

## WELCOME TO THE ORDER OF FORESTRY EXPERTS!

This warm welcome is addressed to the important forestry personalities who were nominated on November 5, 2025 by Rector Volodymyr Zahorskyi, President of the Council of European Foresters (C.E.F.) and Member of the Board of the Order of European Foresters (O.F.E.) and by Marian Stoicescu, O.F.E. President and C.E.F. Vice-President to become each of those nominated a member of the Order of Forestry Experts. The Board of the Order of Forestry Experts, composed of 9 forestry personalities from 9 different countries, had 7 days to analyze the Curriculum Vitae of each nominated forester, to inform themselves about their professional activity, merits and professional performance in the forestry sector. On November 12, 2025, in accordance with the provisions of Article 3 of the Rules of Organization and Functioning of the Order of Forestry Experts (R.O.F. of O.F.E.), the Resolution of the Board of the Order of Forestry Experts was issued, which mentions the decision of the O.F.E. Board that all those nominated become Members of the Order of Forestry Experts.

The Order of Forestry Experts is an Institution established by the Council of European Foresters on March 29, 2024.

O.F.E. since June 2025 has become a completely autonomous Institution, has its own Rules of Organization and Functioning and has consolidated its status as a professional organization at the global level. The governing bodies of O.F.E. are mentioned in the R.O.F. of O.F.E.: O.F.E. Board, O.F.E. Vice-President and O.F.E. President. O.F.E. is an elite international professional organization, unique in the world forestry spectrum, comprising (will be further developed in this sense) the most important forestry personalities in the world. From the end of 2026, O.F.E. aims to present at least every two years an Album of the world's forestry personalities. O.F.E. requests and will continue to request to be recognized as a consulting partner of global or continental forestry institutions or organizations in view of the preparation and elaboration of forestry strategies and policies. An example in this sense: at the European level on October 20, 2025, the O.F.E. Board decided to request Forest Europe to conclude a Cooperation Partnership between these two institutions. Request that was sent by O.F.E. to Forest Europe in October 2025.

The objectives of the O.F.E. and other information about the activity of the O.F.E. are presented in the R.O.F. of O.F.E.

Also, article 3 of the R.O.F. of O.F.E. mentions how the Ceremonies for granting the O.F.E. Membership Certificate, the O.F.E. Gold Medal and the O.F.E. Gold Badge are organized and carried out. On the website [www.ceforg.eu](http://www.ceforg.eu), in the Documents section, Photo Documents from such a Ceremony are presented.

Information about the R.O.F. of O.F.E., the O.F.E. Board, and the O.F.E. activity can be found in the News or Documents sections of the [www.ceforg.eu](http://www.ceforg.eu) website.

So, Welcome to the Order of Forest Experts to:

- from Germany:

Peter Spathelf, Prof.Dr., Eberswalde University for Sustainable Development

- from Poland:

Radoslaw Dobrowolsky, Prof Dr., Rector of the University of Life Sciences in Lublin

Stanislaw Baran, Prof Dr., University of Life Sciences in Lublin

Krzysztof Kowalczyk, Prof. Dr., University of Life Sciences in Lublin

- from Romania:

Jean Visan, Dr. Eng., General Director of the National Forestry Agency Romsilva

Sebastian Danilescu, Forestry Engineer., former Director of the Prahova County Forestry Directorate

Gheorghe Popescu, Forestry Engineer, Head of the Forestry District

Alina Elena Cuciurean, Forestry Engineer, Director of the Bucovina Forestry College in Campulung Moldovenesc

- from Slovakia:

Rudolf Kropil, D.h.c., Prof. Dr., Rector of the Technical University in Zvolen

- from Ukraine:

Lyudmyla D. Zahvoyska ,Prof. Dr., Ukrainian National Forestry University in Lviv - Yuliia Volkovska, Dr. Eng., Assistant Professor in Ukrainian National Forestry University in Lviv

Volodymyr Heval ,Dr.Eng., Head Department in Ukrainian National Forestry University in Lviv

Ihor Sokolovskyi Prof. Dr., Director of Institute of Social Sciences,

Administration and Law, Ukrainian National Forestry University in Lviv

  
Marian Stoicescu  
O.F.E. President