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## Announcement

# The International Journal of Forecasting Best Paper Award for 2002–2003

### 1. Winner of the 2002/2003 award

The Editorial Board of the *International Journal of Forecasting* has selected the best paper published in the *IJF* in the period 2002–2003. The paper is:

Kesten C. Green (2002) “Forecasting decisions in conflict situations: A comparison of game theory, role-playing, and unaided judgment”, *International Journal of Forecasting*, 18, 321–344.

The paper provides empirical evidence on the performance of different methods in forecasting the decision-making of parties in a conflict. In particular, game theorists’ predictions were shown to be no more accurate than those from unaided judgement but not as accurate as role-play forecasts. The editorial board considered the paper to be simple and elegant with very broad implications. It represents the sort of empirical research that the *IJF* encourages.

The award consists of a US\$1000 cash prize and an engraved plaque.

### 2. Outstanding papers

The following three papers were also recognized by the *IJF* editorial board for their contributions to forecasting:

- R. J. Hyndman, A. B. Koehler, R. D. Snyder and S. Grose (2002) “A state space framework for automatic forecasting using exponential smoothing methods” *International Journal of Forecasting*, 18(3), 439–454.

- D. M. Miller and D. Williams (2003) “Shrinkage estimators of time series seasonal factors and their effect on forecasting accuracy” *International Journal of Forecasting*, 19(4), 669–684.
- K. F. Wallis (2003) “Chi-squared tests of interval and density forecasts, and the Bank of England’s fan charts” *International Journal of Forecasting*, 19(2), 165–175.

### 3. Past *IJF* award winners

- 2000–2001: McCullough, B.D. (2000) “Is it safe to assume that software is accurate?” *International Journal of Forecasting*, 16, 349–357.
- 1998–1999: Rowe, G. and G. Wright (1999) “The Delphi Technique as a forecasting tool: Issues and analysis”, *International Journal of Forecasting*, 15, 353–375.
- 1996–1997: Swanson, N. and H. White (1997) “Forecasting economic time series using flexible versus fixed specifications and linear versus nonlinear econometric models”, *International Journal of Forecasting*, 13, 439–461.
- 1994–1995: (jointly shared) Allen, P.G. (1994) “Economic forecasting in agriculture”, *International Journal of Forecasting*, 10, 81–135. Vere-Jones, D. (1995) “Forecasting earthquakes and earthquake risk” *International Journal of Forecasting*, 11, 503–538.
- 1992–1993: Granger, C.W.J. (1992) “Forecasting stock market prices: Lessons for forecasters”, *International Journal of Forecasting*, 8, 3–13.