

International Journal of Forecasting's Best Paper Award Announced, 2000-2001
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Winner of the 2000/2001 Award

The Directors of The International Institute of Forecasters and the Associate Editors of the *International Journal of Forecasting* selected the best paper published in the *IJF* in the period 2000 to 2001. The paper is:

B. D. McCullough (2000), "Is it safe to assume that software is accurate?' *International Journal of Forecasting*, 16, 383-397.

Some reasons for this choice are: "... McCullough brought the important problem of software accuracy to the attention of our readers...", "...The paper will have a substantial impact on forecasting practice if its recommendations are followed, and because it tackles an important issue that affects almost everyone involved in forecasting to some extent ...", and "... Ultimately, virtually all of the work published in the *IJF* (and indeed most other journals) relies on the use of some statistical software. Authors almost always take accuracy for granted, but McCullough shows that this is dangerous, and thus that the conclusions reached could be inappropriate...".

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

Outstanding papers

The following three papers were also recognized by the IIF for their contributions to forecasting:

- S. Makridakis. and M. Hibon (2000) "The M3-competition; results, conclusions and implications," *International Journal of Forecasting*, 16, 451-476.
- P. Goodwin (2000), "Correct or combine? Mechanically integrating judgmental forecasts with statistical methods," *International Journal of Forecasting*, 15, 261-275.
- J. S. Armstrong, V. G. Morwitz, and V. Kumar (2000), "Sales forecasts for existing consumer products and services," *International Journal of Forecasting*, 16, 383-397.