

New President of the British Institute of Radiology Thursday - 18 September 2008 (Press Release)



Dr Stuart Green and Dr Julie Olliff shaking hands.

After two years of loyal service to the BIR, Dr Julie Olliff handed over the reins of the Institute to Dr Stuart Green on Thursday 18 September at 36 Portland Place, London.

An evening starting off with prizes

This wonderful evening — an event kindly sponsored by Philips Healthcare — began with Dr Dow-Mu Koh's presentation of the MacKenzie Davidson Memorial Lecture on the topic of "Diffusion-weighted MRI: A new technique for body imaging".

After presenting the 2007 Barclay Medal to Dr Fergus Gleeson and the 2007 Barclay Prize to Professor Adrian K Dixon, Dr Olliff delivered her final speech as President, thanking the BIR Committees, Members, Company subscribers and staff for their support over the last two years. Her presidency will be remembered for the many projects she led, such as the introduction of free associate membership for UK-based students and trainees, reorganisation of the BIR Local Branches, and the much improved contacts made between the Institute and the government on important matters such as NICE and many more.

A new president with many objectives

It is a confident Dr Stuart Green, a BIR member for 16 years, who steps up to take on his new role. He will be supported by Vice-President Dr Stephen Davies, former president of UKRC. Dr Green named the objectives that he will pursue during his two-year tenure, including:

- strengthen the relationship between clinicians and scientists throughout the world, e.g. facilitate further meetings between researchers from France and UK on particle therapy and cancer imaging which were supported by the Foreign Office and Institute Curie in March 2008;
- support the British Journal of Radiology (BJR) — a journal which now has the highest impact factor for a UK published radiology journal — in its efforts to further improve quality;
- implement the retrospective digitization of the BJR, i.e the creation of an online Journal with an accessible, searchable database spanning 100 years of radiological research
- encourage and develop projects that present the work of the BIR to a wider public, e.g. the Art Exhibition planned for March 2009 and the web-based project whereby medical images are explained to the general public and to children studying sciences;
- optimise the services which BIR provides to its members by implementing Quality Management procedures in the Institute with ISO9000 accreditation;
- Continue to improve services to BIR members and the radiology community through the development of BIR branches.

These are only a few of the projects being led by a very enthusiastic president, whom the BIR would like to warmly welcome.