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ANNEX 1

Proposal for Elected Members of the IUFRO Board 2019-2024

Name of the proposer: J.Burley and R. Seppälä

Position in IUFRO: Past Presidents

1. President and Vice-Presidents

Position	Present position holder		Proposal for a future position holder
President	Mike Wingfield *)	ZA	John A. Parrotta
Vice-President (Divisions)	Björn Hånell *)	SWE	
Vice-President (Task Forces, Special Programmes, Initiatives)	John Parrotta *)	USA	

2. Division Coordinators for 2019-2024

Position	Present position holder		Proposal for a future position holder
Division 1	Jens Peter Skovsgaard	SWE	
Division 2	Yousry El-Kassaby *)	CAN	
Division 3	Woodam Chung	USA	
Division 4	Jean-Luc Peyron	F	
Division 5	Pekka Saranpää	FIN	
Division 6	Tuija Sievänen *)	FIN	
Division 7	Eckehard Brockerhoff	NZ	
Division 8	Jean-Michel Carnus *)	F	
Division 9	Daniela Kleinschmit *)	GER	

*) not eligible for re-election to this position

3. President's Nominees (up to five) for 2019-2024

Position	Present position holder		Proposal for a future position holder
1. President's Nominee and Chair Publications Committee	Shirong Liu *)	CHN	
2. President's Nominee and Chair Honours and Awards Committee	John Innes	CAN	
3. President's Nominee and Regional Liaison/ Additional Duties	Manuel Guariguata Regional Liaison Latin America	PER	
4. President's Nominee Regional Liaison/ Additional Duties	Ben Chikamai *) Regional Liaison Africa	KEN	
5. President's Nominee Regional Liaison/ Additional Duties	Jung-Hwan Park °) Regional Liaison Asia	KOR	

*) not eligible for re-election to this position

°) member of the Nominating Committee, therefore not standing for re-election

Please do not recommend individuals who are retiring from their organizations during the period 2019-2024.



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ANNEX 2

Agreement of Employer

I, Carlos Rodriguez Franco the employer/representative of the employer

confirm that

the IUFRO nominee John Parrotta employed at our institution

is available to serve IUFRO in the position of President
for the term 2019-2024.

In doing so, I understand the expectations of this appointment and am committed to support him/her in the travel and coordination activities that the post requires. I also understand that nomination does not guarantee election.

Signature Employer

Date 06/19/2017

Agreement of Nominee

I, John Parrotta the IUFRO nominee

confirm that

I am available to serve IUFRO in the position of President
for the term 2019-2024.

In doing so, I understand the expectations and work time implications related to this appointment and will fulfill all IUFRO activities that the post requires. I also understand that nomination does not guarantee election.

Signature Nominee

Date 06/19/2017

**Nomination of Dr John Parrotta (USA) as a candidate for the post of
IUFRO President 2019 – 2024**

by

**Professor Jeffery Burley (formerly of Oxford Forestry Institute, UK) and
Professor Risto Seppala (formerly of METLA, Finland)**

We are writing this recommendation jointly because we have both known Dr Parrotta for over a quarter of a century from our various roles in IUFRO as President, Vice-President, Divisional Coordinator and Chair of Quinquennial World Congress Organizing Committee. We have witnessed his development within IUFRO and totally agree in our assessment of John as an ideal person for the post of President; we share our appreciation of his personal, professional, scientific and managerial characteristics. John has an outstanding background and a high reputation throughout the Union, in his employing organization (the US Forest Service) and indeed throughout the worlds of forestry and forest research.

MOTIVATION FOR NOMINATION OF JOHN PARROTTA AS IUFRO PRESIDENT

This nomination is based on a number of key factors. These include primarily Dr Parrotta's:

- Commitment to work actively to advance the aims of IUFRO, demonstrated through his 24 years of service to the Union in a wide variety of leadership roles, including 19 years on the IUFRO Board or Extended Board.
- Management and leadership experience within both his own organization and IUFRO. His employing organization has consistently supported his work within IUFRO and has guaranteed to continue that support if he is elected to the Presidency of the Union.
- International reputation in the field of tropical forest ecology and management.
- Initiatives, plans and opportunities to advance interdisciplinary collaboration in forest science, and to strengthen IUFRO's global role at the science-policy interface.

PARTICIPATION IN AND LEADERSHIP OF IUFRO

John Parrotta has been actively involved in IUFRO since 1993, when he was invited to create a new Division 1 Working Party on tropical forest restoration. Over the next 12 years he held a number of positions within Division 1, serving as Division coordinator from 2000-2004. Since 2005, he has held leadership positions in other IUFRO Divisions, including as Deputy Coordinator of Division 8 (2005-2010), and Deputy Coordinator of the Division 9 Working Party (9.03) on forest history and traditional knowledge (since 2010). Since 2000, he has been increasingly involved in IUFRO's interdisciplinary work, including Task Forces on Science/Policy Interface (from 2000-2005), and Traditional Forest Knowledge (from 2005-2011) which he coordinated, as well as three Global Forest Expert Panels (from 2008-2015), serving as the Chair of the GFEP on Biodiversity, Forest Management, and REDD+ (2011-2012).

John has also been actively involved in the organization of IUFRO World Congresses since 2000, including chairing the 2010 and 2014 Congress Scientific Committees. He carried out this extremely onerous task willingly and cheerfully bringing thoughtful planning and great insights that resulted in two outstanding Congresses. For his role as chair of the 2014 Congress Scientific Committee, he was awarded the IUFRO Distinguished Service Award. John has served on the IUFRO Board since 1998, and as a Management Committee member since 2006. In the current IUFRO Board term, he serves as Vice President for Task Forces, Special Programs, Projects and IUFRO-led Initiatives. John's prior IUFRO leadership positions and other significant activities are summarized below.

Divisional Offices held

Division 1 (Silviculture)

- Working Party 1.17.03 (*Tropical Forest Restoration*), Coordinator: 1993-1998.
- Research Group 1.17.00 (*Rehabilitation of Degraded Sites*), Deputy Coordinator 1994-1996; Coordinator 1996-2000.
- Deputy Division Coordinator: 1998-2000; 2004-2010.
- Division Coordinator: 2000-2004.

Division 8 (Forest Environment)

- Deputy Division Coordinator: 2010-2014.

Division 9 (Forest Policy and Economics)

- Research Group 9.03 (*Forest History & Traditional Knowledge*): Deputy Coordinator: 2010-present

IUFRO Task Forces

Task Force on Forest Science-Policy Interface: Member, 2001-2005

- Co-Organizer of regional workshops in Turrialba, Costa Rica (October 2001), Chennai, India (July 2002), Copenhagen, Denmark (2003) and Birmensdorf, Switzerland (2004).

Task Force on Traditional Forest Knowledge: Coordinator, 2005-2011

- Co-organizer of regional workshops in Florence, Italy (June 2006), Green Bay, W, USA (June 2007), Kunming, China (December 2007), Accra, Ghana (October 2008), and Bishkek, Kyrgyzstan (June 2009)

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IUFRO Committees

Publications Committee (Chair, 2003-2005)

Honors and Awards Committee (Member, 2010-2014)

World Congress Scientific Committees

- Member, IUFRO 2000 CSC (Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia): 1998-2000
- Chair, IUFRO 2010 CSC (Seoul, Republic of Korea): 2006-2010
- Chair, IUFRO 2014 CSC (Salt Lake City, USA): 2011-2014
- Member, IUFRO 2019 CSC (Curitiba, Brazil): 2015-present

Regional/Special Congress Scientific Committees

- Member, IUFRO/FORNESSA Congress, Nairobi, Kenya (2012)
- Member, 3rd IUFROLAT Congress, San José, Costa Rica (2013)
- Member, Regional Congress for Asia and Oceania, Beijing, China (2016)
- Member, 125th Anniversary Congress, Freiburg, Germany (2017)

IUFRO Science Policy Initiatives - Global Forest Expert Panels (GFEP)

- Member, Global Forest Expert Panel on *Adaptation of Forests and People to Climate Change* (2008-2009) – Co-coordinating Lead Author of assessment report chapter 4: *Socioeconomic impacts and vulnerabilities* and lead author of three other chapters
- Chair, Global Forest Expert Panel on *Biodiversity, Forest Management, and REDD+* (2011-2012). Co-editor of assessment report and Policy Brief; Coordinating, lead, or contributing author of four report chapters.
- Member, Global Forest Expert Panel on *Forests and Food Security* (2014-2015). Coordinating Lead Author of assessment report chapter 3: *The historical, environmental, and socioeconomic context of forests and tree-based systems for food security and nutrition*; lead or contributing author of four other chapters.

SCIENTIFIC AND MANAGERIAL RECORD

Dr Parrotta has been engaged in research since the late 1970s, initially in the fields of aquatic, coastal and marine ecology, and from the time of his doctoral work in the mid-1980s in tropical forest ecology, silviculture and restoration. During his post-doctoral professional career from 1986-2000 in Puerto Rico, first at the University of Puerto Rico and later as a research scientists with the U.S. Forest Service's International Institute of Tropical Forestry (IITF), his work included studies on bioenergy, silviculture, ecology of planted forests, restoration ecology, tropical forest ecology and traditional uses of non-timber forest products, specifically medicinal plants. This research was conducted mainly in Puerto Rico, Brazil, and India, supported by the Forest Service and a number of competitive grants from various sources.

John served as team leader for forest management research at IITF from 1996-1999, and as acting assistant director for research from 1999-2000. From 1995-96 he coordinated an influential World Bank-funded study on the influence of planted forests on biodiversity restoration with an international team of scientists and study sites in Brazil, Congo, Malawi, South Africa and USA (Hawai'i). This early research established John as a leading scientist particularly in the field of forest restoration. His work, which includes over 150 publications, is highly cited, with over 7,600 (Google Scholar) citations, an H-factor of 36 and i10-index of 63.

At present, John serves as the National Research Program Leader for International Science Issues for the USDA Forest Service in Washington, DC, a position he has held since 2000. In this role, he works with a diversity of colleagues in various U.S. government agencies – particularly the Department of State and the Forest Service's International Programs office - providing scientific

advice and input for U.S. government policy positions in a number of international forest-policy related forums, including the Convention on Biological Diversity and the Intergovernmental Platform on Biodiversity and Ecosystem Services, among others. He also works to strengthen engagement of U.S. Forest Service scientists in international research in all fields of forest science, principally though not exclusively via IUFRO. His long experience in working at the science-policy interface at the international level has helped to develop his outstanding facility for collaboration and communication across disciplines with colleagues of diverse professional and cultural backgrounds within the scientific and policy communities.

John's position in the USDA Forest Service and his IUFRO activities are mutually supportive in a number of ways, given both organizations' missions to promote forest science excellence, to serve land managers and the broader group of stakeholders in applying the best available science to solve current and future challenges related to forest conservation and sustainable use, and to communicate effectively the best available knowledge regarding forests to better inform decision-makers and policy processes. In particular, his involvement over the past 17 years in IUFRO Task Forces and IUFRO-led Initiatives (specifically the Global Forest Expert Panels) has enhanced his contributions to both his own agency and IUFRO by creating opportunities for scientists from the U.S. and worldwide to engage in interdisciplinary dialogue and analysis on a variety of topics and forest-related issues of importance to society at large – including, among others, climate change adaptation and mitigation, food security, and traditional knowledge. His participation in these activities has not only strengthened his own skills in interdisciplinary and cross-sectoral work, but enhanced his ability to communicate the results of such work to policy-makers and other non-scientific audiences.

OPPORTUNITIES TO ADVANCE IUFRO'S MISSION

We believe that, if elected to serve as IUFRO President, John would work to enhance involvement of, support for, and communication with our member organizations, and offer greater opportunities for scientists in these organizations – and students - to become involved in IUFRO activities. He would place special emphasis on improving the regional, cultural and gender diversity among scientists engaged in IUFRO activities. He would be strongly supportive of IUFRO's interdisciplinary activities (within and between Divisions, through Task Forces and Special Projects and Programs). Related to this, he would seek to foster greater collaboration with other professional and scientific organizations, particularly those concerned with research on topics and issues that intersect forests and human well-being, such as agriculture, health, and water resources. He would also continue to build on the progress made over the past two decades to enhance IUFRO's visibility and contributions to international forest-related policy development (through the IUFRO-led Collaborative Partnership on Forests joint initiatives and other means).

CONCLUDING REMARKS

John's involvement in IUFRO and his facility for engaging with and leading IUFRO activities are in many ways a natural extension of his personal history and professional life. Born and raised in Massachusetts (USA) into a family whose roots extended to Italy, Quebec (and generations earlier to France), he has always had an interest in the rich diversity of world's cultures and the natural world with which they interact. His education, scientific research activities and professional work have included close engagement with institutions, colleagues and friends worldwide .

Throughout his career, he has demonstrated a strong commitment to IUFRO's mission to advance research excellence and knowledge sharing, and to foster the development of science-based solutions to forest-related challenges for the benefit of forests and people worldwide. He thrives in the IUFRO "atmosphere" of forest science collaboration with enthusiasm and respect for individual and cultural diversity, and has demonstrated his willingness to fulfil the various roles he has been honored to be given within IUFRO to the very best of his ability.

As nominators we would be happy to respond to any questions the Nomination Committee might have.

J Burley and R Seppala
6 November 2017

