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ISF 2022 is around the corner! There's still time to register and join us in Oxford ~ see below for details.

Have an event you'd like to promote? Want to share career news? Submit your article for the August issue; deadline August 1st.

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

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IIF News & Events



We are well underway to preparing our first in-person ISF in 2 years! We hope to see you all in Oxford. Click the following links to learn more:

- [Registration](#) is open - You can register to attend in-person or remotely.
- [Keynote and Practitioner Speakers](#)
- [Workshops](#)
- Have questions? Interested in sponsoring? Email us ISF@forecasters.org

Forecasting for Social Good (F4SG) Workshop

The goal of this workshop is to improve the research and practice in issues related to forecasting for social good. The workshop will take place in Oxford on July 10th.

Get Involved!

We encourage all of our members to get involved in the IIF! Here are some ways to participate:

- **Join a forecasting group!** We have launched a new initiative to establish small working groups of forecasters. These communities are open to both IIF members and nonmembers, aiming to offer networking and career opportunities to the forecasters sharing a common interest. [Learn more >>](#)
- In advance of the **ISF2022 members' meeting**, we are offering you the opportunity to share your thoughts with us and ask questions. Whether you are attending or not, [share your questions at here](#)
- **Submit content** - We encourage you to submit your research / papers to one of our journals [JF](#) and [Foresight](#). In addition, you can [submit](#) your research, events or other forecasting related news to our blog and here, at The Oracle.

IIF Member Profile

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Paula Maçaira has a degree in Statistics, Masters's in Electrical Engineering (Decision Support Methods), and a PhD in Industrial Engineering (Production Management). She is a professor of statistics at the Pontifical Catholic University of Rio de Janeiro, Brazil. Her research interests include applied statistics, time series analysis, forecasting, data analytics, and statistical learning with expertise in R software. She is the co-founder of the Forecasting Resource and Optimization Group (FROG) and the Center for Healthcare Operations and Intelligence (NOIS). She is also the founder of [@r_descomplicado](#), an Instagram account that gives R tips in Portuguese.



How did you become a forecaster?

My first contact with Time Series forecasting was in the second year of my graduation in Statistics, in 2009, when my future advisor presented the topic. Since then, I started working with Time Series and Forecasting, and I have never stopped.

What areas of forecasting interest you?

Since my first contact with time series analysis and forecasting, my field of work has been mostly in the Brazilian Electricity Sector. However, in the last two years, I have developed much research in Epidemiology. Thus, my two main areas of interest are forecasting in decision-making in the electricity and health sectors.

How has the International Institute of Forecasters influenced you?

For me, the IIF introduced me to my "home", where the people who have always been my references in the forecasting area were and contributed. I joined the Institute and attended the ISF from the first opportunity I had. The opportunity to meet the Jedi masters of forecasting and chat is unmissable. I am very grateful for everything the IIF provides forecasters, and I hope to contribute more and more to the community.

What do you do in your free time?

I like to be with my family and dog in my free time, go for walks outdoors, play sports, and go to good restaurants.

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