

## **Rules of Organization and Functioning of the European Forestry Academic Society (E.F.A.S.)**

**I.** The European Forestry Academic Society (E.F.A.S.) is part of the Council of European Foresters (C.E.F.) and includes the following categories of personalities:

- elite forestry specialists with remarkable performances in sustainable forest management and applied forestry research;
- representatives and important personalities of forestry faculties, forestry universities and forestry research institutions;
- prestigious leaders of forestry institutions and organizations that have outstanding results in sustaining and promoting at national or international level the rights and duties of foresters foreseen in the Forester Statement from 2011 launched by the Council of European Foresters.

The European Forestry Academic Society has the own logo and has autonomy in its activity.

**II.** European Forestry Academic Society has the role:

- of supporting and developing the objectives and activity of C.E.F. at the level of the U.N., Council of Europe and European Union institutions;
- to promote and participate in projects initiated by organizations, countries or international institutions for forestry sector;
- to organize training, information or improvement courses for foresters, forest owners, forest managers and other categories of beneficiaries;
- to organize symposiums, exchanges of experience or other professional or scientific events on forestry issues.

**III.** The establishment of the European Forestry Academic Society as part of the Council of European Foresters is made through the Resolution of the Board of Council of European Foresters, which also chooses the first Board of this Society.

**IV.** The Board of the European Forestry Academic Society consists of Honour Presidents, a President, Vice-presidents and members. The Honour Presidents are named by the C.E.F. Board members. For the first E.F.A.S. Board: the E.F.A.S. President, the E.F.A.S. Vice-presidents and members of the EFAS Board are elected by the Board of the Council of European Foresters for a period of three years. Then, according E.F.A.S. autonomy, E.F.A.S. Board elects its members for three years.

The EFAS President and the A.G.F.E.E. President will support directly the activity of C.E.F. President.

**V.** Admission as a member of the European Forestry Academic Society is subject to the approval of the Board of the European Forestry Academic Society.

**VI.** Confirmation of the membership of the European Forestry Academic Society is made by a diploma issued by this Society.

Also, E.F.A.S. Board awards the following distinctions:

- Diploma of Merit and the Honor "FIDELIS SILVARUM" – to the personalities with special professional merits in the forestry sector and to support the activity of C.E.F. and E.F.A.S.;
- Diploma of Excellence and the Honor "FIDELIS SILVARUM" – to the personalities who have performed exceptionally activity in the forestry sector and to the personalities who, through their decision can contribute to the maintenance and development of forests and forestry sector by developing forest strategies and forest policies at national or international level.

E.F.A.S. Board can establish the E.F.A.S. Centers for Forestry Conference and Training.

**VII.** The membership of the European Forestry Academic Society implies the membership of C.E.F.

**VIII.** Meetings of the Board of European Forestry Academic Society are convened by the President of this Society who also proposes the agenda of the meeting.

**IX.** The resolutions of the Board of the European Forestry Academic Society are taken by majority vote and posted on the C.E.F. website.

**X.** The European Forestry Society is open to cooperate with foresters, forestry institutions and forestry organizations from Europe and other continents, granting the membership of this society to personalities that bring prestige to the European Forestry Academic Society, implicitly to the Council of European Foresters.