

MARGHESCU, Tamás (Hungary)

Current employment and/or position/title:

Director General of the International Council for Game and Wildlife Conservation (CIC)

Experience in fields of concern to IUCN:

trained as forestry engineer (Masters in Forestry Science from the Albert-Ludwigs-University Freiburg, Germany);

8 years (1988–1995) with the Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations (FAO) in different positions, working on forestry, **conservation, rural and regional development** programmes mainly in South-East Asia and Europe;

6 years (1995–2002) Government Adviser to the Ministry of Environment (Nature Conservation Authority) of Hungary;

8 years (2002–2009) IUCN Regional Director for Pan Europe and Permanent Representative to the European Union, “putting IUCN on the map of Europe”; member of the IUCN Executive Management Group (2006–2008), **representing the interests of all regions of IUCN**, founder of Countdown 2010 (<http://www.countdown2010.net/>), organizer of *Sailing to Barcelona* (2008 WCC); and

Since 2010, with the International Council for Game and Wildlife Conservation (CIC), an IUCN Member, present position: CEO, Director General.

Particular qualifications to be a Regional Councillor:

Tamás Marghescu is a well-known and respected personality in the field of international forestry; nature conservation and sustainable development. He values IUCN as a crucial institution to lead the battle of nature conservation. He knows IUCN from the inside and has an enormous international network of contacts all over the world, which he understands to use for the purposes of conservation. He is able to develop visions and make them become true. He has a track record of a leader being able to also be a member of a team. He is transparent and honest, creative and constructive and ‘not thinking out of the box’. His political experience from being IUCN’s Permanent Representative to the European Union for almost 8 years, would be an invaluable asset in the Council of IUCN. His ability to convene people, to be credible to different stakeholders in conservation and to mobilize financial resources for conservation could be of immense use to the Council of IUCN. He is a member of WCPA and of the European IUCN Sustainable Use Specialist Group, emphasizing that sustainable use is a strong pillar of conservation.