**TOWARDS A GLOBAL COMMUNITY**

**FOR KNOWLEDGE EXCHANGE, CAPACITY BUILDING, COLLABORATION**

**AND ENHANCED IMPACT OF FOREST HEALTH RESEARCH ACTIVITIES**

**Forest health is a global issue and actions should not only be national or regional**

**CONTEXT**

The likelihood of pest introductions has grown as a result of increased global trade and transport, and climate change. Nonetheless, public resources and budgets to invest in research, including national **phytosanitary research** budgets, have in many cases declined. Combining resources to investigate challenges that countries share and to develop solutions of mutual benefit can address some of the difficulties faced by researchers and their funders alike.

**WHO ARE WE?**

We are an **international** **network of organizations** (named **EUPHRESCO III**) that develop, own and manage research programmes, fund and undertake research activities and use research provisions for policy development and implementation.

**WHAT ARE OUR GOALS?**

EUPHRESCO III aims to enhance processes and mechanisms to facilitate **international collaboration** on common **forest health research priorities**, and to increase communication on national and regional forest health research activities and their outputs. Increased collaboration and communication will result in better coordinated actions among those that perform research and use research outputs.

For global collaboration and communication, the network builds upon the activities of organizations with a long history of coordinating forest health in their region:

[ACIAR](https://www.aciar.gov.au/), [APAARI](https://www.apaari.org/), [CABI](https://www.cabi.org/), [CIHEAM-Bari](https://www.iamb.it/), [CFIA](https://inspection.canada.ca/eng/1297964599443/1297965645317), [Euphresco](https://www.euphresco.net/), [KHA](https://karantin.uz/), [PBRI](https://www.pbri.com.au/), [INIA-CSIC](https://www.inia.es/Pages/Home.aspx), [PFR](https://www.plantandfood.com/en-nz/), [USDA](https://www.aphis.usda.gov/aphis/home/).

**WHAT ARE WE PLANNING?**

EUPHRESCO III has identified the research funders, policymakers, regulators, researchers and main end-users in **Forestry** in your region and is soliciting their views on: forest health research programmes, policy needs, scientific, technical and field priorities. This will give global visibility to the views and needs of foresters, support transnational collaboration, and increase the quality, relevance and impact of national research activities.

**HOW CAN WE COLLABORATE?**

We are launching a rapid **survey** (estimated time to complete 15-20 minutes) to collect information that will be used to enhance knowledge exchange, capacity building and collaboration on forest health research. We would be very interested to hear your view as representative of a research funder, regulator, policymaker, research organization or as end-user of research. Please complete the survey here. The questions of the survey are listed below. If you would like to know more about our work and to collaborate on forest health research matters, you can contact **Mr. Ari Hietala**: **Ari.Hietala@nibio.no**and **Ms. Tanja Mimmo**  **tmimmo@unibz.it**

**STAKEHOLDERS SURVEY**

**Preliminary commitment of the responder**

*“I agree to grant EUPHRESCO III Secretariat full rights to use and store my personal data (e.g. email, address, name, etc.) collected with this survey. This might include the right to use them on project activities.”* YES □ NO □

**Survey**

1. General information
	1. Organisation / institution
* Name of the institution/organisation
* Country
	1. Person completing the survey
* Family name and first name
* Email address
* Role in the organization / institution
1. Identify a maximum of 5 key forest health issues or related practical problems your organization / institution / region is facing.
2. Identify a maximum of 5 priorities **your organization / institution** would like to work on in the next 5-10 years.
3. Identify a maximum of 5 priorities you think that should be addressed in your **country / region / worldwide** in the next 5-10 years to face forest health issues or related practical problems. Indicate the scale of each priority (country, region or worldwide).
4. Which forest tree species are important to study for **your organization** **/ institution**?
5. What are your needs, if any, in terms of capacity building (e.g. transfer of processes, competences, methods, resources)?
6. Which forest tree pests do you consider a regional priority? (Provide a maximum of 5 pests with their Latin name and the factor that drives the priority (economy, trade, strategy, policy…)
7. Which forest tree pests do you consider a global priority? (Provide a maximum of 5 pests with their Latin name)
8. Which research areas do you think need to be addressed / developed to support future work on forest health issues or related practical problems (see footnote[[1]](#footnote-1) below with examples).
9. Optional: mention 1 concrete research need you want to address in the next 3 years
1. **Examples of research areas related to forest health**: emergency preparedness, horizon scanning to identify the next big forest health issue, risk assessment, pest management (sustainable), diagnostics, surveillance & inspection, epidemiology, minimizing spread of diseases through trade of plant material and travel, innovation, artificial intelligence, climate change impact, pesticide reduction and alternatives, data and information sharing, research infrastructures and collections, phytosanitary research collaboration (national, regional, continental) and cooperation (e.g. skill and knowledge transfer), etc. [↑](#footnote-ref-1)