

Institute of Forest Ecology

SLOVAK ACADEMY OF SCIENCES

Statute of the International Advisory Board of the Institute of Forest Ecology, Slovak Academy of Sciences

Article I

An International Advisory Board of the Institute of Forest Ecology, Slovak Academy of Sciences (IFE SAS) hereinafter termed „the Board“, is hereby established to ensure independent international assessment of the scientific quality of the research output of the IFE SAS in an effort to have European and global impact in the field ecology and forest ecology sciences.

Article II

The Board brings the knowledge and experience to advise IFE SAS on the planning and implementation of the Research strategy for defined time period and complementary Action plan. The Board is expected to:

- formulate recommendations and advices on research performance, organisation of the IFE SAS and personnel structure, so as the results are visible at the European level and valuably contribute to the given research fields in Europe, and IFE SAS belongs to outstanding performers;
- give feedback on scientific career management;
- make recommendations on co-operation with competent international scientific institutions and universities;
- make recommendations on raising funds, allocating them to project and extra support for successful research teams and individuals.

Article III

The Board is composed of up to four external members who are outstanding senior researchers, key representatives of research fields cultivated at IFE SAS with strong international reputation.

The membership period in the Board is for 5 years.

The Board meeting is convened by the IFE SAS Director. The Board meeting dates will be announced to the Board members at least 30 days in advance.

The Board meets once a year at the seat of IFE SAS, Ľ. Štúra 2, 960 53 Zvolen, Slovakia. The background documents and information are those summarized in the IFE's annual report and concise presentations of department leaders. IFE SAS is responsible to reimburse the travel

expenses and other costs associated with the annual board meeting. In the course of the year, consultations might be carried out via teleconferences or the internet.

The Board members are encouraged to give research talks and courses at the IFE SAS.

Article IV

Certificate of appointment is issued by the director of the IFE SAS and the Chair of the Scientific Board of IFE SAS. The membership is voluntary and is not connected with a financial reward.

The Statute was approved by the Scientific Board of the IFE SAS on 4 March 2020.