6 “*Divisions*” and 22 “*Major IUFRO and other events*”;
- Action 5 regarding the finalization and approval of the IUFRO 2024 Congress logo and design: update to be provided under agenda item 16 “*IUFRO World Congresses*”;
- Action 12 regarding the review of IUFRO’s Regional Chapters: the review report, including recommendations by the MC to be presented under agenda item 11 “*Review of IUFRO’s Regional Chapters*” (see also Doc 11.1);
- Action 14 on the review of GFIS: the review report, including MC recommendations to be presented under agenda item 12 “*The future of IUFRO’s knowledge and information management*” (see also Doc 12.1);
- Action 17 regarding the grouping and prioritizing of actions by the IUFRO units to be addressed under agenda item 20 “*Implementing IUFRO Strategy Action Plan 2020-2024*” (see also Doc 20.1);
- Action 20: Since the Regional Conference in Russia was postponed from the year 2021 to the year 2022, this action has become obsolete. See also Action 3 above.

Permanent Actions:

- *Division Coordinators to motivate all Research Groups and Working Parties to make use of the possibility of appointing up to three Deputies by nominating additional female officeholders and/or officeholders from less represented regions; and*
- *Members of the IUFRO Enlarged Board to regularly share content and news items with IUFRO HQ for use in IUFRO publications, such as IUFRO News, IUFRO blog and other communication activities;*

5 Statements by IUFRO President and Executive Director

Documents:

- *EB 9/2021 Doc 5.1 Report of the President (J. Parrotta)*
- *EB 9/2021 Doc 5.2 Report of the Executive Director (A. Buck)*

Both written reports to the Board were considered as read and only issues of special importance were highlighted by the presenters.

J. Parrotta provided highlights from his written report. He stressed that his main goals had been to promote and enhance networking capabilities and participation in IUFRO activities at times of COVID. Throughout the year, he had been in frequent contact with IUFRO officeholders, participated in various IUFRO meetings and represented IUFRO in several outreach and communication activities. Externally, he had been actively engaged with activities related to the Collaborative Partnership on Forests (CPF), including the preparations for the XV FAO World Forestry Congress in 2022.

A. Buck clarified that his report had to be considered as a report of the entire IUFRO HQ. Despite the challenges posed by the COVID-pandemic, IUFRO HQ had continued to operate without interruptions and managed to expand its human and financial resources. He introduced GFEP Project Manager Dikshya Devkota and IUFRO World Day Project Manager Carola Egger as new members of the team. IUFRO HQ had provided guidance to officeholders on virtual and hybrid meetings and organized the first-ever IUFRO World Day (see also item 21).

A. Buck informed the Board about the developments in IUFRO membership. Since the 2020 Board meeting, 10 new Member Organizations and 57 Associate Members had joined IUFRO, 4 Member Organizations and 6 Associate Members had decided to withdraw their membership. He clarified that the notable increase in the number of Associate Members can be attributed mainly to the systematic effort by IUFRO HQ to remind Officeholders about the requirement to be a member of IUFRO.

The Chair proposed the following motion:

MOTION 3:

- To approve the list of new members of IUFRO (Member Organizations and Associate Members);

Seconded by Sandra Luque.

The motion was carried unanimously.

20 Implementing IUFRO Strategy Action Plan 2020-2024

Andre Purret (IUFRO Operations Manager) presented an overview of the quantitative analysis undertaken by IUFRO HQ on the implementation of the IUFRO Strategy Action Plan. He stated that the aim of the analysis was to support and complement the qualitative analysis of the reports by Divisions, Task Forces, and Special Programmes and Projects.

He explained the background, filtering of the Action Plan and reporting challenges, pointing out that the statistical analysis does not give the full overall picture of the implementation and that not all Actions need to be implemented by all units. He continued by describing the results of the quantitative analysis. All units that had been asked to report submitted their completed reports. The reporting varied across the three Institutional Goals of IUFRO with Goal 1 being reported on by most of the Divisions and Task Forces, whereas Goal 3 had the least number of respondents. Only a handful of actions had not been

reported on by any unit. With a view to reporting in the future, the following could be considered: i) the continuity of reporting until 2024; ii) further minimization of the reporting burden; and iii) the timing of reporting.

The Divisions were planning to evaluate the implementation of the Action Plan this autumn and the results of quantitative analysis could be a useful input. In response to a question on expectations by the Board, it was clarified that the idea was to look at the implementation of actions by IUFRO as a whole on an aggregated level, rather than at the individual unit level. It was noted that the measure of progress for actions varies (reporting once in 5 years vs annually; all goals do not have numerical targets etc.).

In response to a question on pathways to improve the performance of implementing certain actions, it was noted that in some cases the indicators (measure of progress) might need to be revised, at other times the actor(s) – unit(s) responsible – might need to be reconsidered. It was also added that the actions do not apply equally to all actors, as the nature and core focus of units varies inside the network.

6 Divisions

Documents:

- *EB 9/2021 Doc 6.2 Compilation of reports by Divisions (Division Coordinators/IUFRO HQ)*
- *EB 9/2021 Doc 6.3 Proposal for dual coordination of Divisions*
- *EB 9/2021 Doc 6.4 Compilation of proposed changes to the structure/units and officeholders (D. Kleinschmit/IUFRO HQ)*

Reports by Divisions

Daniela Kleinschmit (IUFRO Vice-President Divisions) started by providing highlights from reports by the Divisions. She noted that it was the first time to follow the new reporting format (filtered Action Plan) and despite the complex procedure, most actions had been covered in the reports. She added that Divisions had been active in implementing the majority of actions; some actions cover the traditional work of Divisions; some actions have triggered new developments; and some actions might require further refinement.

Based on her qualitative analysis, she highlighted the following points:

- Significant progress has been made in improving the gender and geographical balance of IUFRO units;
- There has been a significant increase in virtual events, including periodic virtual all-Division meetings, and in using new tools for communication and innovative education methods;
- The collaboration and interaction across Divisions and Task Forces as well as with the private sector, with students as well as with other fields relevant to forests have increased;
- New developments have been partly triggered by the Action Plan: e.g., the development of new Divisional awards; the publication of reviews and synthesis articles; and supporting youth engagement.
- Challenges include populating the IUFRO website with the latest information, and reduced activities in less-represented regions due to COVID-19. Additionally, the difficulties with reporting have occurred due to some actions applying less to the Divisional units than others.

A seminar to exchange experiences with the implementation of the Action Plan, including the evaluation of the new reporting format, will be held in autumn 2021. During the discussions, the following items were mentioned by the Board members: i) difficulties with receiving inputs from Divisional sub-units; ii) the fair and visible acknowledgement of the work by smaller units (e.g. via additional “regular” reports); and iii) the potential to reduce overlaps and to identify 10-15 key actions to report on annually.

Report from the latest virtual meeting of Division Coordinators

Woodam Chung (Coordinator Division 3, Divisions' representative in MC) provided a brief summary of the virtual pre-Board meeting of Division Coordinators held on 21 September 2021. Noting that the Division Coordinators had met virtually for four times since the last EBM, he added that the virtual format offers possibilities to meet more regularly and involve better Deputy Coordinators of Divisions. These meetings covered lots of topics, helped to improve communication among Divisions and were in general well-valued by the participants. The Divisions will continue with this format in the future, noting the importance of this exercise.

Proposal for dual coordination of Divisions

D. Kleinschmit introduced the proposal for dual coordination, noting that the need to improve gender and geographical balance has been an issue in IUFRO for many years. While the overall situation has improved recently within the broader IUFRO network, there has been less improvement in IUFRO's Voting Board which constitutes the second most important governing body of IUFRO. A more balanced Voting Board would ensure the diversity of perspectives and representation of all regions, and increase sensitivity to difficult problems, including more suitable solutions. While the existing procedure for selecting Division Coordinators as members of the Voting Board would clearly be democratic and transparent, it does not provide opportunities for making the group more balanced. The proposal for dual Coordination would effectively address this shortcoming. Implementing this change would matter also for the outside perception of IUFRO. There are also challenges emerging with the new proposal such as the distribution of tasks, coordination between the two Division Co-Coordiators, increased number of Board Members etc. The effectiveness of the new structure can be evaluated during the next Board term. The proposed dual coordination of Divisions would require changes in the Statutes and Internal Regulations.

Board Members expressed support for the proposal by D. Kleinschmit and reiterated that this bold move to a new phase in IUFRO gives a clear message to the external world. It was added that the effects can trickle down to lower levels and the proposal strengthens IUFRO's spirit, inclusion and equity.

The Chair proposed the following motion:

MOTION 4:

- To approve the dual coordination of Divisions, starting from Board term 2024-2029;

Seconded by Jens Peter Skovsgaard.

The motion was carried unanimously.

Changes in IUFRO Structure of Divisions and officeholders

D. Kleinschmit informed the Board that changes in structure and officeholders since the 59th EBM have been compiled into background document Doc 6.4. She highlighted that only one recent change needs Board approval and that is the change in the Coordinator of Division 7 – Forest Health. Current Coordinator Eckehard Brockerhoff is stepping down and Tod Ramsfield from Natural Resources Canada (7.00.00 deputy Coordinator, 7.02.00 Coordinator) has been nominated to take up this role.

The Chair proposed the following motion:

MOTION 5:

- To approve changes in the IUFRO structure and/or officeholders as reflected in Doc 6.4.;

Seconded by Cecil Konijnendijk van den Bosch.

The motion was carried unanimously.

E. Bockerhoff addressed the Enlarged Board with his farewell speech. J. Parrotta expressed his appreciation to E. Bockerhoff for many years of dedicated and successful service to IUFRO.

7 IUFRO Task Forces

Documents:

- *EB 9/2021 Doc 7.1 Report of the Vice-President for Task Forces (S. Liu)*
- *EB 9/2021 Doc 7.2 Compilation of reports by Task Forces (Task Force Coordinators/HQ)*
- *EB 9/2021 Doc 7.3 Minutes of the pre-Board meeting(s) of Task Force Coordinators (S. Liu)*
- *EB 9/2021 Doc 7.4 Compilation of revised Task Force work plans, including further modifications (S. Liu/Task Force Coordinators)*
- *EB 9/2021 Doc 7.5 Feedback from Task Forces to the comments and suggestions by the Voting Board Members (S. Liu/Task Force Coordinators)*

Reports by Task Forces

Shirong Liu (Vice-President for Task Forces, Special Projects, Programmes and IUFRO-led Initiatives) provided highlights from reports by Task Forces. He thanked all Task Forces for submitting their reports and noted that there has been an increase in productivity and communication since the last Board Meeting. He informed the Board that more than 100 activities of various kinds had been undertaken by Task Forces in support of the identified 24-25 actions. Most of the activities support the implementation of Institutional Goal 1, whereas less activities were reported for Goals 2 and 3. One action is included in the filtered Action Plan that might be implemented but is not reported by the Task Forces.

Based on the reports by Task Forces, he highlighted the following activities:

- Disseminating and sharing forest-related scientific knowledge and generating science evidence with given credit to IUFRO;
- Strengthened ties between IUFRO and other international organizations and processes, and interface between science, policy and practice;
- Enhanced communication across units and increased cooperation within IUFRO;
- Increased visibility of IUFRO and Task Forces;
- Increased geographical representativeness, gender balance and opportunities for early-career scientists and young talents.

He concluded this sub-item by noting that for the upcoming IUFRO World Day 2021, 14 live sessions and activities would be undertaken by Task Forces.

Report from the virtual meetings of Task Force Coordinators

S. Liu reported that two virtual meetings of Task Force Coordinators had taken place since the last EBM. He highlighted the following topics that had been the focus of these meetings: updates of recent work by Task Forces, implementation of IUFRO Strategy, the extension of Task Force terms, junior officeholder scheme and the participation in IUFRO World Day 2021.

From the latest virtual meeting, held on 14 September, he communicated the following points and suggestions by the Task Force Coordinators: i) the interest in receiving more technical support from IUFRO HQ; ii) expectations for more streamlined and simplified reporting modalities; and iii) interest to receive more information about the Regional Conference 2022 in Moscow, Russia.

In the discussions, it was suggested to explore options for an online platform for communication between Task Forces and Divisions, in order to increase inter-disciplinarity and facilitate joint activities. Since Divisions might have a similar desire, it was suggested to initiate a discussion on the topic with Division

Coordinators, including about possible joint meetings of Divisions and Task Forces in-between the Board Meetings. On the Russia conference, the Chair of the Conference Scientific Committee welcomed the interest by Task Forces and suggested to discuss with Task Forces about their potential participation and involvement.

Extension of terms for selected Task Forces until 2024

S. Liu presented the overview of the process of reviewing work plans of those Task Forces that wish to extend their term to 2024. He noted that the original work plans had been interrupted by the pandemic, and the extension would offer more flexible approaches for Task Forces to achieve their goals and aims. He thanked all Task Force Coordinators for their efforts and the Board and HQ for continued support.

The Chair proposed the following motion:

MOTION 6:

- Based on the recommendation by the MC, to extend the terms of eight Task Forces until 2024;

Seconded by Donald Hodges.

The motion was carried unanimously.

9 Welcome Day 2 and brief recap of Day 1

The Chair provided a brief summary of the discussion items and main decisions made on the Day 1.

10 IUFRO Finances and Fundraising

Documents:

- *EB 9/2021 Doc 10.1 IUFRO Annual Account 2020 (IUFRO HQ)*
- *EB 9/2021 Doc 10.2 Status of Budget 2021 and Budget Proposal 2022 (IUFRO HQ)*

Astrid Toppel (IUFRO Finances and Administration) presented an overview of the financial figures of the audited Annual Account 2020, including the trends of financial income and expenditure over the past 5 years. An electronic version of the complete audit report (PDF) can be provided by HQ on request.

The Chair proposed the following motion:

MOTION 7:

- Based on the recommendation by the MC, to approve the income and expenditures of the Union in 2020 and release the President and Executive Director of legal obligations deriving from financial issues and the annual account 2020;

Seconded by Sandra Luque.

The motion was carried unanimously.

Ms Toppel continued with presenting the budget status 2021 and the budget proposal for 2022. A question was asked on the interconnectedness of the Strategy Action Plan and future annual budgets – how annual budgets could accommodate the travel support of scientists from less-represented regions. M. Kleine responded that the contribution to IUFRO-SPDC resulting from the IUFRO World Congress 2019 could partly be used for a future SAP. A suggestion will be made to MC on how to allocate those funds in view of the meetings in 2022.

The Chair proposed the following motion:

MOTION 8:

- Based on the recommendation by the MC, to approve the budget proposal for 2022;

Seconded by Cecil Konijnendijk van den Bosch.

The motion was carried unanimously.

A. Buck communicated that additional information about fundraising activities by IUFRO HQ was included in the report of the Executive Director (see agenda item 5, Board document 5.2). He thanked all IUFRO's funding partners for their continued support. He noted that HQ is working towards more long-term funding agreements with donors, such as the example with the BMZ.

11 Review of IUFRO Regional Chapters

Document:

- *EB 9/2021 Doc 11.1 Report of the review of IUFRO Regional Chapters, including recommendations by the MC (MC/IUFRO HQ)*

The Chair introduced this item by emphasizing that promoting scientific collaboration worldwide, including at the regional level, is central to the mission of IUFRO. Over the years, a number of mechanisms have been developed and used to facilitate this objective. This has been done through partnership agreements, MoUs and other arrangements with a variety of organizations, including IUFRO Member Organizations, government agencies, international organizations foundations, and other networks. The number and variety of these partnerships has grown steadily over the past 20 years. At the regional level, IUFRO has established partnership agreements and MoUs with several Member Organizations and other partners. These aim to promote forest science collaboration and IUFRO's overall goals in various regions, including with FORNESSA (in Africa), CATIE (in Latin America), and several in Asia – including with NIFoS, FFPRI, ICFRE and APFNet.

J. Parrotta stated that it was the responsibility of the Board to ensure that partnerships that IUFRO enters into are effective in furthering the aims of IUFRO, in line with its principles, and provide mutual benefits to the Union and the partner organizations. A periodic assessment of these partnership mechanisms was part of this task. The recently developed partnership policy guiding new partnerships, approved by the Board in May 2021, was an important step in this regard.

As discussed at the EBM in 2020, the collaboration and level of interaction with the existing two formal Regional Chapters has varied over the years. As a result, and against the broader background of IUFRO's growing and varied partnerships, the Board had decided (*EBM Action 12*) at its meeting in September 2020 to initiate a review of IUFRO's existing Regional Chapters - Northeast Asia Forest Forum (NEAFF, since 2005) and the Asia-Pacific Association of Forestry Research Organizations (APAFRI, since 1995). The MC had therefore been tasked, with assistance of IUFRO HQ, to carry out a review of IUFRO's regional chapters and to provide a report to the Board. The Chair noted that the background document Doc 11.1 outlines the review process and results, including recommendations by the MC which were shown on the slide.

During the discussions, it was noted that at least one of the chapters, namely APAFRI, was also not satisfied with the current form of collaboration. It was furthermore added that since chapters were first created to promote regional collaboration within IUFRO, the regional boundaries have dissolved thanks to the virtual technology and there are new ways of cooperation, including more thematic/topical collaboration mechanisms available.

The Chair proposed the following motion:

MOTION 9:

- Based on the recommendation by the MC, to discontinue IUFRO Regional Chapters as a formal mechanism for regional collaboration and cooperation;

Seconded by Daniela Kleinschmit.

The motion was carried unanimously.

ACTION 1:

- As part of the overall revision of IUFRO's Statutes and Internal Regulations, exclude provisions related to the IUFRO Regional Chapters¹;

ACTION 2:

- Explore potential alternative mechanisms for collaboration with APAFRI and NEAFF (e.g. through MoUs and/or other types of partnership agreements) in accordance with IUFRO's policy for general rules and procedures for partnership development;

12 The future of IUFRO's knowledge and information management

Document:

- *EB 9/2021 Doc 12.1 Report of the review of IUFRO's knowledge and information management, including recommendations by the MC (MC/IUFRO HQ)*

The Chair introduced the item by emphasizing that IUFRO has a very long experience in managing and disseminating forest-related scientific information and knowledge. Given the rapidly changing technological environment and needs of our stakeholders, it was important to constantly adapt to and take full advantage of these new developments. He noted that at the EBM in 2020 the Board had tasked IUFRO HQ, in consultation with the President and MC, with establishing a group of experts to review GFIS (*EBM Action 13*) in relation to IUFRO's broader knowledge and information management; and asked the review panel to report its findings to the Board at its next meeting in 2021 (*EBM Action 14*).

Dr. Gillian Petrokofsky (University of Oxford; Coordinator of IUFRO Working Party 9.01.01) as chair of the independent review panel was asked to present the results of the review panel (see also background document Doc 12.1 for the official report of the review panel, including recommendations by the MC). Her presentation covered the objectives of the review, review process including phases such as extensive user testing, positive findings as well as challenges, and recommendations from the review panel including suggestions to be possibly incorporated into the redesigned IUFRO website. The details of her presentation (the slideshow) will be circulated to the participants following the meeting.

In the discussions, it was noted that GFIS indeed was very innovative and achieved many goals at the time of its launch, but meanwhile has become a less competitive gateway compared to Google etc. Comments by Board members addressed the following aspects: i) giving individual units more rights by making the unit pages more dynamic; ii) clarifying the definition of "IUFRO content" when uploading publications/reporting on meetings etc.; and iii) aiming for a more dynamic website in general.

The Chair proposed the following motion:

¹ See also agenda item 14 below.

MOTION 10:

- Based on the recommendation by the MC, to discontinue IUFRO Special Programme GFIS;

Seconded by Jens Peter Skovsgaard.

The motion was carried unanimously.

ACTION 3:

- Build a user-friendly and expanded information resources centre through the re-launch of the IUFRO webpage, taking into account review results/suggestions;

ACTION 4:

- Integrate GFIS legacy information into the new IUFRO website;

13 Nominating Committee (NC)

Documents:

- *EB 9/2021 Doc 13.1 Nominating Committee (NC) Terms of Reference (NC/IUFRO HQ)*
- *EB 9/2021 Doc 13.2 Proposed composition of the Nominating Committee (NC/IUFRO HQ)*

The Chair introduced the item and noted that the Nominating Committee (NC) is one of the special committees, established by the President with agreement of the Board, to support the Board in its tasks and functions. The committee is chaired by the Immediate Past President and composed of individuals who are unlikely to have any interest in holding a position on the next Board.

Mike Wingfield (Immediate Past President; Chair of the Nominating Committee) informed the Enlarged Board about the task of the NC – to prepare and oversee the process of collecting and selecting nominations from IUFRO members and officeholders regarding the composition of the next IUFRO Board in the period 2024-2029. He made reference to the related background documents, Doc. 13.1 and 13.2.

He highlighted the following main changes in the proposed Terms of Reference of the committee: i) the call for nominations will include the two Co-Coordiators of each Divisions; and ii) the President's Nominees are excluded from the call to give more freedom to the incoming President to choose these officeholders. He then also highlighted the key milestones in the nomination process.

M. Wingfield introduced the following proposed composition of the Nominating Committee:

- Yeda Maria Malheiros De Oliveira (Brazil)
- Lisa Sennerby-Forsse (Sweden)
- Jerry Vanclay (Australia)
- Andrew Wong (Malaysia)
- Amos Amanubo (formerly IFSA)

In the discussions, a concern was raised that some procedures might be necessary to guide the nominations from the Divisions, including possible discussions with the NC. The NC Chair expressed the view that such discussions should preferably be kept among the Divisions themselves to ensure the impartiality and neutrality of the nomination process. It was concluded that some discussion might be needed, keeping in mind the overall objective to improve the gender and geographical balances.

The Board members noted the following issues for further consideration: i) some nominees might decide to only run as a pair; and ii) the democratic and consensus-based selection and decision-making process in Divisions should be continued also in the dual coordination format.

The Chair proposed the following motion:

MOTION 11:

- Approve Terms of Reference for and the composition of the Nominating Committee;

Seconded by Sandra Luque.

The motion was carried unanimously.

ACTION 5:

- NC to finalize the call for nominations for the next IUFRO Board by early February 2022;

ACTION 6:

- Latest by 28 February 2022, the call for nominations signed by President and Chair of NC to be sent to IUFRO member organizations and officeholders (with the deadline for preliminary/indicative nominations by 31 October 2022);

14 Revision of IUFRO Statutes and Internal Regulations

Document:

- *EB 9/2021 Doc 14.1 Proposal for changes to the IUFRO Statutes and Internal Regulations (HQ)*

The Chair noted that the Statutes and Internal Regulations constitute the legal basis of IUFRO and its governance. In light of the recently approved IUFRO post-2020 Strategy and to reflect the various decisions taken by the Board earlier in the meeting, the document requires a number of modifications aimed at improving its accuracy and consistency. Therefore, IUFRO HQ, together with the President and the MC, had prepared a proposal for changes in the Statutes and Internal Regulations, circulated as a background document for the meeting (Doc 14.1 in two versions).

Andre Purret (IUFRO Operations Manager) presented an overview of the proposal for changes, noting that the MC had been consulted throughout the revision process:

- Elimination of Foreword (with list of previous changes);
- New vision statement and inclusion of the mission of IUFRO;
- Adapted core values: *Excellence; Networking; Diversity; and Integrity*;
- Reference to the ISC Principle of Freedom and Responsibility in Science (*promoting equitable opportunities for access to science and its benefits, and opposing all kinds of discrimination*);
- Necessary changes throughout document regarding the approved Division dual coordination;
- Deletion of the references to IUFRO Regional Chapters;
- Nomination process for the composition of the IUFRO Board 2024-2029 (including changes regarding the number of President's Nominees);
- Updating the scope of activities of Divisions, according to latest wording on IUFRO website;
- Amending the "Cooperation" section to "Partnerships", including the updates in the content;
- Corrections in cross-referencing and many smaller grammatical and factual improvements.

He concluded by noting that the changes in the Statutes (first part of the document) require formal approval by the International Council, based on the recommendation by the Board. The changes in the latter part, in the Internal Regulations, require Board approval only.

A question was raised about the proposed removal of the forewords, as those make it possible to keep track of changes to the Statutes and Internal Regulations over time. HQ responded by confirming that a description of previous and current changes will be kept and archived in a separate document.

The Chair proposed the following motion:

MOTION 12:

- Approve changes to the Internal Regulations and make a recommendation to the International Council regarding the proposal for changes in Statutes;

Seconded by Donald Hodges.

The motion was carried unanimously.

ACTION 7:

- IUFRO HQ with guidance from President, to prepare an electronic ballot vote for representatives of the International Council, asking for approval of the proposed changes in Statutes;

ACTION 8:

- IUFRO HQ to circulate the revised IUFRO Internal Regulations, approved by the Board in 2021, to the International Council for their information;

15 Honours and Awards Committee (HAC)

Document:

- *EB 9/2021 Doc 15.1 Report of the Chair of the Honours and Awards Committee (HAC Chair)*

Elena Paoletti, the Chair of the Honours and Awards Committee (HAC) presented highlights from her written report (Doc 15.1). She thanked HAC members for their work and HQ for technical assistance. She informed the Board that the HAC had approved two nominations for the IUFRO Distinguished Service Award (DSA), pending Board approval. It was requested to inform the Enlarged Board members once the awardees have been informed about them receiving these awards (for congratulatory purposes).

The Chair proposed the following motion:

MOTION 13:

- Based on the recommendation by the Honours and Awards Committee, award Kazuo Suzuki from Japan and Ladislav Paule from Slovakia with Distinguished Service Award (DSA);

Seconded by Santiago González-Martínez.

The motion was carried unanimously.

16 IUFRO World Congresses

Documents:

- *EB 9/2021 Doc 16.1 Report of the Chair of the Congress Organizing Committee (COC Chair)*
- *EB 9/2021 Doc 16.3 Report of the Chair of the Congress Scientific Committee (CSC Chair)*

XXVI IUFRO World Congress 2024 in Stockholm, Sweden

Congress Organizing Committee (COC):

Fredrik Ingemarson (COC Chair, IUFRO World Congress 2024) presented highlights from his written report (Doc 16.1) on behalf of the Congress Secretariat. More particularly, he highlighted the expansion of the human resources in Congress Secretariat, administrative structure, risk analysis including revised

project plan and financing plan, development of a marketing plan, continued dialogue with the CSC and the upcoming events including the first regional partners meeting. He informed the Board that the Congress Secretariat is preparing for a hybrid Congress, allowing both physical and virtual participation.

In the discussions, it was noted that the transformation from physical to hybrid format requires close consultation with the Congress Scientific Committee (CSC) regarding the hybrid parts of the Congress. Among other challenges, the possibly decreasing physical participation was highlighted. The Congress Secretariat clarified that they aim to hold a full physical meeting, with optional virtual participation for certain parts of the programme. It was suggested to learn from experiences of other bigger meetings that have been and will be organized as hybrid events (e.g. IUCN, INTECOL etc.). It was added that hybrid does not necessarily mean lower registration costs, as the quality of the event comes with a reasonable cost. An option for COC consideration would be to offer partial virtual access and thematic packages at lower prices. In general, the Board members supported the idea of organizing a hybrid Congress pointing out that it would promote inclusiveness, open IUFRO for wider and more diverse engagement and reduce the carbon footprint.

Regarding the development of the Congress logotype and design, the COC Chair noted that the development process is still ongoing and the Congress Secretariat will be able to present the final logotype and design to the MC for their approval at the next MC meeting in spring 2022.

ACTION 9:

- *The IUFRO 2024 Congress Secretariat to finalize the Congress logotypes and design for presentation to the Management Committee by its next meeting in spring 2022;*

ACTION 10:

- *Based on the recommendation by the Management Committee, the IUFRO Board to approve the final Congress logotype and design via electronic ballot vote in late spring 2022;*

Congress Scientific Committee (CSC):

Elena Paoletti (CSC Chair, IUFRO World Congress 2024) presented highlights from her written report (Doc 16.3) about the recent developments regarding the scientific planning of the Congress. The CSC held two virtual meetings and will hold another two meetings in 2021. The highlights included the finalization and publishing of the timetable, available at the Congress website, and the continued work on the themes and sub-themes of the Congress. She called upon all Division representatives to actively contribute to the work of the CSC.

She announced that the CSC had prior to the EBM agreed on the proposal for the Congress title. She noted that the title proposed in the Swedish Congress bid was modified slightly to “Forests and Society Towards 2050”. In the discussion, many Board Members supported the forward-looking title proposal. It was noted that there is scope to further elaborate on themes and sub-themes, the SDGs should be captured more visibly and encouraged greater involvement of Task Forces. The CSC Chair clarified that the work on the themes is ongoing and that the CSC decided to not recommend sub-themes as the topics for sub-plenaries, implying that a call for sub-plenaries will be opened, in addition to call for sessions.

The Chair proposed the following motion:

MOTION 14:

- *Based on the proposal by the Congress Scientific Committee, approve “Forests and Society Towards 2050” as the title of the XXVI IUFRO World Congress 2024;*

Seconded by Mónica Gabay.

The motion was carried unanimously.

XXVII IUFRO World Congress 2029 bidding process

The Chair invited A. Purret from HQ to give an overview of the bidding process for the host of the XXVII IUFRO World Congress 2029. A. Purret informed the EB members that the call for bids had been finalized and approved by the electronic Board ballot vote in May 2021. The President had circulated the invitation letter, together with the IUFRO Congress Bidding Rules and Call for Bids, to all IUFRO Member Organizations in countries where IUFRO is represented, calling for bids of countries that wish to host the IUFRO World Congress in 2029. The deadline for submissions is 15 April 2022. He noted that the “Bidding Rules and Call for Bids” was not included in background documents but is accessible at: <https://www.iufro.org/fileadmin/material/events/iwc29/iwc29-congress-bidding-rules.pdf>

ACTION 11:

- *HQ to check compliance of received bids with formal requirements and submit bids to the MC by the end of June 2022;*

ACTION 12:

- *By September 2022, the MC to analyse the received bids for hosting of the XXVII IUFRO World Congress 2029 and, based on thorough evaluation, to make a shortlist of up to three best bids for further consideration by the Board;*

ACTION 13:

- *MC to announce the shortlist at the next Board Meeting in September 2022. The shortlisted countries will be invited to present the detailed documents and a slide/video presentation on the venue and facts relevant to the Congress 2029 to the Board at its 2023 meeting);*

17 Welcome Day 3 and brief recap of Day 2

The Chair provided a brief summary of the discussion items and main decisions made on the Day 1.

18 IUFRO President’s Nominees (PNs)

Document:

- *EB 9/2021 Doc 18.1 Compilation of written reports by President’s Nominees (PNs)*

The Chair introduced the item by noting that all the President’s Nominees (PN) had submitted their written reports, made available in a compilation (Doc 18.1). He added that the compilation excludes the report by one PN, Elena Paoletti, since she holds two other formal roles (Chair of CSC and HAC) and has submitted separate reports under those items. He clarified that all PNs work on basis of Terms of Reference that had been developed in collaboration with the President after the 2019 Congress in Curitiba.

The Chair invited questions to the PNs on basis of their written reports. The responses by the PNs to these questions can be summarized as follows:

- *Hubert Hasenauer* (President’s Nominee advising on resource mobilization) clarified that his goal has been to promote forestry in the region in the broader sense. He noted that many people talk about forests, but have no forestry background, and often the knowledge and aspects of forestry is excluded from discussions and networks. He also highlighted the flagship educational programme “European Master of Forestry”.

- Erich Gomes Schaitza (President's Nominee for liaison with Latin America) informed the Board that he has been working on the follow up to the Curitiba 2019 by updating the database of contacts, including the Research Directors in the region. Together with representatives from the U.S. Forest Service, he has also been organizing the Science-Policy Forum for the Americas time zone region as part of the IUFRO World Day.

IUFRO HQ thanked both Hubert and Erich for their active engagement and contributions, as they are also one of the few IUFRO officeholders also serving as the heads of IUFRO Member Organizations.

- Kugbo Shim (President's Nominee for liaison with Asia) highlighted the controversy in Korea concerning the carbon neutrality and planting of trees. He noted that there is an ongoing debate on the suitable types of trees to be planted (exotic vs native species; fast-growing vs more biodiverse species etc.) and the most suitable harvesting periods. It was discussed that the topic might deserve a future scientific event or meeting, in order to try to inform the decision-makers about the available science on the issue.
- Olga Shaytarova (President's Nominee for liaison with Russia) has been promoting IUFRO in her university through various events, and is organizing the 61st Enlarged Board Meeting in St. Petersburg and contributing to the IUFRO Regional Conference 2022 in Moscow.
- Wubalem Tadesse (President's Nominee for liaison with Africa) has been liaising with the FORNESSA network, SPDC, and IFSA through the forest education initiative.
- Xiao Wenfa (President's Nominee for liaison with China) highlighted the International Symposium on Pine Wilt Disease organized by CAF, the plans for contributing to the upcoming IUFRO World Day 2021 and his continuous activities serving as the IUFRO representative to APFNet.

The Chair informed the Board that due to various reasons, one of the MC members has had difficulties in participating in the MC meetings and fulfilling related duties as an MC member. For those reasons, Olga Shaytarova as the President's Nominee for liaison with Russia indicated her wish to step down from her role in MC. The Chair thanked O. Shaytarova for taking up that role and for her contributions.

Following internal consultations, it was proposed to the MC to invite another PN, Erich Schaitza (President's Nominee for liaison with Latin-America) to join the MC as the new representative of PNs on the MC. Erich Schaitza informally confirmed his readiness to serve in the MC, starting after the Board Meeting. It was noted that O. Shaytarova is stepping down from her role in the MC, but continues to fulfil her duties as the President's Nominees for liaison with Russia.

The Chair proposed the following motion:

MOTION 15:

- Based on the recommendation by the MC, to approve the change in the composition of the Management Committee. Erich Schaitza will be the new representative of the PNs' to the MC;

Seconded by Mónica Gabay.

The motion was carried unanimously.

19 Strategic partnerships, international cooperation and IUFRO in International Processes

Document:

- *EB 9/2021 Doc 19.1 Report on IUFRO's participation in and contribution to International Processes (IUFRO HQ)*

The Chair introduced the topic and handed over to Alexander Buck, IUFRO Executive Director. A. Buck presented highlights from the written report on IUFRO's participation in and contribution to international processes (Doc 19.1). He pointed out that activities with partners and in processes have continued to increase. IUFRO currently works closely with around 40 partners, half of which are covered in the mentioned report. One of the advancements has been the development and finalization of the "general rules and procedures for partnership development" which had been approved via electronic Board ballot vote in May 2021.

Among other highlights, the following items were mentioned: i) approval and signing of the MoU between IUFRO and Xprize (approved via electronic Board ballot vote in May 2021); ii) the recently (in July 2021) established partnership with Mondi, including the establishment of a science-business platform; iii) the GLFx chapter in Malawi; iv) and the work of the joint FAO-IUFRO-ITTO education projects, including the prototype online gateway "Forestra". The GFEP programme highlighted their contribution to the UN High-Level Political Forum (HLPF 2021) by presenting the GFEP regional policy brief on the topic of "Forests, Trees and Poverty alleviation in Africa".

Statements by Partners:

The Chair noted that IUFRO HQ has been hosted by the Government of Austria since 1973. The Government of Austria, through the Federal Ministry of Agriculture, Regions and Tourism (BMLRT), provides core funding for its operations and office space for IUFRO HQ.

Mr. Gerfried Gruber (Austrian Federal Ministry of Agriculture, Regions and Tourism, BMLRT) addressed the Enlarged Board on behalf of Ms. Maria Patek, IUFRO Host Country representative. Mr. Gruber reiterated Austria's commitment of providing state-of-the-art office space and financial support for core operations of IUFRO and for specific programmatic activities. He highlighted the importance of the status that IUFRO has in Austria (Quasi-International Organization), and noted the contributions by the Ministry to the GFEP programme and for the IUFRO World Day 2021. He also referred to the successful first ever virtual international conference on "Forests in Women's Hand" organized by the Ministry in cooperation with IUFRO, IFSA and partners in Austria. On the EU-level issues, he noted the need to feed valuable scientific expertise and knowledge to forest-related platforms and processes.

The Chair continued by noting that IUFRO also collaborates actively with the International Forestry Students' Association (IFSA). The MoU between IUFRO and IFSA dates back to 2002 and was renewed in 2019 in Curitiba. It has been a tradition for IUFRO President to participate in the annual International Forestry Students' Symposiums (IFSS), and IFSA's President and Liaison Officer have joined IUFRO Board meetings. In 2019, IUFRO's International Council decided to give IFSA permanent observer status on the IUFRO Board, a privilege previously granted to only one other organization (FAO).

Ms Magdalena Jovanovic (newly elected IFSA President from Serbia) thanked IUFRO for fruitful and awarding cooperation. She highlighted the work of the Joint IFSA-IUFRO Task Force on Forest Education, including the newly published Africa book. This ensured momentum and continuity of joint IUFRO and IFSA activities. She personally joined an IFSA workshop at IUFRO HQ in February where she got the opportunity to strengthen relationship with IUFRO. She continued by appreciating the internship positions being made available in IUFRO HQ by referring to the two current interns (M. Volarev and A. Rosello Hinrichs), the new joint EFI-IUFRO-IFSA project on Green Jobs, and the IFSA-organized events at the IUFRO World Day 2021. She was honored to be invited, together with the new IFSA Board, to IUFRO HQ in October 2021. Chair of the Congress Secretariat and COC looked forward to collaborating with IFSA regarding the Congress 2024.

The Chair concluded this item by noting that a few other partners had been invited and a couple of them also joined the meeting in previous days, but unfortunately could not be available for this agenda item.

8 Special Programmes, Projects and IUFRO-led Initiatives

Document:

- *EB 9/2021 Doc 8.1 Compilation of reports by Coordinators of Special Programmes, Projects and IUFRO-led Initiatives (M. Kleine/Coordinators of SPDC, SPDF, WFSE and GFEP)*

Michael Kleine (Deputy Executive Director and Coordinator of IUFRO-SPDC) introduced this agenda item. He noted that the written reports of the Special Programmes, Projects and IUFRO-led Initiatives (SPPs) were made available to the Board in a compilation (Doc 8.1). He clarified that also the SPPs followed the new reporting format (the filtered Action Plan), but also continued to report in “older” format due to auditing and accountability reasons connected to the use of donor funds.

He started the presentation by describing the IUFRO’s programmatic work and how the various Special Programmes, Projects and IUFRO-led Initiatives engage the network and provide services to it. He then gave an overview on how the SPPs contributed to the various Actions in the filtered Action Plan.

The GFEP programme Coordinator announced the start of the next global GFEP assessment, focusing on “forests and human health”. He added that among other scientists, also IUFRO officeholders are invited to join the Expert Panel on the topic, and that the Coordinator of Division 6 (C. Konijnendijk) has agreed to chair the scientific work of the Expert Panel.

It was noted that the depth of work of the SPPs is impressive. In the case of SPDC, it was suggested to broaden the participation from Divisions and Task Forces. HQ clarified that the focus of the SPDC is on early-career scientists, but the number of the trainings could be increased and the trainings could be broadened depending on the available funding. The main limitation has been the availability of human resources.

21 IUFRO Communication

Documents:

- *EB 9/2021 Doc 21.1 Report on communication activities (IUFRO HQ)*

The Chair introduced the agenda item by noting that effective communications are essential for IUFRO to achieve its mission. In addition to being a goal in its own right in the IUFRO Strategy post-2020, communication contributes to the achievement of almost all other goals and objectives of the Strategy.

A. Buck presented the following highlights from the written report on communication activities by HQ (Doc. 21.1): i) tracking down communication experts in IUFRO Member Organizations; ii) communicating closely with officeholders (resulting in increased number of associate memberships); iii) making progress in reaching out to the media (examples included ORF Austria, BBC and REVOLVE); and iv) further increased social media presence of IUFRO.

M. Kleine introduced the sub-item “IUFRO webpage redesign”. He stated that the results of the review of IUFRO’s knowledge and information management have been translated into a proposal for a schedule of work. For this technical task, help was obtained from William Harvey (OXSREV), a member of the review panel and expert on building structured web-based information systems. He had been invited to attend the meeting to answer any technical questions. Due to the technical content of the presentation, it was agreed to make the slideshow available to the participants following the meeting.

M. Kleine then presented the schedule of work towards a new, redesigned IUFRO webpage. He emphasized that knowledge and its dissemination are part of IUFRO’s mission and that the current static

webpage needs to be transformed into more dynamic information resource centre. The main aims of the redesign were the following: i) restructuring IUFRO's website to support a dynamic data structure system; ii) improving the User Interface (UI) and User Experience (UX); and iii) implementing intelligent searching. He noted that the redesign process could be completed tentatively over the next 15 months by the end of 2022/early 2023. On the resources side, he noted that external services would have to be contracted in a competitive way and that the total cost for the redesign varies from 150,000 EUR (must-haves) up to 400,000 EUR (nice-to-haves). It was clarified that the minimum requirements can be covered with funding that has been already secured for this purpose. Depending on the amount of additional funding, components could be added. In conclusion, the required maintenance needs were described. A. Buck added that the original plan to upgrade the website would have been faster and cheaper, but the review of knowledge and information management provided the opportunity to take a more comprehensive approach and build a more long-lasting system and benefit for the network.

In the discussions, the Board members asked about the sources of funding for the redesign. It was clarified that the Board had agreed at EBM 2020 to allocate 100,000 EUR for this work from the Strategic Fund, with additional funding available through the revised grant agreement with the US Forest Service. Additionally, the SPPs (GFEP and SPDC) could contribute from their communication budgets, as the outreach and communication are important to donors and these costs can be justified. It was added that the HQ would not undertake any financial risks and only work with the secured resources. Additionally, the Management Committee will be closely informed about this in its role as IUFRO finance committee.

A question was raised on the possibility to expand the webpage, once the lower-end option has been purchased. It was clarified that the main benefit of the new dynamic webpage is the expandability. In response to a question on the costs and coverage of the operational and maintenance costs, it was noted that the current webpage already involves a fair amount of costs included in the annual budgets, and that the operational costs will increase with the new webpage but should be financially manageable. Another question was raised about the timeline for updating the information on the current website – should the units wait or already proceed with the updates. It was clarified that the input by the units will be instrumental to fill the database and the units will be informed about this process and related tasks.

The Chair proposed the following motion:

MOTION 16:

- To approve the schedule of works for the redesign of the IUFRO webpage;

Seconded by Donald Hodges.

The motion was carried unanimously.

22 Major IUFRO meetings and other events

Documents:

- *EB 9/2021 Doc 22.1 Updated schedule of IUFRO Board, MC and other meetings (HQ)*
- *EB 9/2021 Doc 22.2 Announcement of the IUFRO Regional Conference 2022 in Moscow*

The Chair informed the Board about the updated schedule of IUFRO Board and MC Meetings and IUFRO Regional Events up to 2024. He noted that the 61st Enlarged Board Meeting is planned to be held as physical meeting from 20-21 September 2022 in St. Petersburg, Russian Federation.

Olga Shaytarova (President's Nominee for liaison with Russia) informed the Board about the next EBM, including the tentative schedule. She showed slides about the meeting venue, city of St. Petersburg,

accommodation and cultural program. Additionally, an open scientific seminar with the participation of university researchers and students will be organized on a topic to yet to be identified. She noted that the EBM participants would need to travel to Moscow for the IUFRO Regional Conference 2022.

Donald Hodges (CSC Chair of the Regional Conference; Coordinator of Division 4) gave a brief overview of the planning of the Regional Conference 2022 “Sustaining the Forests of Russia and Eurasia: Management, Innovation, Conservation and Restoration” (23-25 Sept. 2022 in Moscow). He described the CSC composition, seven primary themes of the conference, revised timeline and thanked Vladimir Nikitin, COC Chair and representative of the host of the conference. He emphasized that the CSC would need to receive confirmations from Divisions and Task Forces that wish to hold their in-person business meetings in Moscow.

Board Members inquired about the call for sessions, in addition to the call for abstracts. D. Hodges clarified that, based on thorough discussion within the CSC, there will be only call for abstracts. Some Board members signaled their concern about this approach. D. Hodges suggested grouping the abstracts and indicating the preferred session as a way forward. Another question was raised about the flexibility of the date of the possible all-Divisions/Task Forces business meetings. D. Hodges clarified that a separate day, 26 of September 2022, after the conference has been reserved for these kinds of meetings. It was suggested to clarify the details directly with the CSC by writing to D. Hodges as the Chair of the CSC.

ACTION 14:

- *The hosts of the 61st Enlarged Board Meeting and the Regional Conference 2022 to prepare and circulate more detailed information and guidelines on the registration and visa process by the end of 2021;*

During the last sub-item of the agenda item 22, Carola Egger, IUFRO World Day 2021 Project Manager informed the Board about any last-minute arrangements or updates. C. Egger presented the website of the event, including the launched live interactive map. She noted that over 70 live sessions will be held across the three time-zone groups and that more than 1,600 participants had registered by the time of the EBM. The Chair encouraged all Enlarged Board Members to attend and contribute to this milestone event.

23 Other items and evaluation of the meeting

The Chair invited participants to bring any other items to the attention of the Enlarged Board. As there were no request for the floor, Alexander Buck explained that same as last year, a short feedback survey had already been circulated to everyone asking all participants to complete the survey within a week.

24 Closure of the meeting

The IUFRO President as Chair of the meeting thanked the members of the Enlarged Board, invited participants and IUFRO HQ staff for their active contributions and support to the meeting.

Annex I: List of participants in alphabetical order

IUFRO Enlarged Board:

Anna Barbati – Deputy Coordinator, Division 8 – Forest Environment
Annie Biju – Co-Coordinator, Joint IUFRO-IFSA Task Force on *Forest Education*
Andreas Bolte – Coordinator, Task Force on *Transforming Forest Landscapes for Future Climates and Human Well-Being*
Purabi Bose – Deputy Coordinator, Division 6 – Social Aspects of Forests and Forestry
Eckehard Brockerhoff – Coordinator, Division 7 – Forest Health
Alexander Buck – IUFRO Executive Director
Woodam Chung – Coordinator, Division 3 – Forest Operations Engineering and Management
Janice Cooke – Deputy Coordinator, Division 2 – Physiology and Genetics
Ellyn Damayanti – Deputy Coordinator, Division 6 – Social Aspects of Forests and Forestry
Giovanbattista de Dato – Coordinator, Task Force on *Strengthening Mediterranean Nursery Systems for Forest Reproductive Material Procurement to Adapt to the Effects of Climate Change*
Bianca Eskelson – Deputy Coordinator, Division 4 – Forest Assessment, Modelling and Management
Teresa De Jesus Fidalgo Fonseca – Deputy Coordinator, Division 1 – Silviculture
Monica Gabay – Coordinator, Division 9 – Forest Policy and Economics
Santiago C. González-Martínez – Coordinator, Division 2 – Physiology and Genetics
Gerfried Gruber – (representing Maria Patek) IUFRO Headquarters host country representative
Henrik Hartmann – Coordinator, Task Force on *Monitoring Global Tree Mortality Patterns and Trends*
Hubert Hasenauer – President's Nominee advising on resource mobilization
Donald Hodges – Coordinator, Division 4 – Forest Assessment, Modelling and Management
Fredrik Ingemarson – Chair, Congress Organizing Committee (COC), IUFRO World Congress 2024
Magdalena Jovanovic – President, International Forestry Students' Association (IFSA)
Pia Katila – Coordinator, Special Project on World Forests, Society and Environment (WFSE)
John Kimber – Head of IUFRO sub-commission, International Forestry Students' Association (IFSA)
Maartje Johanna Klapwijk – Deputy Coordinator, Division 7 – Forest Health
Michael Kleine – IUFRO Deputy Executive Director; Coordinator, IUFRO Special Programme for Development of Capacities (SPDC)
Daniela Kleinschmit – IUFRO Vice-President Divisions
Cecil C. Konijnendijk van den Bosch – Coordinator, Division 6 – Social Aspects of Forests and Forestry
Gun Lidestav – Coordinator, Task Force on *Gender Equality in Forestry*
Ola Lindroos – Deputy Coordinator, Division 3 – Forest Operations Engineering and Management
Jinlong Liu – Deputy Coordinator, Division 9 – Forest Policy and Economics
Shirong Liu – IUFRO Vice-President Task Forces, Special Programmes, Projects and IUFRO-led Initiatives
Sandra S. Luque – Coordinator, Division 8 – Forest Environment
Peter Mayer – Coordinator, IUFRO Special Programme Directors' Forum
Christophe Orazio – Coordinator, Task Force on *Resilient Planted Forests Serving Society & Bioeconomy*
Elena Paoletti – Chair, Congress Scientific Committee (CSC), IUFRO World Congress 2024; Chair, Honours and Awards Committee (HAC); Deputy Coordinator, Division 8 – Forest Environment
Pil Sun Park – Deputy Coordinator, Division 1 – Silviculture
John A. Parrotta – IUFRO President
Tod Ramsfield – Deputy Coordinator, Division 7 – Forest Health
Sandra Rodríguez-Pineros – Co-Coordinator, Joint IUFRO-IFSA Task Force on *Forest Education*
Khosro Sagheb-Talebi – Deputy Coordinator, Division 1 – Silviculture
Pekka Saranpää – Coordinator, Division 5 – Forest Products
Erich Gomes Schaitza – President's Nominee for liaison with Latin America
Olga Shaytarova – President's Nominee for liaison with Russia

Kugbo Shim – President's Nominee for liaison with Asia
Jens Peter Skovsgaard – Coordinator, Division 1 – Silviculture
Alexia Stokes – Deputy Coordinator, Division 8 – Forest Environment
Marjana Westergren – Deputy Coordinator, Division 2 – Physiology and Genetics
Christoph Wildburger – Coordinator, Global Forest Expert Panels (GFEP) Programme
Michael J. Wingfield – IUFRO Immediate Past President
Tadesse Wubalem – President's Nominee for liaison with Africa
Wenfa Xiao – President's Nominee for liaison with China

Invited participants:

Björn Hånell – Congress Organizing Committee (COC), IUFRO World Congress 2024
Robert Nasi – CIFOR-ICRAF representative
Gillian Petrokofsky – University of Oxford; Coordinator, WP 9.01.01 Library Information networks and terminology
William Harvey – Oxford Systematic Reviews (OXSREV)

IUFRO Headquarters and interns:

Brigitte Burger – Web Management and Social Media, Network Communication
Janice Burns – IUFRO Thematic Networking Manager and IUFRO-SPDC Deputy Coordinator
Daniel Böhnke – Project Manager/IUFRO-Mondi Partnership Manager
Dikshya Devkota – Project Manager, Global Forest Experts Panels (GFEP) Programme
Carola Egger – IUFRO World Day 2021 Project Manager
Ioana Grecu – IUFRO-SPDC Project Administrator
Nelson Grima – Project Manager, Global Forest Experts Panels (GFEP) Programme
Andre Purret – IUFRO Operations Manager
Eva Schimpf – Membership Services, Project Management, Translation Services
Astrid Toppel – Finances and Administration
Gerda Wolfrum – Coordinator, Communication and Public Relations

Agustin Rosello Hinrichs – IFSA intern at IUFRO HQ
Mirjana Volarev – IFSA intern at IUFRO HQ