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## Forecasting in the News

[M6 Competition, 'Future of Forecasting' summit a success](#) 9 January, Cyprus Mail  
<https://www.newyorker.com/culture/annals-of-inquiry/how-much-of-the-world-is-it-possible-to-model> 15 January, The New Yorker  
<https://www.businessnewsdaily.com/16007-financial-forecasting.html> 26 October 2023, Business News Daily

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**Abstracts** We are now [accepting abstracts](#)! The deadline for submission is **March 22**. Learn more about submissions and guidelines at our [website](#).

**Invited Sessions** We are accepting proposals for invited sessions devoted to special interests in forecasting. An invited session consists of 3 or 4 talks around a specific forecasting theme. If you are interested, [contact us](#) with your topic. **Deadline for proposals is March 8.**

**Travel Awards** The IIF grants travel awards to enable researchers to attend the International Symposium on Forecasting. They are primarily for students in the area of forecasting and secondarily for non-student forecasting researchers and practitioners. **Deadline is March 8.** [Apply Now](#)

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## 7th Forecasting Summer School - Bayesian Forecasting

### Instructors:

Francesco Ravazzolo, Professor of Econometrics, Free University of Bozen-Bolzano

Magdalena Ivanovska, Assistant professor, BI Norwegian Business School

**Location:** Dijon Exhibition and Convention Centre, France

**Dates:** June 29-30, 2024

Deadline for applications is April 3. [APPLY NOW](#)



## Member Profile - Niles Perera

Niles Perera is a passionate forecasting researcher based in Sri Lanka. He is motivated to contribute to his community through research and teaching. He is a Professor in Supply Chain Management at the University of Moratuwa, Sri Lanka and holds a PhD from The University of Sydney. Niles has won numerous local and global accolades while actively collaborating with over twenty universities around the world. As a member of IIF, Niles has been part of the Early Career Forecasters board since 2021.

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*FORESIGHT* will publish a special feature on this topic in the 2024:Q3 issue. We welcome case studies and commentaries (500-1500 words), as well as full length articles (1,500-4,500 words). Send manuscripts to [mike.gilliland@forecasters.org](mailto:mike.gilliland@forecasters.org). Deadline date is **April 1 2024**

### Special feature on New Product Forecasting in the Life Science Industry

How does your organization address the critical issue of predicting and modeling the market diffusion of new drugs? There are certain classic models, such as patient flow and patient-based predictive models. What other techniques, such as Zipf's law, Bass models, or the time-series-based Dynamic Patient Share (DPS) method, are effective in modeling the uptake of a new drug as accurately as possible to allow for appropriate up-front resource allocation and capacity planning? To what extent do you integrate simulation techniques and what other forecast-related challenges does your organization face in the strategic and tactical forecasting process?

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### Special Feature on Forecasting for the Circular Economy

In 2024, *Foresight* will be publishing a special feature section on "Forecasting for the Circular Economy" and we welcome articles and commentaries on this topic. The circular economy involves strategies such as repair, remanufacturing, and recycling -- all aimed at minimizing reliance on increasingly scarce resources. Proper management of the circular economy requires supplementary forecasts of the reverse 'loop' (forecasts of return rates and condition) to drive scheduling and replenishment, and other decisions. For an example, see our *Foresight* article "Forecasting for Remanufacturing" (Issue 56, 10-17).

Questions can be directed to the section organizer(s) [Aris Syntetos](#) and [Thanos Goltzos](#). The deadline for manuscript submissions is **July 1 2024**.

## IMA Journal of Management Mathematics, Issue 1 - Open Access

Issue 1 of 2024 of the IMA Journal of Management Mathematics (IMAMAN) includes a special section on "Empirical forecasting research in healthcare". Importantly, this issue also sees the introduction of the journal's *Insights from Thought Leaders* initiative. The first such article is an invited editorial by Sridhar Tayur of Carnegie Mellon entitled, "The Audacity of BOPE".

All papers are either open access or have been made available for free to read by OUP. I hope you enjoy engaging with our journal.

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