

**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 the IUFRO's Statutes**

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

I hope you are doing well!

As representatives of IUFRO's International Council holding the important responsibility of participating in major decisions regarding the Union, 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 changes in the Statutes (first part of the document) require formal approval by the International Council, based on the recommendation by the IUFRO Board. The changes in the Internal Regulations require Board approval only.

At the 61<sup>st</sup> IUFRO Enlarged Board Meeting, held from 19-20 September in a hybrid format in Vienna, Austria, the Board approved changes to the Internal Regulations (EB Motion 4) and made a **recommendation to the International Council regarding the proposal for changes to the Statutes**.

The following changes to the Statutes were proposed:

- Responsibilities of the Vice-President for Task Forces
- Adjustment required by the Austrian Federal Ministry of Finance (Finanzamt) regarding voluntary termination of the Union
- Removal of text about IUFRO officeholders serving IUFRO in their personal capacity
- Awards: Eligibility of members to be selected for awards; Procedure for selecting Best Poster Awards (BPA)

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 with proposed amendments to the Statutes marked 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 61<sup>st</sup> IUFRO Enlarged Board Meeting.

We ask you to submit your vote by **27 November 2022** 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](mailto:purret@iufro.org). Additionally, please let us know in case you encounter any technical problems with the 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 61st IUFRO Enlarged Board Meeting](#)

[Zip file of all documents of this circular](#)