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ISF 2023 is right around the corner! Check out the details below, visit our website and register to attend!

Have some news to share with our members? Send to me by June 1 for the next issue.

[Fernando Cyrino](#), IIF Director and Oracle Editor

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[Prediction Market Quotes](#) 26 January, Overcoming Bias (blog)

[43rd International Symposium on Forecasting](#) 18 March, Digital Journal

[International Journal of Forecasting | Vol 39, Issue 2](#) 13 March, ScienceDirect

[Seismonomics: Listening to the heartbeat of the economy](#) Royal Statistical Society

Job Openings

forecasters.org/blog/category/jobs/

IIF Events



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Workshops

[Workshops](#) take place on Sunday, June 25th. The topics being offered this year include: Judgment in forecasting, Forecasting Financial Risk Measures, Forecasting to Meet Demand, Scenario Analysis, Exponential Smoothing and more, Business Forecasting: Techniques, Application and Best Practices and Deep Learning for Forecasting

Social Events

We are busy lining up events for networking, meeting old and new friends, as well as enjoying the city of Charlottesville!

- **Welcome Reception**, Sunday, June 25 5:30pm
- [Gala event](#) Tuesday, June 27 at 6pm. Regular ticket prices are \$40 (\$20 for students). The evening will be hosted at the Wool Factory including culinary experiences, craft beer, wine and coffee, and stunning event spaces on a historic mill property in Charlottesville. There will be live, local music as well.
- Tours/visits at the [university museum](#) and grounds.

Tourism and Hospitality Section

Tourism Forecasting Competition - Call for Participation

Aim of the tourism forecasting competition:

- To further advance the methodology of tourism forecasting in a crisis, particularly for demand recovery, and contribute to the development of this field of research;
- To inform the tourism industry and destination management and marketing organisations of the good forecasting practice and the predicted recovery of the Chinese outbound market;
- To promote the Curated Collection on Tourism Demand Forecasting of Annals of Tourism Research as a leading and main outlet for state-of-the-art tourism forecasting research.



The competition is open to all who are interested. Participants can form their own team with up to five members. Contact one of the organizers below to participate. The deadline for expression of interest is 5pm GMT, 24 April 2023. For more details, [click here](#).

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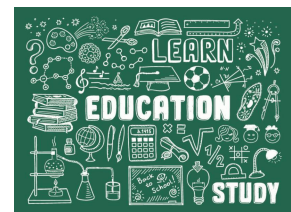
Forecasting Summer School

Modeling and Forecasting the International Dimensions: Business cycles, exchange rates, and cross-border capital and trade flows

June 24-25, 2023, University of Virginia Darden School of Business, Charlottesville USA

Instructor: Prof. Menzie David Chinn, Professor of Public Affairs and Economics, University of Wisconsin

The course will take place the weekend before the International Symposium on Forecasting. Learn more about the instructor, course details and submit your application at forecasters.org/events/summer-school. The deadline for applications is April 15.



Distinguished Lecture Series

The inaugural lecture series will be delivered by **Rob J Hyndman** in late June/early July. All lectures will be made available on YouTube for members. **Rafal Weron** (nominated by SWEET) and **Christiane Baumeister** (nominated by MacroFor) are the next in line. If you would like to nominate someone or specific topics, please contact the [chairs of IIF sections](#). For general questions, please contact [Tao Hong](#) or [Pam Stroud](#).

IIF News

International Journal of Forecasting

Best Paper Award

Every two years the *International Journal of Forecasting* editors select the best paper to have been published in the IJF within the previous two-year period. We have begun the process to nominate and will then select the paper that to receive the IJF best paper award. For this round, we are covering the period 2020-2021, over which the journal published nearly 200 papers. The deadline for nominations is **May 1 2023**.

Full details and nomination process: <http://pierrepinson.com/index.php/2023/03/28/ijf-best-paper-award-2020-2021/>.
List of eligible papers: <https://bit.ly/40EVIRw>

The best paper award will be announced at the ISF in Charlottesville, Virginia in June 2023.

Foresight

IJF to Foresight article adaptations

The 2023:Q2 issue of *Foresight* includes a "practitioner" version of research published in the *International Journal of Forecasting* by Van Belle, Crevits, and Verbeke. In "Reducing Forecast Instability with Global Deep Learning Models" the authors provide key takeaways for practitioners seeking to reduce instability without necessarily harming forecast accuracy. This is important for business forecasters, since more stable demand leads to fewer (and smaller) supply chain plan changes and thus lower supply chain costs.

This is the first in what will be a recurring series of adaptations from research published in *IJF*, with financial support for the authors from the IIF. The aim is to make an *IJF* paper with a significant methodological contribution accessible to practitioners, and for the authors to produce a package associated with the paper (published on CRAN, PyPI, etc). We are aiming to include four such papers per year. Please contact [Pierre Pinson](#) and [Mike Gilliland](#) if you have an *IJF* paper with practitioner applications that is suitable for this program.

Foresight is seeking submissions for two upcoming special feature sections

2023:Q3 The Current State and Future Direction of Forecasting Software(submission deadline **May 1**). As forecasting software researchers, users, and vendors, we are looking for your critical assessment of where forecasting software is at, and your insights into where it is headed. Manuscripts do not have to be long -- 500-2500 words is appropriate. It is fine to focus on some specific element or gap in forecasting software, rather than try to cover all possible areas within the topic. And you may wish to focus your comments on either the current state OR future direction instead of both.

2023:Q4 Twenty Years of FVA: A Critical Retrospective (submission deadline **July 1**). What have you learned in applying FVA (both the results and the issues faced)? Have you developed extensions to the FVA framework (such as FVA for probabilistic forecasts, novel ways of analyzing and reporting results, or using ML methods to improve FVA). What are your critiques of the approach (such as problematic situations or fundamental issues)? Should FVA be a legitimate concern for organizations, or is it less relevant when the value of forecast accuracy itself is being questioned? We welcome articles, commentaries, and case studies.

Send your manuscript to mike.gilliland@forecasters.org or to anyone on the *Foresight* editorial staff.

The Future of Forecasting and the M6 Competition Conference

November 6-7, 2023

The Harvard Club, New York City

Stayed tuned for details on this exciting event organized by the IIF and The Makridakis Open Forecasting Center (MOFC) at University of Nicosia (UNIC)

Member News

AUSTRALIAN AWARDS FOR UNIVERSITY TEACHING (AAUT)

Please join us congratulating **George Athanasopoulos** and **Rob Hyndman** as winners for: Revolutionising forecast education through innovative, [open-access, online textbooks](#) and resources



IIF Consultant Listing

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website, CV, contact info – your free promotion just might land you your next gig.

If you have any questions, please [contact us](#). Best of luck!

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