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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 President's Nominees 2024-2029

Dear representatives on the IUFRO International Council, Dear Colleagues,

I hope you are doing well.

As representatives of IUFRO's International Council, you have the important responsibility of making major decisions regarding the future of the Union. Back in May 2023, you were kindly invited to approve the members of the IUFRO Voting Board 2024-2029 (excluding the President's Nominees) and the host of the XXVII IUFRO World Congress 2029, based on the recommendations by the IUFRO Board.

Following the agreed timeline and procedure, and as required by the IUFRO Statutes, you are now invited to vote on the approval of the remaining members of the IUFRO Voting Board 2024-2029, i.e. the President's Nominees.

IUFRO President's Nominees 2024-2029

As requested by the Board, IUFRO President-elect Prof. Daniela Kleinschmit proposed five (5) candidates for President's Nominees for the upcoming 2024-2029 Board period. The proposal was discussed at the most recent meeting of the IUFRO Management Committee (MC) in Accra, Ghana (21-22 September 2023), during which the MC agreed with the proposal and recommended its endorsement by the Board. Through an electronic ballot vote that concluded on 24 October 2023, the IUFRO Board endorsed the proposal and made a recommendation to the IUFRO International Council to approve the five (5) proposed President's Nominees 2024-2029 via electronic ballot vote.

Please find here the background document including the rationale for the proposed President's Nominees: https://www.iufro.org/fileadmin/material/eb-meetings/management/accra23-mc-09-1-proposal-presidents-nominees.pdf.

For your information, the Minutes of the Ghana MC meeting may be found here: https://www.iufro.org/fileadmin/material/eb-meetings/management/accra23-mc-draft-minutes.pdf.

As required by the IUFRO Statutes and Internal Regulations, you are now asked to vote on the recommendation made by the Board **via electronic ballot vote**. We ask you to submit your electronic vote by **23 November 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!

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 a valued member of our International Council. Additionally, please let us know if you encounter any technical problems with the electronic ballot vote by contacting Operations Manager Andre Purret at IUFRO Headquarters (purret@iufro.org).

Yours sincerely,

John Parrotta

IUFRO President