

MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING BETWEEN THE  
EUROPEAN FOREST INSTITUTE (EFI)  
AND THE  
INTERNATIONAL FORESTRY STUDENTS' ASSOCIATION (IFSA)

Noting that:

The purpose of the European Forest Institute is to undertake research on the pan-European level on forest policy, including its environmental aspects, on the ecology, multiple use, resources and health of European forests and on the supply of and demand for timber and other forest products and services in order to promote the conservation and sustainable management of forests in Europe;

and that:

according to IFSA's strategy the purpose of IFSA is to

- (i) provide a platform for students of forest sciences
- (ii) enrich the students' formal education
- (iii) promote cultural understanding by encouraging collaboration with international partner organisations
- (iv) give the students the opportunity to gain practical experiences with a wider and more global perspective

Through its network, IFSA encourages student meetings, enables participation in scientific debates, and supports the involvement of youth in decision making processes and international forest and environmental policy.

IFSA is an Associate Member of EFI.

### **1. Purpose of this Memorandum**

The purpose of this Memorandum of Understanding is to build a partnership agreement between EFI and IFSA in order to enhance co-operation between the two organisations.

### **2. Co-operation regarding events**

At EFI events, a limited number of IFSA students may be granted free participation. IFSA students may also provide in-kind assistance at the Annual Conference, thus allowing free participation to more than two IFSA students.

The exact terms are decided on a case-by-case basis between the respective event co-ordinator at EFI. The person responsible for EFI-IFSA relations at IFSA must in each case be conferred with.

At IFSA events, a limited number of EFI personnel may receive free participation. They are welcome to introduce the organisation and functions of EFI to the IFSA network via presentations or other media during such events.

Other forms of co-operation in events can be decided on case by case basis.

### **3. Co-operation in scholarship for students and young researchers**

EFI and IFSA may co-operate in offering scholarships, awards or similar actions to young researchers and students.

### **4. Dissemination of Information**

Both organisations will use their available channels for disseminating information on each other, and opportunities to give presentations about the latest developments in each organisation are utilised whenever feasible.

"IFSA news", the official magazine of IFSA, will be sent to EFI personnel via email by sending it to the EFI Membership Liaison Officer. IFSA can give one presentation per year at EFI or at the EFI Annual Conference about the latest developments in IFSA activities.

### **5. Focal points**

**At EFI:** The Communications Manager at EFI is the focal point for the purpose of this Memorandum of Understanding. Membership issues and correspondence related to membership matters are dealt with the Membership Liaison Officer.

**AT IFSA:** The Contact person for EFI Membership (Liaison Officer EFI) is the focal point for the purpose of this Memorandum of Understanding, in particular regarding official communications and exchange of information.

### **6. Review, Amendment and Termination**

This Memorandum of Understanding may be reviewed to assess its effectiveness and may be amended at any time by mutual agreement of both Parties.

This Memorandum of Understanding may be terminated by either Party giving written notice to the other not less than six months in advance of the effective date of termination.

Signed in Joensuu on

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