

REPORT OF THE NOMINATING COMMITTEE

INCLUDING RECOMMENDATIONS FOR THE IUFRO VOTING BOARD 2024-2029

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BACKGROUND

The IUFRO Nominating Committee (NC) to consider the leadership for the IUFRO 2024-2029 Board term was constituted in early 2021. Prof Mike Wingfield, IUFRO Immediate Past President agreed to act as chair of the committee. Members of the NC were selected and invited to join the committee by the end of July 2021. The NC members and the Terms of Reference for the committee were then formally approved by the IUFRO Board at its 60th IUFRO Enlarged Board Meeting held in September 2021.

The members included the following:

Prof M.J. Wingfield (Chair)
Mr Amos Amanubo (Uganda)
Prof Yeda Maria Malheiros De Oliveira (Brazil)
Prof Lisa Sennerby-Forse (Sweden)
Prof Jerry Vanclay (Australia)
Prof Andrew Wong (Malaysia)
Dr John Parrotta (IUFRO President -*ex officio*)
Mr Alexander Buck (IUFRO Executive Director- *ex officio*)

THE NOMINATION PROCESS AND OUTCOME

A call for nominations was sent out to the IUFRO Members and officeholders in late February 2022 with a deadline for receipt of nominations set as 31 October 2022. Nominations were sent to the IUFRO Headquarters in Vienna, Austria where they were checked for completeness. This in particular included verifying the fulfillment of the formal requirements for all nominations and that the newly agreed upon structure where IUFRO Divisions would have two Co-Coordinator of equal standing had been complied with. As was agreed earlier, the President's Nominees were not included in the call for nominations and will be selected by the incoming President-elect for term 2024-2029.

The NC Chair received a complete set of nomination documents as well as a detailed summary document from IUFRO HQ towards the end of 2022. This was shared with the members of the committee who were tasked to study the documents in advance of the NC meeting held on Wednesday 1st February 2023. During that meeting all nominations were discussed and deliberated, and a list of preferred candidates was chosen to be presented to the IUFRO Board at its 62nd Board Meeting in Dehradun, India during March 2023, for Board's endorsement.

This NC meeting was cordial and all nominees decided upon were recommended unanimously.

The candidates recommended by the NC are as follows:

IUFRO President:	Daniela Kleinschmit
Vice President (IUFRO Divisions):	Woodam Chung
Vice President (IUFRO Task Forces):	Elena Paoletti
Division 1: Co-Coordiators:	Teresa Fonseca Pil Sun Park
Division 2: Co-Coordiators:	Amanda De La Torre Santiago C. González-Martínez
Division 3: Co-Coordiators:	Ola Lindroos Rene Zamora-Cristales
Division 4: Co-Coordiators:	Donald Hodges Bianca Eskelson
Division 5: Co-Coordiators:	Roger Meder Franka Brüchert
Division 6: Co-Coordiators:	Purabi Bose Justin Morgenroth
Division 7: Co-Coordiators:	Tod Ramsfield Maartje Klapwijk
Division 8: Co-Coordiators:	Alexia Stokes Chabi Djagoun
Division 9: Co-Coordiators:	Mónica Gabay Jinlong Liu

A summary table including links to the nomination documents of the recommended candidates can be found in the accompanying Board Meeting Document 6.2.

After the meeting of the NC, the Chair contacted all the successful nominees to congratulate them and to inform them that their names had been submitted to the IUFRO Board for discussion and endorsement. The primary nominators were also contacted to thank them for their efforts in preparing the nominations.

LOOKING FORWARD

Once the IUFRO Board has provided their support for the nominations submitted by the Nominating Committee, these will be recommended by the Board to the International Council for approval by electronic ballot vote. Once approved by the International Council, the nominees will move to the position of having been formally elected to the 2024-2029 IUFRO Board. Approving the members of the Board 2024-2029 one year before their term officially starts will allow them time to begin the transition from the present members holding those positions. Most importantly, the incoming President-elect will be able to begin the process of selecting President's Nominees to serve on the next IUFRO Board. That additional slate of names will also need to be approved by the Board and the International Council at its meetings to be held in conjunction with the XXVI IUFRO World Congress 2024 in Stockholm.

An important issue arose during current nomination process that will require some thought/discussion by the IUFRO Board. There were six nominations that came from outside the current Division (or Board) leadership, from IUFRO Members. Four of these originated from the Chinese Academy of Forestry, one from SLU in Sweden and one from CSIR-FORIG in Ghana. These included one nomination for VP of Task Forces and five for Division Co-coordinators (one each in Divisions 4 and 5; three for Division 9). Members of the Nominating Committee noted that some of the nominations included relatively strong candidates who IUFRO should consider bringing more closely to the leadership of the organization (e.g., as Division Deputy Coordinators).