

**From:**

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**To:**

Heads and Directors of IUFRO Member Organizations  
International Council Representatives 2015-2019

**Subject:**

MINUTES of IC Meeting in Curitiba 2019  
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 2019, the International Union of Forest Research Organizations (IUFRO) held its XXV World Congress in Curitiba, Brazil. The Congress was a very successful event with about 2,500 participants and more than 2,000 papers presented orally or in posters. You can find more information about the Congress on the IUFRO website at <https://www.iufro.org> or <http://www.iufro2019.com>.

The International Council (IC) met for its traditional meeting during the Congress where it discussed a number of agenda items. I am pleased to send you attached the **minutes of the Curitiba IC meeting** and hope that you will accept them as a true reflection of these discussions.

With the closing ceremonies of the Congress, a new five-year term has begun. It is now your important task 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, 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 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 therefore request the representatives of IUFRO Member Organizations in each country to elect their country representative and alternate to the International Council for the period 2019-2024. 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 2020** and send it to IUFRO Headquarters (Email: [prueller@iufro.org](mailto:prueller@iufro.org) or fax: +43-1-877 0151-50), and copy it also to all Member Organizations in your country for information.

In addition to the IC minutes, you will find attached to this letter a list of IUFRO Member Organizations and the outgoing IC member and her/his alternate from your country for your convenience and information. 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 2019-2024.

Best regards

Dr. John Parrotta  
*IUFRO President*

### **Links**

All information and related documents can also be found at:  
<https://www.iufro.org/circular-international-council-191205/>