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IUFRO Eberswalde Circle

Dear Dr. Zawila-Niedzwiecki:

Perhaps you received a letter in January from Rich Guldin, IUFRO's Lead Donor, inviting you to participate in a challenge program — **the Eberswalde Circle** — to build IUFRO's Strategic Fund. Through the end of April, 9 donors have contributed €16,125 in response to the January letter. I'm thankful for this initial surge of support! But we need greater participation to achieve our goal, so now I am asking for your help.

The goal of the Eberswalde Circle is to secure 125 donations of €1,892. The goal commemorates IUFRO's creation 125 years ago in 1892 at a meeting of research institute directors in Eberswalde, Germany. The book prepared for IUFRO's 100th birthday chronicles discussions among German institute directors, whose vision was to create a broader network that included forest research institutes in other countries. This year, IUFRO again celebrates their success.

The IUFRO Strategic Fund is exclusively to support activities of strategic importance globally, such as identifying emerging issues and science gaps, increasing interdisciplinary scientific cooperation with other parties, and seizing unexpected opportunities to bring science rapidly to new policy formulation. These are opportunities where IUFRO's global network can make a real difference — **if funds are available.**

Time is of the essence! IUFRO would like to recognize Eberswalde Circle donors at the 125th Anniversary Congress, 19-22 September 2017, in Freiburg, Germany. Therefore, we need to receive donations in the next 30 days to include your name in the Congress program (or list you as "Anonymous", if you wish). Some of the donations already received have come from local groups of researchers, in the name of their laboratory or institute. We welcome donations like this in addition to gifts from individuals.

IUFRO also needs your help in circulating this letter more broadly. You may know people who are long-time IUFRO supporters or whose career has benefitted from IUFRO activities. Please share this letter with them and encourage them to donate. Your appeal will be stronger if you can tell them that you too are already an Eberswalde Circle member.

To donate, click on this link (<http://www.iufro.org/donate>) to open the Eberswalde Circle donation form. Fill it out and email it to Ms. Astrid Toppel (toppel@iufro.org). Alternatively, she can send you the information you need to arrange a direct wire-transfer from your bank account to IUFRO's.

You and I know that as global population and resource-intensive lifestyles both grow, pressures on forests increase. These same forests are vital to human well-being and livelihoods. As the leading global network for forest-related research, IUFRO fosters the development of science-based solutions to pressing questions that are locally adapted and broadly accepted. Please help IUFRO play a stronger role in the global forest science community by donating to the Eberswalde Circle and grow IUFRO's Strategic Fund.

Michael J. Wingfield
IUFRO President

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