Dr Chris Davies, a member of the Data Analytics and Financial Innovation special interest group at the IEF, presented a paper at this years OR66 conference that was held at Bangor University. The Operational Research Society is a prestigious society for operational researchers in the UK and has members from academia and the practitioner community.

The presentation focused on how to treat products within a hybrid manufacturing context. Products are treated as being either made to stock or made to order. The work developed a methodology to determine how to treat each product, utilising forecasting. This decision support system will enable a production planner to create production schedules by suggesting how to treat each product.

The presentation was well received, and a lively discussion was had after it, with some good observations being made that could develop the work further. It is hoped to have the paper submitted to the OR Society’s academic journal, the Journal of the Operational Society, later this year.