

GUIDANCE FOR IUFRO OFFICEHOLDERS

PROMOTING THE “IUFRO SPIRIT”¹

IUFRO’s VISION: The Global Voice of Forest Science Promoting a Sustainable Future of Forests and Society

OUR MISSION: IUFRO advances research excellence and knowledge sharing, and fosters development of science-based solutions to forest-related challenges for the benefit of forests and people worldwide

IUFRO Officeholders play an indispensable role in advancing the vision and mission of IUFRO. Serving IUFRO on a voluntary basis, officeholders are expected to be familiar with and comply with IUFRO [Statutes and Internal Regulations](#) and are guided in their activities by IUFRO’s Core Values: Excellence, Networking, Diversity and Integrity.

Excellence: IUFRO promotes and delivers work of the highest quality and professional standards. It is precise in articulating scientific understanding including its uncertainties, and rigorous in ensuring that the communication reflects the best contemporary scientific findings.

Networking: IUFRO cultivates productive relationships in forest science and promotes the sharing of information and services among our members and scientists. It promotes access to science and its benefits for policy makers and the global society.

Diversity: IUFRO respects and embraces diversity in terms of gender, culture, ethnic or social origin and any other aspect of personal status and rejects discrimination in all its forms. It includes perspectives and approaches from all parts of the world.

Integrity: IUFRO adheres to the highest ethical standards of unbiased science, and thus promotes transparency and the empowerment and independence of thought and open participation. The actions of all those acting on its behalf must demonstrate the highest standards of personal integrity.

As IUFRO is a full member of the International Science Council, IUFRO officeholders are also guided in their service to IUFRO by the principles embodied in the Statutes and Rules of Procedure of ISC (2021), including the Principle of Freedom and Responsibility of Science. The Principle of Freedom and Responsibility of Science advocated by the ISC requires freedom of movement, association, expression and communication for scientists, as well as equitable access to data, information, and other resources for research. It requires responsibility at all levels to carry out and communicate scientific work with integrity, respect, fairness, trustworthiness, and transparency, recognizing its benefits and possible harms. Consistent with this Principle, IUFRO promotes equitable opportunities for access to science and its benefits, and opposes discrimination based on such factors as ethnic origin, religion, citizenship, language, political or other opinion, sex, gender identity, sexual orientation, disability or age.

¹ This document serves as a reminder to all officeholders and is part of the orientation package for new officeholders. It was presented by the IUFRO President at the hybrid 61st IUFRO Enlarged Board Meeting, held on 19-20 September 2022 in Vienna, Austria.