

IIF Sections Guideline

IIF Sections are interest groups devoted to advancing the theory and practice of specialized domains of forecasting. A section is made of a small group of IIF members, offering focused discussions and networking opportunities to each member.

Activities of an IIF section include but are not limited to:

- Coordinating with ISF program committee to set up a track dedicated to the domain of interest;
- Organizing IIF workshops;
- Organizing forecasting competitions;
- Working with IIF editorial board to review IIF manuscripts related to the domain of interest;
- Organizing IIF special issues in the domain of interest;
- Working with IIF Board of Directors on the committee work related to the domain of interest;
- Nominating candidates for the IIF Board of Directors;
- Reaching out to and serving as a point of contact for related outside organizations

Establishment of a section requires a leadership team of three (or more) IIF members: Chair, Vice Chair, and Secretary. Additional leadership positions can be included, such as Past Chair, and additional Vice Chair(s). The governing procedures of a section should be approved by the IIF Board of Directors, such as terms of office and election processes for the leadership team. The chair should be confirmed by the board before s/he formally take the office.

The responsibilities of the leadership team include but are not limited to:

- Establishing the mission and operation principles of the section;
- Define service terms and election procedures for the leadership positions*;
- Planning, maintaining, and growing the section activities;
- Reporting the section activities to the IIF Board of Directors annually;
- Conducting regular elections of the section leadership team.

Bylaws is not required for a section, though written operation principles, such as term of office and election procedures, should be provided in the proposal and approved by the IIF Board of Directors. A section have its founding leaders serve multiple terms before a pipeline of potential leaders is established. If you are interested in proposing an IIF section, please send the proposal to the IIF Business Director forecasters@forecasters.org.