

From:

Alexander Buck, Executive Director, on behalf of the IUFRO President, Dr. John Parrotta

To:

International Council Representatives 2019-2024 (and for information to the Alternate Representatives)

Subject:

Ballot Vote on proposed changes to IUFRO's Statutes

**Dear representatives on the IUFRO International Council,
Dear Colleagues,**

I hope you are keeping well in these challenging times!

As representatives of IUFRO's International Council you hold the important responsibility of participating in major decisions regarding the Union. In this regard you are invited to vote on proposed changes to IUFRO's Statutes.

The **IUFRO Statutes and Internal Regulations** constitute the legal basis of IUFRO and its governance. Any change in Statutes (first part of the document) require formal approval by the International Council, based on the recommendation by the Board. The changes in the Internal Regulations require Board approval only.

In light of the recently approved IUFRO post-2020 Strategy and to reflect the various decisions taken by the Board at its 60th Enlarged Board Meeting held in September 2021, the IUFRO Board **recommends several changes to the Statutes** concerning:

- Elimination of Foreword;
- 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;
- 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;
- 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; and
- Corrections in cross-referencing and many smaller grammatical and factual improvements.

On behalf of the IUFRO President, I am writing to you to request your decision on the recommended changes by electronic ballot vote. The IUFRO Statutes and Internal Regulations including proposed amendments in Statutes in "track changes" mode are

attached to this message (see link below). Please note that the proposed changes in the Internal Regulations have been approved by the Board and are included for your information only. For your reference, please find below also the link to the draft Minutes of the 60th IUFRO Enlarged Board Meeting.

Since 2021, we are using a new technical format for the electronic ballot votes (in use also for the electronic IUFRO Board ballot votes). Thus, we would request you to submit your vote by **5 December 2021** via this [LINK](#). Please note that the alternate IC representatives are expected to vote *only in case* the main IC representative of a country is unable to do so!

If you wish to provide feedback you are welcome to do so via e-mail purret@iufro.org. Additionally, please let us know in case you encounter any technical problems with the new format for electronic ballot.

Yours sincerely,

Alexander Buck
Executive Director

Links to the attachments

[Text of Statutes and Internal Regulations with amendments in "track changes"](#)
[Text of Statutes and Internal Regulations with amendments - clean version](#)
[Draft Minutes of the 60th IUFRO Enlarged Board Meeting](#)

[Zip file of the above documents](#)