

### Call for session chairs.

We will be hosting the Forecasting Stream at this year's UK Operations Research conference (OR62 - see the detailed call for abstracts below). As it relates to the stream, we are seeking persons interested in managing/chairing a session. Each session will host a particular sub-theme and should have about 3-4 talks. Your main responsibility will be to attract submissions to your session and to chair the session at the conference.

### Forecasting stream – Call for abstracts

We invite you to submit an abstract to the Forecasting Stream of the OR Society Annual Conference. Forecasting remains at the heart of decision making in Operational Research, and we hope to offer a number of sessions sampling the plethora of methodological approaches and application areas, relevant both from an academic and a practitioner perspective.

This year, the stream is being organised by the newly established UK Chapter of the International Institute of Forecasters (IIF), a network of academics and practitioners with an interest in forecasting. Further information on the IIF UK Chapter can be found here: <https://forecasters.org/programs/communities/united-kingdom-chapter/>.

By partnering with the OR Society, we hope to give greater visibility to the stream, and to attract a large pool of participants. To encourage young researchers, we hope to offer through the IIF and on a competitive basis, financial assistance to research students wishing to participate in the stream. More information on this assistance will follow, however in the mean time we encourage submissions from all students.

Topics of interest for the OR62 stream include but are not limited to:

- Forecasting principles
- Evaluation of forecasting methods and forecasting competitions
- New forecasting methods
- Big data, machine learning and forecasting
- Behavioural issues in forecasting and Judgemental forecasting
- Forecasting for logistics and supply Chain Management
- Energy forecasting

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### **Key Dates**

31 May 2020 Deadline for submission of titles and abstracts

14 June 2020 Notification of Acceptance of Keynote Papers/ Extended Abstracts.

30 June 2020 Deadline for early reduced registration fee

Further information about the conference can be found online at: <http://www.theorsociety.com/OR62>