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I have been working in the forecasting field for 25 years and the first paper I presented in an ISF was at Boston in 1987 as a PhD student. I have been working at Bilkent University (Turkey) since I received my PhD from the University of Minnesota (U.S.), and I will be joining Brunel Business School (U.K.) as Chair in Supply Chain Management this Spring. My research focuses primarily on judgmental forecasting and I am an Associate Editor of the *International Journal of Forecasting*.

I was an organizing committee member for the *16th International Symposium on Forecasting* in Istanbul, 1996. I believe the ISFs provide essential platforms for sharing important information and knowledge in this field and that the IIF should actively pursue initiatives to enhance practitioner-researcher interactions. I have had the privilege of serving on the Board of Directors in the last four years, working primarily on committees established for the SAS research grants, travel awards, certification, and ISF organization. If re-elected, I look forward to contributing to the IIF goals on external visibility and dissemination of forecasting knowledge.