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Dear Prof. Duszyński,

Thank you for your letter! I am deeply concerned by the military aggression being carried out in Ukraine and the grave humanitarian crisis that it has generated. Therefore I am also in direct contact with the State Forest Resources Agency of Ukraine, looking at how EFI can be of help in these terrible circumstances. One option I will discuss with the EFI Board in April is to use the EFI Network Fund, which consists of the membership fees of our member organizations, for a specific project to engage and support Ukrainian scientists and experts.

Unfortunately, there are no possibilities to waive membership fees under the regulatory framework of EFI. Payment and other matters relating to the membership are regulated in the Conference rules of procedure. These rules are set by the Associate Members in the Conference and can only be changed by their decision.

Yours sincerely,



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