



Dear Associate Members of EFI,

27 March 2017

This is to inform you that Dr. Lukas Giessen, Germany, resigned from the Board of European Forest Institute on 21 February 2017. The reason for Dr. Giessen's resignation is that he was planning to apply for an open position at the EFI Bonn Office in Germany, and in order to avoid any conflict of interest he resigned from the Board prior to submitting an application.

Dr. Giessen asked me to forward, on his behalf, the following message to the Associate Members of EFI: "I regret this necessary step because I was enthusiastically looking forward to the Board's work. I wanted to contribute towards satisfying the expectations of those who actively supported my candidature, especially from Eastern European countries. I believe that I might even better contribute to those ends in a potential future position at EFI and thank the Member organisations for the confidence they have placed in me."

After the Council has elected three new Board members in Dublin on 26 April 2017, the Secretariat will launch shortly a call to the Associate Members to submit proposals for a new EFI Board member, to be elected in the Annual Conference in October 2017 in Oslo, Norway.

Last week you received more information from the EFI Secretariat about important steps taken in order to implement the EFI Strategy 2025. The Board is looking forward to discussing the implementation of the new strategy and the related changes in the Board meeting in Dublin in April 2017.

Yours sincerely,

Giuseppe Scarascia-Mugnozza
Chair of the Board

Cc: Affiliate Members of EFI