

**INTERNATIONAL COUNCIL MEETINGS
XXIV IUFRO WORLD CONGRESS
7 and 10 October 2014, Salt Lake City, Utah, USA**



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MINUTES OF THE MEETINGS

The meetings of the IUFRO International Council (IC) took place on 7 and 10 October 2014 at the Hilton Salt Lake City Centre, Salt Lake City, Utah, USA, on the occasion of the XXIV IUFRO World Congress. The Chair of the IC, IUFRO President Niels Elers Koch, presided over the meetings.

A list of participants of both IC meetings can be found in Annex 1.

PART I: TUESDAY, 7 OCTOBER 2014

1. Opening; determination of quorum

Niels Elers Koch, President of IUFRO and Chair of the IC, welcomed the members of the IC and opened the first part of the meeting. He communicated that the 2nd meeting of the IC would be held on Friday, 10 October 2014.

Niels Elers Koch brought to the attention of the IC the fact that, at the time of the IC meeting, IUFRO had members in 122 countries. Thus, 31 country representatives were needed to achieve a quorum of more than a quarter of the members of the IC, as required by the IUFRO Statutes. The IC representatives had had the opportunity to give a proxy vote mandating the IUFRO President to vote on their behalf. With 41 voting members present at the first meeting and 6 proxy votes that had been submitted to the President and the Secretariat in advance of the IC meeting, the quorum was achieved.

2. Approval of agenda

Niels Elers Koch informed the delegates that items 1 to 7 of the draft agenda^{1,2} would be considered during the first meeting and items 8 to 15 would be discussed in the second meeting on 10 October 2014. Agenda item 8 would allow resuming discussion on items that could be carried over from the first meeting, e.g. draft of the Congress Resolution or IUFRO Strategy 2010-2014 if the need should arise. He then proposed the following motion:

MOTION 1:

To approve the draft agenda of the IUFRO International Council Meetings held during the XXIV IUFRO World Congress.

The motion was carried unanimously.

¹ See document "Draft Agenda – IC agenda item 2.1" – posted on the Internet

² See document "Annotated draft agenda – IC agenda item 2.2" – posted on the Internet

3. Minutes of last IC meetings

Alexander Buck, Executive Director of IUFRO, communicated to the delegates that there were no actions pending from the Minutes³ of the Seoul IC Meetings in 2010. The following motion was then proposed by the Chair:

MOTION 2:

To approve the Minutes of the last IC Meetings held on 24 and 27 August 2010 during the XXIII IUFRO World Congress in Seoul, Republic of Korea.

The motion was carried unanimously.

4. Reports of IUFRO President, Vice-Presidents and Executive Director

Report of the President

Niels Elers Koch pointed out that the written report⁴ prepared for the IC meeting should be considered as a collective report of the IUFRO Senior Officers (President, Vice-Presidents, and Executive Director) that summarized the main strategic activities and achievements of IUFRO since the XXIII World Congress and International Council meetings in August 2010. Major developments and achievements regarding the Divisions and Task Forces were described in more detail in the reports by the Vice-Presidents to the International Council. Key operational activities by IUFRO Headquarters were dealt with in the Executive Director's report. He then highlighted the main developments in IUFRO during the Board period 2010-2014 in relation to each of the three goals of the IUFRO Strategy 2010-2014 "*Reading the pulse of forest science for the benefit of forests and people*". He noted that significant progress had been made in this period in further promoting active and more interdisciplinary cooperation in the network, in enhancing scientific activities across multiple levels at two very successful Regional Congresses (Nairobi, Kenya, 25-30 June 2012; and San José, Costa Rica, 12-15 June 2013), in expanding strategic partnerships and cooperation, and in improving communication and links with the scientific community, students, policy makers and society at large. More particularly, Niels Elers Koch emphasised IUFRO's collaboration with the International Forestry Students' Association (IFSA) and the creation of a joint IFSA/IUFRO position at IUFRO Headquarters, and IUFRO's ambition to address forestry education more prominently in the future.

The IC took note of the report of the President. The IC was also informed that in the past period, IUFRO had considerably increased its communication activities in scope and intensity. In addition to traditional media tools, IUFRO had focused on the growing importance of social media and used a blog, Twitter and Facebook to distribute information relating to networking activities and outputs.

Report of the Vice-President for Divisions

In addition to his written report⁵, Mike Wingfield outlined major activities in the current Board period, which were illustrated by an exceptionally high number of 97 IUFRO sponsored

³ See document "Minutes of the 2010 IC meetings – IC agenda item 3.1" – posted on the Internet

⁴ See document "Report of the President – IC agenda item 4.1" – posted on the Internet

⁵ See document "Report of the Vice-President for Divisions – IC agenda item 4.2" – posted on the Internet

meetings in 2012, for example. He explained that the main challenges had been the accommodation of the split of Division 6 in a new Division 6 focussing on “Social aspects of forests and forestry” and a new Division 9 on “Forest Policy and Economics”. Mike Wingfield emphasised that the 9 IUFRO Divisions divided into 260 Units were the “engine room” of IUFRO activities. He communicated that at the end of a Board term, they were currently in the critical process of finding and appointing new officeholders for the next period while ensuring adequate geographical spread and gender balance. Mike Wingfield reported about the important success realised by the past IUFRO Regional Congresses, in Nairobi, Kenya, in June 2012 and in San José, Costa Rica, in June 2013. Both events had gathered between 300 to 400 scientists and had highlighted issues of regional importance and capacities for networking in IUFRO.

The IC took note of the report of the Vice-President for Divisions.

Report of the Vice-President for Task Forces

From her written report⁶, Su See Lee highlighted the activities of a total of 9 Task Forces (Forests and Human Health, Forests for People, Forests and Climate Change, Forest Bio-energy, Biodiversity and Ecosystem Services, Forest and Water Interactions, Resources for the Future, Education in Forest Science, International Forest Governance) had been active during the current Board period. Given that the level of their activities had been variable, Su See Lee strongly emphasised that the key element in the success of any Task Force was the Task Force Coordinator and his/her willingness and ability to devote the necessary time, energy and resources to running that Task Force effectively. Following a recommendation by the IUFRO Management Committee (MC) and a decision by the IUFRO Board, the mandate of all Task Forces would end at the time of the IUFRO World Congress, as stated in their respective Terms of Reference. Su See Lee informed the IC of the related discussions by the Board and recommendation to issue an open call for new Task Forces. In this context, it had been agreed to consider the following non exhaustive set of “principles” as a basis for the establishment of Task Forces in the new term:

- Contribution to implementation of the IUFRO Strategy 2015-2019;
- Potential to strengthen cross-divisional interaction on specific topics which relate to Strategy emphasis areas;
- Engagement of Divisions by specifically involving Research Groups and/or Working Parties;
- Clear timelines and clear deliverables;
- Specific contribution to broader policy processes or interdisciplinary science-policy initiatives, e.g. Future Earth (an ICSU interdisciplinary initiative to develop knowledge for responding effectively to the risks and opportunities of global environmental change and for supporting transformation towards global sustainability), Intergovernmental Platform for Biodiversity and Ecosystem Services (IPBES);
- Geographical and gender balance;
- Development of proposals jointly with relevant Divisions.

⁶ See document “Report of the Vice-President Task Forces, Projects and Programmes and Initiatives – IC agenda item 4.3” – posted on the Internet

Su See Lee explained that this list of principles would require further refinement. Furthermore, in order to encourage activities across the full spectrum of IUFRO's disciplinary expertise, shorter-term, more tightly focussed Task Forces could be envisaged, depending on the deliverables and tangibles outputs. The open call would be issued according to the above mentioned principles ideally by the end of November 2014. Su See Lee informed the IC about the proposal by the Board to set a deadline for the submission of proposals by mid January 2015, and then to have all proposals be reviewed by the Vice-President for Task Forces in consultation with other members of the MC and the Coordinators of IUFRO Divisions relevant to each proposal. Newly identified Task Force Coordinators could then attend and participate in the April 2015 Board meeting.

The IC took note of the report of the Vice-President for Task Forces. No questions arose from the reports of the Vice-Presidents.

Report of the Executive Director

Alexander Buck provided complementary information⁷ to the reports of the IUFRO President and the IUFRO Vice-Presidents. He informed the IC that IUFRO Headquarters responsible for conducting the business affairs of IUFRO and facilitating the communication within the network and with stakeholders and the public, had moved to a new location in central Vienna February 2013 (new address: Marxergasse 2, 1030 Vienna, Austria). In addition to eight permanent staff and two secondments from member organizations, a new joint IFSA-IUFRO position of a junior professional officer had been created at IUFRO HQ in October 2013. The purpose of this new position was to support both organizations in their operations and to advance collaborative activities between IUFRO and the International Forestry Students Association (IFSA).

Alexander Buck informed the IC about the developments in IUFRO membership over the past four years. He communicated that at the time of the IC Meeting IUFRO had 638 members. The figures showed a stable situation for the Member Organizations and a significant increase in Associate Members, i.e. individual members, which had already been observed in the previous Board term. The distribution of IUFRO members according to regions still reflected the historic development of IUFRO which continued to be strongest in Europe and North America. Nevertheless, during the past four years some progress had been made in expanding membership in Africa, Asia and Latin America. IUFRO members can now be found in 122 countries, the largest number in the history of IUFRO. Alexander Buck emphasised that while forest-focused research and educational institutions continued to be the core of IUFRO's membership, an increasing number of institutions and individuals from forest-related disciplines had joined IUFRO in the past years. It was pertinent from a survey among member organisations that the names of the institutions reflected an expanded scope beyond forest research towards broader research priorities or a shift from applied science to general science. This development emphasised the continued need to increase cooperation of IUFRO with related disciplines and to widen its member base and pool of officeholders in order to maintain and possibly increase its membership in the longer term.

⁷ See document "Report of the Executive Director incl. Finance Report – IC agenda item 4.4" – posted on the Internet

Alexander Buck emphasised that meetings and conferences were the main mechanism, “the pulse” for science collaboration in IUFRO. He referred to the successful regional Congresses in Africa and Latin America that had already been discussed in detail by Mike Wingfield. Furthermore, he updated the IC on the IUFRO Special Programmes, Projects and IUFRO-led Initiatives, and briefly outlined their activities and importance for IUFRO. The IUFRO Special Programme for Development of Capacities (IUFRO-SPDC) had further developed its portfolio of activities and was particularly successful in expanding its thematic networking activities through new projects with several IUFRO member institutions and donors. The Special Project “World Forests, Society and Environment” under its new Coordinator Pia Katila, Finland, had continued to play a significant role in conceptually framing and informing policy debates. The Global Forest Expert Panels (GFEP), the “IPCC of forestry”, were getting increased attention by international policy processes and were currently carrying out the fourth assessment on the topic of forests and food security. The Global Forest Information Service (GFIS) continued to provide enhanced sharing of information to approximately 40,000 to 50,000 visitors per year via its gateway and new interface.

Alexander Buck also informed the IC that IUFRO HQ had strongly expanded its internal and external communication activities. In addition to traditional information tools and publications, new products had been developed and social media with IUFRO’s own blog, Twitter and Facebook accounts, gained in importance and successfully reached out to new target groups. Alexander Buck informed the IC that IUFRO HQ had initiated a relaunch of the IUFRO website with the aim to both improve certain functionalities and to modernize the design of the website.

Alexander Buck outlined the financial situation of the IUFRO HQ, the IUFRO Special Programmes and Projects, and developments relating to donor support. He stated that the financial situation of IUFRO had been solid in the period 2010 to 2014. IUFRO was very grateful to a core group of four donors, the Government of Austria, Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Finland (MFA), United States Forest Service (USFS) and the Korea Forest Research Institute (KFRI) for collaboration of mutual benefit with stable levels of funding. Membership fees, which accounted for roughly 15 per cent of IUFRO’s annual income, showed a declining tendency. Other funding had been obtained from a diverse set of donors, but these funds were project-specific, consisted of smaller amounts, and required considerable input in terms of human resources for project acquisition, implementation, monitoring and reporting. In many cases, income obtained through such smaller projects was not sufficient to cover all related overhead costs. Therefore, in order to reduce risks associated with a rather limited number of key donors and to increase IUFRO’s financial base, there was a need to acquire additional more long-term donor partnerships mainly for IUFRO’s core networking operations and projects.

The IC took note of the report of the Executive Director. In the discussion, the IC expressed satisfaction with the improved communication both within and outside IUFRO, including the communication with the IC during the past four years. Furthermore, the IC welcomed IUFRO’s increased visibility at the global level, especially at the science-policy interface. In this context, specific reference was made to the work within the CPF and the report on Forests and Food Security currently prepared in the framework of the CPF Global Forest Expert Panels, led by IUFRO.

5. Future Policy and Orientation of IUFRO

IUFRO Strategy 2015-2019

Niels Elers Koch informed the IC about the draft IUFRO 2015-2019 Strategy⁸ “Interconnecting forests, science and people”. He communicated that the Strategy was the result of a collaborative process of evaluating past achievements and determining the future orientation of IUFRO. The basis had been set with three interrelated preparatory activities: (i) a review of progress made in implementing the previous IUFRO Strategy 2010-2014, (ii) an online survey carried out among the heads of IUFRO member organizations and officeholders, and (iii) the recommendations of an independent Review Panel. The new Strategy 2015-2019 had been developed by the MC in cooperation with special drafting teams for the five thematic areas and an overarching chapeau, and with IUFRO HQ for the institutional goals. The draft had been shared among the writing teams, the members of the Board and the International Council before it had been reviewed by a professional editor.

In the subsequent discussion, IC members made comments on the overall time frame of the strategy document and potential extension. IC Members also expressed views on splitting up theme 4 into biodiversity and genetic resources, and into ecosystem services and biological invaders respectively. However, it was noted that the writing teams had drafted the themes with great care and that major changes would require revisiting the text with the writing teams and subsequent approval by the Board. Other comments by the IC referred to the importance of adding text on energy products, e.g. bio-based economy or biofuels; the IC agreed to replace the term “forest education” by “forest and forestry education” to allow for including options like vocational training.

In concluding the discussion, Niels Elers Koch pointed out the possibility for the IC delegates to provide additional comments on the draft strategy in writing. He informed the IC that the draft strategy would be revised on basis of the comments by the IC. The revised version of the Strategy 2015-2019 would be made available by the Secretariat on Friday, 10 October, at the second IC session. The final Strategy would then be presented to the IUFRO Board for adoption at a joint meeting of the outgoing and incoming Board on Saturday, 11 October 2014.

6. Venue of IUFRO World Congress 2019

Niels Elers Koch informed the IC that following a thorough evaluation against a set of criteria, the MC had short-listed three out of eight bids received to host the IUFRO World Congress 2019. As required by the bidding rules, representatives of IUFRO HQ had carried out site visits on behalf of the MC to all three short-listed bidding countries (in alphabetical order): Curitiba, Brazil; Freiburg, Tri-nation bid; and Stockholm, Sweden, and had prepared a detailed written report for the Board. All three bidders had also provided a unilaterally signed agreement. At the 52nd Board meeting in San José, Costa Rica, all three short-listed bidders were invited to present their respective bids in a maximum of 25 minutes. The presentations were followed by a discussion, considering all criteria set out in the Bidding Rules. Niels

Elers Koch stated that the Board had acknowledged the high quality of all three short-listed bids and noted that all proposed host cities and venues would fulfil the requirements stated in the Bidding Rules. Following the discussion, the voting Board members had cast their votes and recommended Curitiba, Brazil, as host of the IUFRO World Congress 2019.

The IC shared the view that those countries/regions/continents, where no IUFRO World Congress had taken place before, should be given priority as venues for meetings.

The IC unanimously decided that it was not needed to proceed to a secret vote. The Chair explained that each country had one vote. After the representative of Brazil had left the room, Niels Elers Koch proposed the following motion:

MOTION 3:

To invite Curitiba, Brazil, to host the IUFRO World Congress 2019.

The motion was carried unanimously.

On behalf of the Brazilian Forest Service and Embrapa, the representative of Brazil, Yeda Maria Malheiros Oliveira thanked the IC for being given the opportunity to organize the first ever IUFRO World Congress in a Latin American country. Yeda Maria Malheiros de Oliveira announced that a promotion booth would be set up in the exhibition area of the 2014 IUFRO World Congress at the Salt Palace Convention Centre in Salt Lake City.

7. Congress Resolution

Niels Elers Koch stated that the Salt Lake City 2014 Congress Resolution⁹ had been drafted by a writing team headed by the Chair of the Congress Scientific Committee John Parrotta on behalf of the MC. The draft resolution had been formulated with a focus on the scientific content of the IUFFRO World Congress and with the intention to demonstrate the relevance of IUFRO and the Congress in addressing global issues and send key scientific messages to the FAO World Congress 2015 in Durban, South Africa. Niels Elers Koch highlighted that the Board had thoroughly discussed the resolution and provided suggestions for improvement. The resulting document had been reduced to one page only, and it was suggested that it be referred to as the “2014 Salt Lake City Declaration”.

In a subsequent discussion, the IC welcomed the overall format and the messages conveyed by the Resolution. The following specific editorial comments were provided:

- Add “1,200 professional foresters” (instead of “forest managers”) to the participants
- Correct denomination of FAO World Forestry Congress 2015
- Change “wood products” to “forest-based products”
- Consider including an explicit mention of youth
- Avoid repetition of the expression forest and trees in two subsequent sentences in the first para

⁸ See document “Draft IUFRO Strategy 2015-2019 – IC agenda item 5.1” – posted on the Internet

⁹ See document “Draft Congress Resolution – IC agenda item 7.1” – distributed at the meeting

- Change para 3, 2nd line to ...”integrative solutions” and in last para, add: ... “and dissemination of research findings”
- Delete “increasingly” ... and in the fourth paragraph delete the last sentence, and end with: ... shall do its utmost to meet this goal.”

Furthermore, it was agreed that reference be made to sustainability by entitling the Congress Declaration: “Sustaining forests, sustaining people: the Salt Lake City Declaration”

Niels Elers Koch explained that IUFRO HQ would incorporate the suggested changes. Following approval by the IC, the Congress Resolution would finally be presented to the Congress participants during the Closing Ceremony. He then proposed the following motion:

MOTION 4:

To approve the 2014 IUFRO World Congress Declaration with the improvements suggested by the IC at the discussion during the meeting.

The motion was carried unanimously.

PART II: FRIDAY, 10 OCTOBER 2014

Niels Elers Koch welcomed the IC delegates and opened the second part of the IC meeting. He stated that 40 IC representatives were present at the meeting. With 7 proxy votes submitted before the meeting, the quorum was again achieved.

8. Pending issues from the first meeting of the IC

There were no issues pending from the first meeting of the IC.

9. Changes of Statutes

Niels Elers Koch informed the IC of two proposed changes¹⁰ to the IUFRO Statutes, and the rationale for the changes. In the IC discussion, the representative of Malaysia proposed additional amendments to the IUFRO Statutes. In further reply, N. Elers Koch explained that it was planned to establish a new Committee during the upcoming Board term with the task to revise the IUFRO Statutes and Internal Regulations. The suggestions by the representative of Malaysia would then be taken care of and dealt with accordingly. The Chair then proposed the following motion:

MOTION 5:

To approve the changes in the IUFRO Statutes as outlined in the background document and presented at the meeting.

The motion was carried unanimously.

¹⁰ See document “Proposed changes to the IUFRO Statutes – IC agenda 9.1” – posted on the Internet

10. Presentation of ICSU

Niels Elers Koch informed the IC that the Executive Director of the International Council for Science (ICSU) had expressed interest in giving a presentation to the IC in order to keep the IC up to date with projects being undertaken and address issues of common interest to IUFRO and ICSU. However, a new Executive Director had been elected at the September General Assembly, who sent his regrets but was unable to participate at the Salt Lake City IC meetings.

Michael Kleine, IUFRO Deputy Executive Director and focal person for ICSU at IUFRO HQ informed the IC that ICSU was an international scientific network, uniting 32 Scientific Union Members and 121 National Scientific Members covering 141 countries. ICSU had three Regional Offices (Africa, Asia and the Pacific and Latin America and the Caribbean) and 17 Interdisciplinary Bodies, established with various strategic partners, which address major issues of relevance to both science and society. Michael Kleine pointed out Future Earth as a new initiative of particular interest to IUFRO. Future Earth is a new 10-year international research initiative that will develop the knowledge for responding effectively to the risks and opportunities of global environmental change and for supporting transformation towards global sustainability in the coming decades.

Michael Kleine also informed the IC about the regionalization of ICSU and its new offices. Joe Cobbinah, observer from Ghana, had been a member of the team reviewing the ICSU Regional Offices (RO). In his statement, Joe Cobbinah pointed out that the review had reaffirmed the need for a RO in Africa, which was currently hosted at the National Research Foundation (NRF), Pretoria, South Africa. The review particularly emphasised the following aspects:

- Increase visibility of RO
- Assess the impact of RO
- Forge stronger links with scientific institutions in Africa
- Align activities with RO in Africa better with global ICSU strategic plan
- Exploit synergies with host organisations in South Africa.

Joe Cobbinah also stated that it had been a challenge for RO to embrace forestry issues, and therefore, it was important for African institutions to actively engage in the work of ICSU RO. Joe Cobbinah's comment was echoed in the following discussion by the IC which reconfirmed the need of including forest issues more prominently in the work of ICSU and especially in its Regional Offices.

11. Election of Chair, Vice-Chairs of the IC (i.e. IUFRO President and Vice-Presidents) and members of the IUFRO Board

Niels Elers Koch reminded the IC that, according to the IUFRO Statutes, the Chair, Vice-Chairs of the IC, i.e. IUFRO President and Vice-Presidents, and members of the IUFRO Board were elected by the IC. He stated that a Nominating Committee had been established, chaired by Immediate Past IUFRO President Don Koo Lee, who sought diligently among

IUFRO Officeholders and Member Organizations to identify capable, willing, motivated and supported individuals. The Committee's proposals had subsequently been discussed in several meetings and by correspondence by the MC and the full voting Board which had supported the nominations¹¹. The Board had sought to obtain balance in scientific expertise, geographic representation and gender. The need for commitment by the individual candidate and support from his/her employer had been a prerequisite for all nominations.

In the discussion by the IC, the importance of aiming at better geographical and gender balance among IUFRO officeholders was underlined and that related efforts would have to be made at all levels of IUFRO. Furthermore, recognizing the need to involve and mentor young people, the IC welcomed the close collaboration with the International Forestry Students' Association (IFSA). Views were also exchanged about whether or not the forest area/significance of the forest sector of a given country should be considered when evaluating nominations for senior positions in IUFRO. It was stressed, however, that personal commitment and leadership capabilities, and support by the respective employer were of primary importance for ensuring continuity and a high level of activity and excellence in IUFRO.

Niels Elers Koch presented the nominations of the Board for the Chair and Vice-Chairs of the IC as well as for the Board Members 2010-2014. Upon invitation by the IC, Mike Wingfield, candidate for IUFRO President, addressed the IC. He stated that he was grateful to the Board that had recommended to the IC that he serves as the next IUFRO President. He emphasised the fact that he had the support of his employer and he had also approached the country of South Africa to support some of the costs of his potential Presidency. Mike Wingfield emphasised four aspects of his candidature: his passion for IUFRO; his African background – he would be the first President from the African continent; his ambition to further promote research in IUFRO; and his long-term record of mentoring young scientists in their career and into IUFRO offices.

The IC then decided in favour of a secret voting procedure with regard to all senior offices in IUFRO. IUFRO HQ had prepared the voting slips. Mike Wingfield left the room. Following the recommendation of the IUFRO Board, Niels Elers Koch presented the following motion:

MOTION 6:

To elect Prof. Dr. Mike Wingfield President of IUFRO for the period 2014-2019.

The motion was carried by a majority of 45 votes in favour and 2 abstentions.

Votes during the IC meeting: 40

Yes: 39

No: -

Abstentions: 1

Proxies: 7

Yes: 6

No: -

Abstentions: 1

Total number of votes: 47

Yes: 45

No: -

Abstentions: 2

The counting of the votes was witnessed by the representative of Denmark.

¹¹ See document "Nominations 2014-2019 – IC agenda item 11.1" – posted on the Internet

Mike Wingfield thanked the IC for their confidence and accepted with pleasure the vote in favour of his IUFRO Presidency.

Alexander Buck, IUFRO Executive Director, informed the IC of the following with regard to the candidature of John Parrotta for IUFRO Vice-President: In March 2013, the nationwide United States Office of Government Ethics (OGE) had issued a new regulation permitting U.S. Government employees to serve in an official capacity as board members of non-profit organizations such as IUFRO. Under the OGE's new guidance, "non-profit organizations" refers to those organizations that receive tax-exempt status under the Internal Revenue Code. Therefore, IUFRO had filed in August 2013 an "application for exemption from Federal income tax under sub-section 501c(3) of the Internal Revenue Code" in order to give proof of its non-political status. Since then, the IRS had approached IUFRO with two requests for additional information, one in July and another one in September 2014. The IUFRO Secretariat had worked with a specialized law firm in Washington DC in preparing its responses to these information requests. At the time of the IUFRO World Congress, the IRS agent dealing with IUFRO's application had completed his review and forwarded it to his supervisor for final determination. Based on the information provided by the Washington law firm, the IRS intended to close as many open cases as they can before the close of the IRS fiscal year. Once the tax exemption has been formally approved, the only remaining step would be a letter of agreement to be signed by John Parrotta and the US Forest Service supervisor, describing his specific duties in IUFRO including any limitations required by the Forest Service, a time commitment and costs understanding, and a statement of compliance with Ethics rules.

Following the recommendation by the IUFRO Board, Niels Elers Koch presented the following motion:

MOTION 7:

To elect Dr. John Parrotta Vice-President for Task Forces for the period 2014-2019.

The motion was carried with 42 votes in favour, 1 vote against and 3 abstentions.

Votes during the IC meeting: 39	Proxies: 7	Total number of votes: 46
Yes: 36	Yes: 6	Yes: 42
No: 1	No: -	No: 1
Abstentions: 2	Abstentions: 1	Abstentions: 3

The counting of the votes was witnessed by the representative of Sweden.

Following a recommendation by the IUFRO Board, and after Björn Hånell had left the room, the Chair presented the following motion.

MOTION 8:

To elect Prof. Dr. Björn Hånell Vice-President for Divisions for the period 2014-2019.

The motion was carried with 42 votes in favour, 2 votes against and 2 abstentions.

Votes during the IC meeting: 39	Proxies: 7	Total number of votes: 46
Yes: 36	Yes: 6	Yes: 42
No: 2	No: -	No: 2
Abstentions: 1	Abstentions: 1	Abstentions: 2

The counting of the votes was witnessed by the representative of Ireland.

The nominees accepted the election with thanks.

After the representative of France had left the room, Niels Elers Koch then presented the following motion regarding the set of incoming Coordinators for Divisions 1 to 9.

MOTION 9:

To elect the following nominees Division Coordinators for the period 2014-2019:

Division 1	Jens Peter Skovsgaard	Sweden
Division 2	Yousry El-Kassaby	Canada
Division 3	Woodam Chung	USA
Division 4	Jean-Luc Peyron	France
Division 5	Pekka Saranpää	Finland
Division 6	Tuija Sievänen	Finland
Division 7	Eckehard Brockerhoff	New Zealand
Division 8	Jean-Michel Carnus	France
Division 9	Daniela Kleinschmit	Germany

The motion was carried by 40 votes in favour, 2 votes against and 4 abstentions.

Votes during the IC meeting: 39	Proxies: 7	Total number of votes: 46
Yes: 33	Yes: 7	Yes: 40
No: 2	No: -	No: 2
Abstentions: 4	Abstentions: -	Abstentions: 4

The counting of the votes was witnessed by the representative of South Africa.

It was pointed out that the maximum office period for Division Coordinators was two terms.

Three candidates for President's Nominee, Shirong Liu, Ben Chikamai, and Jung-Hwan Park left the room. Following the recommendation by the IUFRO Board, Niels Elers Koch presented the following motion:

MOTION 10:

To elect the following nominees President's Nominees for the period 2014-2019:

Shirong Liu	China
John Innes	Canada
Ben Chikamai	Kenya
Jung-Hwan Park	Republic of Korea
Manuel Guariguata	Venezuela

The motion was carried by 40 votes in favour, and 4 abstentions.

Votes during the IC meeting: 37	Proxies: 7	Total number of votes: 44
Yes: 33	Yes: 7	Yes: 40
No: -	No: -	No: -
Abstentions: 4	Abstentions: -	Abstentions: 4

The counting of the votes was witnessed by the representative of the United States.

The elected positions were accepted with thanks by all the nominees.

12. Honours and Awards: Honorary Membership

Niels Elers Koch informed the IC that there was one nominee for Honorary Membership which is IUFRO's highest award. The nomination¹² of Don Koo Lee, former IUFRO President had been recommended by the IUFRO Honours and Awards Committee and approved by the Board. Don Koo Lee left the room, before the Chair proposed the following motion:

MOTION 11:

To approve the nomination of Prof. Dr. Don Koo Lee as Honorary Member of IUFRO.

To motion was carried with 45 votes in favour, 1 vote against and 1 abstention.

Votes during the IC meeting: 40	Proxies: 7	Total number of votes: 47
Yes: 39	Yes: 6	Yes: 45
No: -	No: 1	No: 1
Abstentions: 1	Abstentions: -	Abstentions: 1

The counting of the votes was witnessed by the representative of Austria.

Don Koo Lee expressed his personal thanks for the honour of being elected Honorary Member of IUFRO and confirmed that he would remain involved in IUFRO activities and continue to promote IUFRO.

13. Towards a more active involvement of IC members in IUFRO

Niels Elers Koch stated that, according to the IUFRO Statutes, the IC was responsible, among other things, for advising the President and the Board on major issues concerning IUFRO's policy and strategy. This is on the basis of timely information received from the Board. The IC members were also responsible for making recommendations to their respective governments and national or international organizations on any business relevant to the aims of the Union. However, interactions between the President, Board, Management Committee and HQ with IC representatives during the inter-Congress periods have remained limited. Against this background, the IC discussed ways of ensuring improved communication between member organizations and country representatives of the IC, the Board and IUFRO officeholders. Alexander Buck stated that IUFRO HQ was regularly calling upon Member Organizations to nominate focal points to facilitate communication with IUFRO

¹² See document "Citation of a nominee for Honorary Membership – IC agenda item 12.1" – posted on the Internet

HQ and the Board.

Niels Elers Koch recalled the IC members of the process of nominating their representation to the IC for the period 2014-2019. He reaffirmed that the invitation which would be sent by the President calling for nominations of the representative and alternate representative to the IC, would include a list of all Member Organizations in the respective country. The task would be to elect among all member organizations in a transparent and democratic process one representative and an alternate. This list of Member Organizations could also be used as a basis for reaching out to new member Organizations in the respective country.

14. Proposals from Member Organizations

According to the Statutes, every IUFRO member has the right to submit proposals to the International Council. Proposals should be transmitted in advance to the President of the Union who will provide for their inclusion in the agenda of the IC meeting. No proposals were submitted and the item was not discussed.

15. Any other business

No other items were raised.

16. Closure of the meeting

Niels Elers Koch thanked the IC members for their participation and contributions in the discussion. He then closed the meeting.

ANNEX 1: PARTICIPATION IC REPRESENTATIVES**Part I: Tuesday, 7 October 2014**

Number	COUNTRY	NAME
1	AUSTRALIA	Tony Bartlett
2	AUSTRIA	Hubert Hasenauer
3	BOSNIA HERZEGOVINA	Mersudin Avdibegovic
4	BRAZIL	Yeda Maria Malheiros de Oliveira
5	BULGARIA	Alexandrov Alexander H.
6	CANADA	Leclerc Jacinthe
7	CHINA	Shirong Liu
8	COLOMBIA	Victor Manuel Nieto Rodriguez
9	CUBA	Humberto García Corrales
10	CZECH REPUBLIC	Ludek Sisák
11	DENMARK	Cecil Konijnendijk van den Bosch
12	ESTONIA	Hardi Tullus
13	FINLAND	Leena Paavilainen
14	FRANCE	Plinio Sist
15	GERMANY	Michael Köhl
16	GHANA	Ernest Gordon Foli
17	GREECE	Yannis Raftoyannis
18	INDONESIA	Ellyn K. Damayanti
19	IRELAND	Nieuwenhuis Maarten
20	ITALY	Giuseppe Scarascia Mugnozza
21	JAPAN	Isamu Okochi
22	KENYA	Ben Chikamai
23	KOREA (Rep)	Jung-Hwan Park
24	MADAGASCAR	Bruno Salomon Ramamonjisoa
25	MALAYSIA	Salleh Mohd Nor
26	MONGOLIA	Jamsan Tsogtbaatar
27	NEPAL	Dharam Raj Uprety
28	PHILIPPINES	Romulo T. Aggangan
29	POLAND	Piotr Paschalis-Jakubowicz
30	PORTUGAL	Nuno de Almeida Ribeiro
31	RUSSIA	Shalaev Valentin
32	SLOVAKIA	Sulek Rastislav
33	SOUTH AFRICA	Sally Upfold
34	SPAIN	Ismael Aranda
35	SWEDEN	Hånell Björn
36	SWITZERLAND	Rigling Andreas
37	TUNESIA	Abdelhamid Khaldi
38	TURKEY	Ferhad Gökbülak
39	UNITED KINGDOM	Peter Freer-Smith
40	UNITED STATES	James E. Johnson
41	URUGUAY	Zhora Bennadji

Part II: Friday, 10 October 2014

Number	COUNTRY	NAME
1	AUSTRALIA	Jerry Vanclay
2	AUSTRIA	Hubert Hasenauer
3	BRAZIL	Yeda Maria Malheiros de Oliveira
4	BULGARIA	Alexander H. Alexandrov
5	CANADA	Jacinthe Leclerc
6	CHILE	Santiago Barros
7	CHINA	Shirong Liu
8	COLOMBIA	Victor Manuel Nieto Rodriguez
9	CUBA	Humberto García Corrales
10	CZECH REPUBLIC	Ludek Sisák
11	DENMARK	Cecil Konijnendijk van den Bosch
12	ESTONIA	Hardi Tullus
13	FRANCE	Jean-Luc Peyron
14	GHANA	Ernest Gordon Foli
15	GERMANY	Michael Köhl
16	GREECE	Yannis Raftoyannis
17	INDONESIA	Dodik Ridho Nurrochmat
18	IRELAND	Maarten Nieuwenhuis
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29	PORTUGAL	Nuno de Almeida Ribeiro
30	ROMANIA	Nicolae-Ovidiu Badea
31	RUSSIA	Valentin Shalaev
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