

# Changing of the guard

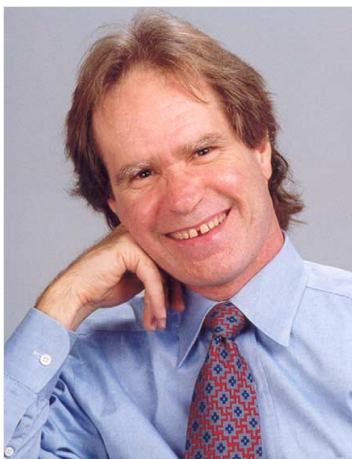
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With this issue, we say farewell to Fred Collopy and welcome to Paul Goodwin.

Fred has been an editor of the *International Journal of Forecasting* (IJF) since 2005 (and Associate Editor before that). He has made many outstanding contributions to the IJF, as an author and as an editor. He has done extensive research in forecasting, including the development of rule-based forecasting, and some important contributions in forecasting method evaluation and on the application of causal force knowledge to forecasting. One of the most cited papers ever published in the IJF is Armstrong & Collopy (1992), where Fred and Scott Armstrong discuss various methods of forecast accuracy for time series. We will miss Fred's extensive knowledge of forecasting, his editorial insight and his leadership. He has chosen to step down to take up some new challenges, which we hope are as successful as his work with the IJF. However, we have not yet entirely lost his services—he will be Guest Editor of an upcoming issue on neural networks.

We are fortunate to have been able to replace Fred with someone of the calibre of Paul Goodwin. Paul is Professor of Management Science at the University of Bath. He has an MSc in Management Science and Operational Research from the University of Warwick and a PhD



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in Management Science from the University of Lancaster. His research interests are concerned with the role of management judgment in forecasting and decision making and he has advised a large number of companies and public sector organizations on forecasting. Paul will be well-known to our readers as an Associate Editor of the journal with particular expertise in the use of judgement in forecasting and the design of forecasting support systems. He was, until recently, a Director of the International Institute of Forecasters. He is co-author of *Decision Analysis for Management Judgment* (Goodwin & Wright, 2004) and he also writes a column in *Foresight: The International Journal of Applied Forecasting* that is aimed at practitioners. I am delighted to have Paul join the team of editors.

In 2010, the Editors of the *IJF* are as follows:

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Paul Goodwin

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