Dear IUFRO Landscape Ecology WP members,

We were elected on October 2019, during the IUFRO World Congress in Curitiba, to lead the IUFRO Landscape Ecology Working Party in the 2019-2021 period.

We are now announcing that we are running to Working Party Officers for one more term.

We consider that, despite the constraints posed by the COVID-19 pandemic, including the impossibility of meeting physically in our own and other conferences, we were able to keep the WP active and functional.

Our motivation is, as before, to maintain the dynamics of this extraordinary network of landscape ecologists and other scientists and practitioners and its enormous impact in science and in professional activities that involve landscapes and trees.

With this candidature we specifically aim to:

* Maintain the interaction among members of the WP, either landscape ecologists, forest scientists and practitioners in these and related fields and their organizations, to promote knowledge and experience exchange on sustainable management of landscapes and forests,
* Preserve the geographic structure of the WP including coordinators and representatives from all regions and continents in the world,
* Improve institutional cooperation with other organizations in fields related to landscapes and forests, namely through the work of thematic coordinators for IUFRO-IALE and for urban forestry,
* Maintain the regular organization of international conferences across the world on relevant topics for the landscape ecology and forestry communities,
* Maintain the regular publication of books, special issues and individual papers resulting from the events organized by the WP and other initiatives of WP members,
* Increase the involvement of young researchers in the WP, and
* Increase dissemination of contributions of landscape ecology to civil society through activity on social networks (in different languages) seeking to make visible the work of WP members in different regions.

This candidature involves the current officeholders João Azevedo (IPB, Portugal), as chair, Peilei Fan (MSU, USA) and Jose Alberto Gobbi (INTA, Argentina), as deputies, and María Meza (UNC, Colombia) as Junior Deputy, as well as the following regional coordinators:

Cynnamon Dobbs and Sónia Carvalho Ribeiro​: ​Latin America

Kevin M. Potter: North America

Pınar Pamukçu Albers: Europe​

Syed Ajijur Rahman: South & South-east Asia
Toshiya Matsuura: Japan and Oceania
Zhihua Liu: China

The structure of the WP will also include the thematic coordinators Peilei Fan for IALE-IUFRO affairs and Giovanni Sanesi for Urban Forestry.

We hope to count on your support.

On behalf of the WP,

João Azevedo