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**The British Institute of Radiology (BIR) is proud to announce the launch of a full electronic archive of British Journal of Radiology (BJR). Visit the website at <http://retro.bir.org.uk>**

The digitization of the BJR is the most exciting project in the history of radiology that I have been involved with apart from the Roentgen Century Congress in 1995.

It is wonderful to be able to access this primary material online. The BJR was (and is) a very important journal and most of the great names in radiology contributed – names such as Sir Godfrey Hounsfield, Peter Kerley, James Brails and Ian Donald.

It is good to read the original words of the pioneers and see the original images. The story of the BJR is the story of Radiology. The aim is to add content as time goes on and viewers are invited to send in their thoughts to add to the site.

In order to know where we are now, we need to know where we have been. We can take too much for granted and we need to celebrate and remember those who have gone before us. The BIR and the BJR have made major contributions to our discipline of Radiology.

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