

Dear CEF Members,

Dear Colleagues,

It is for me a honour and a pleasure to take the Chair of the Council of European Foresters, starting today July 1.

First of all, I would like to thank the past-President Dr. János Halmágyi for all the effort he put in CEF and for the kind words in his last message. I also would like to thank you all for your consideration and for proposing me as President.

I am aware of the big responsibility and I will try to do my best to achieve the goals of CEF: to promote European forest and increase the awareness of society and policy makers on the importance of forests and forest-based sector in Europe and worldwide. Forests play key roles in economy, environmental protection, climate change mitigation, human health and wellbeing, with positive social and recreational values. It will be essential to increase the dialogue of CEF with the European Commission and, in general, with European Institutions and Member States. For this I ask your collaboration to help in pursuing these objectives, and I hope that the COVID-19 health emergency will be relaxed soon to allow easier travel and meetings.

Looking forward to meeting you all soon,

Kindest regards,

Enrico Brugnoli