

European Forest Institute and the University of Natural Resources and Applied Life Sciences, Vienna – EFI and BOKU – are seeking a

## HEAD OF OFFICE

### for the EFI Regional Office Central Eastern Europe (EFICEEC)

The European Forest Institute (EFI) is an international organisation and a premier forest research network in Europe undertaking forest research at a pan-European level. It is actively enhancing its regional presence and ability to respond to regional research and policy needs by establishing regional offices in selected European locations. Regional offices serve as platforms for implementing EFI strategies and also goals and principles of the European Research Area. Within this institutional framework EFI is now establishing a Regional Office Central Eastern Europe at the University of Natural Resources and Applied Life Sciences, Vienna, Austria (BOKU). The EFI Regional Office EFICEEC Head Office will start its work in early 2010. EFICEEC will start operating as a network of about thirty research partner institutions comprising twelve core partners in Central and Eastern European countries.

In collaboration with BOKU, EFI herewith invites applications for the position of the Head of the EFI Regional Office Central and Eastern Europe. This position offers a challenging opportunity to work within a stimulating international environment in a senior position.

The EFI Regional Office EFICEEC aims to promote and support institutional network building amongst forest related research institutions and to contribute to all four core competences of EFI: research, networking, information provision, and advocacy, in line with EFI Strategy. It should also act as a catalyst in developing research and capacity building projects and increase the potential for funding.

The post will involve in particular:

- Managing and coordinating the Regional Office
- Initiating new projects and conducting research; and
- Strengthening the EFI network within the Central Eastern European forest research organizations as well as other relevant organizations in the region.

Applicants should have at least five years of international experience in coordinating or managing large projects, programmes or units, a PhD or equivalent in forest sciences or related fields and special knowledge and research interest, at least in one of the following fields:

- Forest sector policy and economics,
- Land use change in the context of climate change and bio-energy,
- Forest ecosystem management.

Fluency in English as well as excellent research co-ordination, communication and managerial skills are necessities. We especially appreciate a capability of creating an inspiring team work environment.

The head of the Regional Office will report to the EFI headquarters and will work in close cooperation with other regional offices as well as the partners of EFICEEC.

The post will be based at the EFI Regional Office EFICEEC, co-hosted at the Department of Economics and Social Sciences and the Department of Forest and Soil Sciences, University of Natural Resources and Applied Life Sciences, Vienna (BOKU), Austria. We offer a competitive salary commensurate with experience and skills. He/she will be employed at BOKU, office premises at the Department of Economics and Social Sciences, and is expected to take up the post in early 2010 (as soon as possible). A fixed term appointment of between two and five years is envisaged with an option for extension beyond the first five-year term of EFICEEC.

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**Applicants should apply in writing before February 8<sup>th</sup> 2010**, with salary expectations, a CV including a description of the applicant's experience in research, research management and coordination and a list of projects and publications.

EFI and BOKU are equal opportunity employers and strive to increase the number of female staff, in particular in leading positions. Qualified women are particularly encouraged to apply. In case of equal qualification, female candidates will be given preference.

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