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**Dear members of the CEF,**

My name is Barbara Koch and I like to inform about last developments within CEF organization. As you might know I have been asked to take the CEF presidency for this year. My background is forestry but today I hold the position of a professor in Remote Sensing and Landscape Information Systems at the Albert-Ludwigs University of Freiburg at the faculty of Environment and Natural Resources, department of Forest Sciences. I attach a CV for your information about my career activities. Freiburg has a long tradition in forest sciences and I try to do my best to support forest interests on EU and international level. It took some time to establish the CEF secretary in Freiburg but now we are in the position to be more active. Maria Suarez maria.suarez@felis.uni-freiburg.de will support me and you can contact her first with all matters. The activity plan for the election period will be to get CEF listed in the advisory group of the EC for forest strategies and policies, try to implement a network project and have a meeting at the forestry commission in Turkey. Please feel invited to bring topics forward if you think CEF could represent them at different decision levels.

One year is not a long period but I will try together with your support implement abovementioned activities.

Best regards

**Barbara Koch**

**President of C.E.F.**