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From:

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IUFRO Headquarters – Secretariat

To:

Heads, Directors and focal points of IUFRO Member Organizations
International Council Representatives 2019-2024

Subject:

MINUTES of IC Meeting in Stockholm 2024
NOMINATIONS for International Council (IC) representatives from IUFRO member countries
Deadline 31 October 2024

**Dear Representative of a IUFRO Member Organization:
Dear Member of the outgoing IUFRO International Council:**

In June 2024, the International Union of Forest Research Organizations (IUFRO) held its XXVI World Congress in Stockholm, Sweden. The Congress was a great success attracting a record number of almost 4,300 delegates including scientists, students, policy-makers, practitioners and stakeholders from more than 100 countries, making it the largest Congress in the 132-year history of IUFRO. Around 3,400 presentations including posters were delivered in more than 200 sessions throughout the Congress week. You can find more information about the Congress on the IUFRO website at <https://www.iufro.org/events/congresses/2024/> or www.iufro2024.com. The Stockholm Congress Statement can be found at: <https://www.iufro.org/fileadmin/material/events/iwc24/iwc24-Stockholm-Congress-Statement-en.pdf>

The International Council (IC), IUFRO's highest governing body, met for its meeting during the Congress on 27 June 2024, where it discussed a number of agenda items. I am pleased to send you the **draft minutes of the Stockholm IC meeting** (see link below) and hope that those of you who attended will find them to be a true reflection of these discussions.

With the closing ceremony of the Congress 2024, a new five-year term has begun. It is now your important task to select the members of the IUFRO International Council 2024-2029. The members of the International Council advise the President and the Board on major issues concerning IUFRO's policy and strategy, and also perform other tasks of major relevance for the further development of our network. Its members serve as "ambassadors" of IUFRO in their respective countries and hence play a key role in ensuring a strong and active participation of forest-related research organizations and scientists in IUFRO.

Consistent with the [IUFRO Statutes and Internal Regulations](#), the members of the International Council **are chosen by the Member Organizations of IUFRO in each country** where IUFRO has any member. To achieve this goal, it is essential that all Member Organizations in their respective country **agree on the nomination of one member and one alternate** to represent them on the International Council, the main representative and alternate representative preferably being from a different Member Organization.

With this letter, I therefore request the representatives of all IUFRO Member Organizations in each country to jointly elect a country representative and alternate to the International Council for the period 2024-2029. You are kindly requested to **make this nomination following a democratic and transparent process by consulting with all Member Organizations in your country** (see the list of members by countries below). We would ask that one Member Organization acting on behalf of all members in your country completes the enclosed nomination form by **31 October 2024** and submits it to IUFRO Headquarters (E-mail: purret@iufro.org or fax: +43-1-877 0151-50), with a copy to all Member Organizations in your country for their information.

To assist you in this selection process, we would like to share with you a list of IUFRO Member Organizations and the outgoing IC member and her/his alternate from your country for your convenience and information (see link below). If you have questions concerning this process, please contact the IUFRO Secretariat or the outgoing IC member of your country.

On a related note, we would kindly ask all the Member Organizations to check if the list of IUFRO Member Organizations includes updated information about your organization (name/Head/Director/location etc.). In case you spot an error, please send any updates to IUFRO HQ (schimpf@iufro.org).

I look very much forward to a fruitful collaboration with you during the 2024-2029 IUFRO term.

Best regards

Professor Daniela Kleinschmit
IUFRO President

Links to attachments

- [Letter by President](#)
- [Draft Minutes of the IC Meeting, Stockholm, Sweden; 27 June 2024](#)
- Nomination Forms: [English](#) - [Español](#) - [Français](#) - [Deutsch](#)
- [List of Member Organizations by countries](#)
- [List of outgoing main and alternate representatives to the IC](#)