

10 May 2023

From:
IUFRO President, Dr. John Parrotta

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

Subject:
Ballot Vote on the IUFRO Voting Board 2024-2029 and the host of the XXVII IUFRO World Congress 2029

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

I hope this message finds you all well.

As representatives of IUFRO's International Council, you hold the important responsibility of participating in major decisions regarding the future of the Union. In this regard, you are now invited to vote on a number of recommendations resulting from the last meeting of the IUFRO Board. These recommendations include the list of candidates for the IUFRO Voting Board 2024-2029, excluding the President's Nominees, and the host of the XXVII IUFRO World Congress 2029. Through this letter, I would like to ask you to vote on these recommendations, as required by the IUFRO Statutes.

IUFRO Voting Board 2024-2029

The IUFRO Board met from 27-28 March 2023 in Dehradun, India, in a hybrid format. At this meeting, the Board discussed and voted on recommendations from the IUFRO Nominating Committee for the positions of IUFRO President, the two Vice-Presidents and the Division Co-Coordinator pairs of each of the nine Divisions for the Board term 2024-2029. In preparing these recommendations, the Nominating Committee, chaired by Immediate Past President Prof. Mike Wingfield, evaluated and deliberated on all the nominations received from IUFRO Officeholders and Member Organizations, and considered issues such as a balance in gender, scientific expertise, geographic and cultural representation. The need for commitment by the individual candidates and support from his/her employer was a prerequisite for all nominations. In addition, the nominations for the pairs of Division Co-Coordinators were encouraged to follow additional guidelines.

Please note that the election process for the President's Nominees will be concluded later in the year. As agreed by the Board, the incoming President-elect will propose candidates for up to five President's Nominees to the IUFRO Management Committee (MC). The MC will meet in September 2023 and will endorse a list of candidates for the Board's approval. Based on the recommendations by the Board, the International Council will be invited to vote via electronic ballot vote on the President's Nominees by the end of the year 2023.

XXVII IUFRO World Congress 2029

At its meeting in Dehradun, the Board also decided to recommend Nairobi, Kenya, as the host for the XXVII IUFRO World Congress 2029. The recommended host was selected from among two short-listed bids based on a detailed evaluation by the IUFRO Management Committee. This included site visits to the two short-listed venues, inviting responses from both bidders to the questions and suggestions by the MC, as well as presentations and a question-and-answer session at the Board Meeting in Dehradun.

For your further reference, please find below the draft Minutes of the 62nd IUFRO Board Meeting.

According to the IUFRO Statutes and Internal Regulations, you are now asked to vote on the recommendations made by the Board. I am writing to you to **request your decision on these two items via electronic ballot vote**. We ask you to submit your vote by **31 May 2023** 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!

Should you be interested in further details regarding the recommendations of the IUFRO Board, please find below the links to the report of the Nominating Committee, a Summary table including nomination documents for the candidates for the IUFRO Voting Board term 2024-2029, the additional guidelines for nominating IUFRO Division Co-Coordinators, as well as the Kenya bid for hosting the IUFRO Congress 2029. If you would like to discuss any of these issues, IUFRO Executive Director Alexander Buck and I would be pleased to hear from you as an important member of our International Council. Additionally, please let us know in case you encounter any technical problems with the electronic ballot vote by contacting Andre Purrel at IUFRO Headquarters (purrel@iufro.org).

Yours sincerely,

John Parrotta
IUFRO President

Links to the attachments

[Report of the Nominating Committee](#)

[Guidelines for nominating Division Co-Coordinators](#)

[Summary table including nomination documents for the candidates for the IUFRO Voting Board term 2024-2029](#)

[Full bid for Nairobi, Kenya as the host of the XXVI IUFRO World Congress 2029](#)

[Draft Minutes of the 62nd IUFRO Board Meeting](#)

[Zip-file of the attached documents](#)