Editor-in-Chief, *Foresight*

Office term: 5 years from the appointment date.
Application deadline: Friday, Dec 3, 2021.
There is an annual stipend associated to this post; details are to be discussed with interested candidates.

*Foresight: The International Journal of Applied Forecasting* is an official publication of the *International Institute of Forecasters* (IIF). Founded in 2005 and published quarterly, it is considered by many the premier journal for practicing forecasters and planners. The journal synthesizes academic research with the insight and expertise of respected practitioners.

Foresight’s editorial process is peer-reviewed and places a strong emphasis on readability and value for the practice of forecasting in organizations. Articles include examination of forecasting processes and systems, management of the forecasting and planning functions, behavioural aspects of forecast implementation, tutorials on forecasting methods, and case studies of forecasting practices in organizations.

The IIF is now seeking a new editor-in-chief (EiC) to replace the founding editor, who has served as EIC since 2005. The candidate should have an excellent understanding across the breadth of the forecasting field, an established track record in editing papers in applied forecasting, supervisory skills to manage a part-time staff responsible for editing, design, and production and the leadership skills to oversee volunteer editorial and advisory boards. The candidate must have experience in promoting academic-practitioner collaborations and in the design and operation of practitioner conferences. They should be committed to the development of the journal as a world-leading publication of the IIF.

The essential criteria for the appointment of the EiC are:

i. Established/distinguished industry-related status or professorial status for applicants from academia;
ii. Internationally-recognized practitioner or researcher in forecasting;
iii. Broad knowledge of the forecasting field with demonstrable diversity in terms of forecasting practices;
iv. Previous editorial experience in journals (e.g. as EiC, Senior / Departmental Editorships, Editorship of special issues, Associate Editorship);
v. Commitment to improve/keep the journal standing while working with the Institute directors.
vi. Leadership and supervisory skills, as noted above.

The desirable criteria are:

i. Previous / current involvement in the IIF and active participation in the ISFs and Foresight Practitioner Conference;
ii. Potential to reach out to other academic communities (e.g. Econometrics, Operational Research, Statistics, etc.)

For an informal discussion about the Foresight EiC position, you may contact the IIF president George Athanasopoulos (george.athanasopoulos@monash.edu). A detailed job description follows below.

Please submit your application via email to pamstroud@forecasters.org. Applications should include a CV as well as a statement describing their qualifications for the position, their understanding of the environment in which the journal competes for attention, a preliminary evaluation of the quality and value of the journal and vision for its future.
Foresight, Editor-in-Chief, Job Description

The EiC job involves editorial, planning, supervisory, and reporting steps

1. Editorial. Initiate invitations to contribute articles and commentaries, oversee peer and editorial review of invited and submitted articles, decide on acceptances for publication, organize and design each quarterly issue, oversee the production and proofing processes.

2. Planning. Consult with editors, authors, and advisory board members about the breadth and presentation of topic areas of importance to forecasting practitioners; plan and organize one or more practitioner conferences on an annual basis to offer professional-development opportunities, work with organizers of the annual ISF to create a valuable forecasting practice track of speakers, plan the development of Foresight Guidebooks, and engage periodically in strategic planning to steer the future of the journal.

3. Supervision. Communicate as much as daily with editorial and marketing staff, recruit new staff, editors, and members of the advisory board as needed, set and review staff stipends and invoices, revise staff job descriptions as required and coordinate with the IIF Business Director on Foresight infrastructure, including fulfillment, website, document store, print and digital copies.

4. Reporting. Prepare annual budget and report for the IIF Directors and oversee publication of the quarterly Foresight News Notes distributed to editors, advisors, and IIF Directors.

Finally, the Foresight EiC serves as a fully participating member of the IIF Board of Directors.