

IUFRO HONORARY MEMBERSHIP

Professor NIELS ELERS KOCH, Denmark

Professor Niels Elers Koch has a long track-record of involvement in IUFRO, starting his career in 1980 as Coordinator of the Division 6 Working Party *Application of Recreation and Landscape Research to Policy and Management*. Thereafter, he held several leading positions in IUFRO's governing bodies such as Division 6 *Social Aspects of Forests and Forestry* Coordinator, Alternate representative of Denmark's Member Organizations to IUFRO's International Council, and Coordinator of the former Task Force *Communicating Forest Science* (1996-2000). Eventually his career culminated in his IUFRO Vice-Presidency for Divisions from 2006 to 2010 and in his Presidency from 2010-2014.

During his Presidency, he focused on increasing the visibility of IUFRO's science-based research and on serving the needs of decision-makers and researchers. He was eager to emphasize the importance of social science in forestry and to better integrate it into IUFRO. Professor Elers Koch has always been a fervent promoter of scientific networking, and one of his priorities was to strongly support and involve students and young scientists in IUFRO, and to expand the cooperation with the International Forestry Students' Association (IFSA). His *curriculum vitae* highlights international contributions to forest science and education, his important role in promoting IUFRO, and his outstanding merits in mentoring researchers from all over the world.

Niels Elers Koch is nominated to receive Honorary Membership for his professional experience and expertise, his personal integrity and dedication to the work of IUFRO and his strong support in involving students and young scientists in IUFRO.

Nominated by Dr. John A. Parrotta, IUFRO Vice-President for Task Forces, Special Programmes, Projects and IUFRO-led Initiatives
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