

EUROPEAN FOREST INSTITUTE

Dear Associate Members of EFI,

31 May 2017

With the EFI 2017 Annual Conference held in October in Oslo, Norway, I am contacting you as the Chair of the Board Appointment Committee (BAC).

The current BAC consists of the Chair of 2017 Conference and the Board members elected by the Conference. In addition to myself, the members of the BAC are Prof. Dr. Christine Farcy, Belgium, Dr. Natalia Lukina, Russian Federation, and Prof. Dr. Tomasz Zawiła-Niedźwiecki, Poland. According to the Rules of Procedure of the Conference (enclosed), the BAC oversees the procedures related to the election of the Board members by the Conference.

Since Dr. Lukas Giessen resigned from the Board in February 2017 there is now **one vacant seat in the Board of EFI** and the election of a new Board member will take place in the Conference in Oslo.

Please take this opportunity and **submit nominations for a new EFI Board member 2017-2020 to Director Marc Palahí**, email: <u>marc.palahi@efi.int</u>, **by 31 July 2017 at the latest**.

The nominations should take into account the current expertise, gender and geographic balance in the Board. In order to be eligible, the nomination must include the following documents, as described on page 8 of the enclosed Conference Rules of Procedure:

- A letter of interest and commitment signed by the Candidate
- A curriculum vitae (CV) of the Candidate of not more than one page
- Letters of support for the Candidate from at least two Associate Members

Thank you for your active participation in this important process. We look forward to meeting you at the Annual Conference in Oslo.

Yours sincerely,

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Prof. Dr. Daniela Kleinschmit Chair of the Board Appointment Committee

Cc: Affiliate Members of EFI Encl.

- Conference Rules of Procedure incl. Annex 1: Rules to the appointment of EFI Board Members
- Rota of the Board of EFI, May 2017