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Letter in Deutsch

From: **Professor Niels Elers Koch, IUFRO President**
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To: **Directors of IUFRO Member Organizations**
International Council Representatives 2006-2010

Subject: **Circular letter requesting nominations for International Council (IC) representatives from IUFRO member countries**

Dear Representative of an IUFRO Member Organization,
Dear Member of the outgoing International Council,

In August 2010, the International Union of Forest Research Organizations (IUFRO) celebrated its XXIII World Congress in Seoul, Republic of Korea. The Congress was considered an extremely successful event with about 3,000 participants and close to 2,000 papers presented orally or in posters.

In its meetings during the Congress, the International Council (IC) agreed on IUFRO's new Strategy for 2010-2014, passed the Congress Resolution, voted for Salt Lake City, USA as the host of the next IUFRO World Congress and appointed the next Board, including a new President. I am very much honored to have been elected to this position. You can find more information from the Congress on the IUFRO website at <http://www.iufro.org/events/congresses/world-congress-2010/> or <http://www.iufro2010.com/index.asp>

Since the closing day of the Congress, we have been in a transitional phase, where we have to select the members of IUFRO's supreme body and legislative organ, the IUFRO International Council. According to the IUFRO Statutes the IUFRO President writes to the IUFRO Member Organizations in each country and asks them **to agree on the nomination of one member and one alternate** to represent that country on the International Council. The Statutes further provide that if no definite nomination is received, the country will not have representation on the International Council. In this case the President, who is also the Chair of the IC, for the purpose of passing information and seeking advice, may presume the representative of that country to be the head of the Member Organization having either longest affiliation with IUFRO or the largest number of research scientists.

I hereby would like to request the representatives of IUFRO Member Organizations in each country to elect their country representative and alternate to the International Council for 2010-2014. You are kindly requested to **make this nomination a democratic and transparent process among all Member Organizations in your country**. Please complete the enclosed **reply sheet by 15 November 2010** and send it to the IUFRO HQ (Email: office@iufro.org or fax: +43-1-877 0151-50).

For your convenience and further information, find attached to this letter the part of the Statutes concerning the duties of the IC as well as the election of IC representatives, a list of IUFRO members and the outgoing IC member and alternate from your country. In case of questions, please contact the IUFRO Secretariat or the outgoing IC member of your country.

I look forward to a fruitful collaboration with each of you during the next IUFRO period.

Best regards

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