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From:

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To:

Heads and Directors of IUFRO Member Organizations
International Council Representatives 2010-2014

Subject:

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

Dear Representative of a IUFRO Member Organization:

Dear Member of the IUFRO Out-Going International Council:

In October 2014, the International Union of Forest Research Organizations (IUFRO) held its XXIV World Congress in Salt Lake City, Utah, USA. The Congress was a very successful event with about 3,500 participants (including 1,200 professional North-American foresters) 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 2015-2019. It approved the Congress Declaration, voted for Curitiba, Brazil as the host of the next IUFRO World Congress and appointed the next Board, including a new President. I was most honored to be elected to this position and I look forward to leading IUFRO for the next five years. You can find more information about the Congress on the IUFRO website at <http://www.iufro.org> or <http://www.iufro2014.com>.

Subsequent to the closing day of the Congress, a new five-year term came into operation. An important matter is now to select the members of IUFRO's supreme body and legislative organ, the IUFRO International Council. The members of the International Council advise the President and the Board on major issues concerning IUFRO's policy and strategy. It also performs various other tasks of major relevance for the further development of our global network. Members of the International Council also 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, the members of the International Council are chosen by the Member Organizations of IUFRO in each country. To achieve this goal, the IUFRO President must approach all Member Organizations and request them **to agree on the nomination of one member and one alternate** to represent them on the International Council. The Statutes further provide that if no definite nomination is received, the Member Organizations of that country will not have representation on the International Council.

With this letter, I like to request the representatives of IUFRO Member Organizations in each country to elect their country representative and alternate to the International Council for the period 2014-2019. You are kindly requested to **make this nomination following a democratic and transparent process among all Member Organizations in your country**. Please complete the enclosed reply sheet by **30 January 2015** and send it to IUFRO Headquarters (Email: office@iufro.org or fax: +43-1-877 0151-50).

For your convenience and further information, please find attached to this letter the minutes of the International Council meetings during the IUFRO World Congress in Salt Lake City, as

well as a list of IUFRO Member Organizations and the outgoing IC member and her/his alternate from your country. If you have questions concerning this process, could I request that you please contact the IUFRO Secretariat or the outgoing IC member of your country.

I look very much forward to a fruitful collaboration with each of you during the IUFRO period 2015-2019.

Best regards

Professor Dr. Mike Wingfield
IUFRO President

Links:

All information and related documents can also be found at:
<http://www.iufro.org/international-council-meetings/>