

From:

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IUFRO Headquarters – Secretariat

To:

International Council Representatives 2015-2019

Subject:

Ballot Vote on IUFRO Voting Board 2019-2024 and IUFRO World Congress 2024

Dear Colleague,

As a representative 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 choice of the members of IUFRO's Voting Board 2019-2024, and the host of the IUFRO World Congress 2024.

The IUFRO Board met on 10-11 September in Corvallis, Oregon and voted on a suite of recommendations regarding the IUFRO President (serving as chair of the IC), the Vice-Presidents (serving as Vice-Chairs), Division Coordinators and President's Nominees. In preparing these recommendations, the Nominating Committee chaired by Immediate Past President Prof. Niels Elers Koch, considered the nominations received from IUFRO Officeholders and Member Organizations in order to identify capable, willing and motivated individuals to hold office. The Nominating Committee paid attention to issues such as a balance in scientific expertise, geographic representation and gender. The need for commitment by the individual candidate and support from his/her employer was a prerequisite for all nominations. In order to increase regional and fundraising expertise in the IUFRO Board, and following a recommendation by the Nominating Committee also decided to recommend to the IC increasing the number of President's Nominees from 5 to 7.

At its meeting in Corvallis, the Board decided to recommend Stockholm, Sweden-Nordic Baltic bid, as host for the IUFRO World Congress 2024. The host recommended by the Board was selected from among three short-listed bids based on a detailed evaluation by the IUFRO Management Committee. This included site visits to all three short-listed venues, as well as presentations and a question session at the Board Meeting in Corvallis.

According to the IUFRO Statues, you are now asked to vote on the recommendations made by the Board. With a view to allow the IC to best utilize the available time at the forthcoming IC meetings that will take place at the IUFRO World Congress 2019, the Board decided to submit its recommendations to you for an electronic ballot vote. **Please find attached the voting form.**

I kindly ask you to submit your vote by **Sunday, 30 September 2018** by returning the completed voting slip by email to the IUFRO Headquarters at (office@iufro.org), fax (+43-1-877 0151-50).

Should you be interested in further details regarding the recommendations of the IUFRO Board, please find attached the table of nominations, a CV of Dr. John Parrotta and the Stockholm, Sweden-Nordic bid. If you would like to discuss these issues personally, IUFRO Executive Director Alexander Buck and I would be pleased to hear from you as an important member of our International Council.

Yours sincerely,

Professor Mike Wingfield
IUFRO President