

## Minutes of the IUFRO Division 2 Administrative Meeting

- Date: Thursday, 27 June 2024, 18:00 – 20:00
- Place: Room K12, Stockholmsmässan, Stockholm, Sweden
- Attendance: 50 people in the room, 6 people over zoom
- Minutes taker: Marjana Westergren

### Agenda:

1. Meet the new Co-Coordinator of the Division, Amanda de La Torre (Northern Arizona University, USA).
2. Revamping the Physiology part of the Division.
3. Appoint new officeholders for the WP/RG with vacancies.
4. Action plan for new period (2024-2029): planned conferences and workshops, opinion papers, integration of early-career researchers.
5. Constitution of Task Force for development of the Division 2 video.
6. Presentation of different on-going large collaborative research projects.

### Minutes and decisions:

Ad1)

**Santiago C. González-Martínez** presented the Division 2 coordination team for the term 2024 – 2029 (co-coordinators Santiago C. González-Martínez (France) and **Amanda De La Torre** (USA) and deputy coordinators **Ilga Porth** (Canada) and **Marjana Westergren** (Slovenia). Amanda also said a few words about herself.

Ad2)

**Maria C Caldeira** (Portugal) and **Hyun Seok Kim** (Republic of Korea) volunteered to revamp the Physiology part of division 2 and were subsequently unanimously elected as new Deputy Coordinators of Division 2 for the 2024-2029 term. Their first task is to **reorganise the physiology part of the division**. This means that they will carry out a content analysis of the current RGs and WPs to determine what is still relevant and should be retained, and contact the old officeholders and replace them with new ones. If new WPs are needed to cover current content, Maria and Hyun Seok will discuss these possibilities with the community.

Ad3)

**Volunteers for new officeholders:**

- Junzhu Zou: physiology part of the division (either for 2.01.00 or 2.01.14); we have to wait for the new structure
- Ricardo da Costa: physiology part of the division; we have to wait for the new structure. But interested in plant-pathogen interactions and structural biochemistry
- Ananda Virginia de Aguiar: 2.02.20 - Breeding and genetic resources of southern pines
- Maneesh Bhandari: 2.04.12 - Forest genetic monitoring
- Makayla Rutski – 2.02.00 - Conifer Breeding and Genetic Resources
- Mariangela Fotelli – no email in minutes. Please send us back a reply to which WP you want to join
- Stavroula Zacharoudi – no email in minutes. Please send us back a reply to which WP you want to join

Ad4)

**Claudio Balocchi**, new Coordinator of WP 2.02.20, presented the current plans for a meeting in Valdivia (Chile) for November 2026 (November 9-14 Pre-conference tour and November 16-20 Conference) on tree breeding cooperatives. This meeting is organized together with WP 2.08.03 and RG 2.02.00 (no details online yet).

Santiago presented the **All IUFRO conference in Edmonton, Canada to be held in August 2027**. We have decided unanimously to have the next All-Division 2 meeting there as well. The Division 2 coordination team will ask the organisers to reserve some slots for Division 2 sessions as well as sessions shared with other Divisions.

Santiago mentioned that the **next world congress will be in Nairobi in 2029** but no further details are known at this point.

**Modmuhita Dasgupta** (WP 2.04.01) has confirmed that she is willing to organise a **Population genetics and Evolution meeting in India** in the upcoming IUFRO term (2024-2029). She will be in contact with the division co-coordinators.

The following meetings organised or co-organised by division 2 will take place in the next year:

- 2024-08-05 to 2024-08-08; 2.04.06; **IUFRO Tree Biotech 2024**; Annapolis, MD, United States
- 2024-08-11 to 2024-08-16; 2.02.09; **IUFRO International Christmas Tree Research and Extension Conference**; online and Kerteminde, Denmark
- 2024-11-27 to 2024-11-29; 2.02.13, 2.04.00, 2.04.02; **Workshop on Forest Genetic Common Gardens**; online and Madrid, Spain

- 2025-06-02 to 2025-06-06; 2.02.15, 7.03.11; **8th IUFRO International Workshop on Resistance Mechanisms and Breeding in Forest Trees**; Vernon, British Columbia, Canada

Ad5)

The following people volunteered to help with the **Division 2 video**:

- Annika Perry (UK)
- Debojyoti Chakraborty (Austria)
- Magda Bou Dagher Kharrat (International)
- Annie Biju (India)
- Agathe Hurel (Austria)
- Iskander Z. Siregar (Indonesia)
- Junzhu Zou (China)

The co-coordinators will enable the contact between the developer of the video and the “video group”.

Ad6)

Two Horizon Europe projects were quickly presented by their PIs: FruitDiv (PI: Véronique Decroocq; <https://fruitdiv.eu/>) and OptFORESTS (PI: Santiago González-Martínez; <https://www.optforests.eu/>)