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**The British Institute of Radiology Inaugurates 79th President**



BIR President Dr Stephen Davies and Past BIR President Dr Stuart Green.

Dr Stephen Davies became The British Institute of Radiology's 79th President on the 23<sup>rd</sup> September in a ceremony held in Chandos House, London. Dr Davies, is a consultant radiologist at Cwm Taf Health Board in South Wales.

Dr Davies joined the Institute in 1989 and was soon involved in the modernisation of the BIR's membership scheme by contributing a trainee's perspective. He continued his commitment to the Institute by participating in the *BIR Teleradiology Working Party* and then by joining the *Welsh Branch* of the BIR. In 2003 Dr Davies became the first chair of the *BIR Integrating the Healthcare Enterprise Scientific Committee* in 2003. He became a Council member in 2006 and served as Vice President for two years before his inauguration as President for 2010-12.

During the ceremony Dr Davies acknowledged the achievements of his predecessor, Dr Stuart Green, "Through his leadership the BIR has successfully come through a challenging phase in its history. His careful judgement and inclusive leadership have served the BIR well."

Looking to the future Dr Davies announced, "We will explore new and refresh established strategic alliances in order to deliver our mission. We will ensure that our charitable public benefit is relevant to 2011 onwards. We will need to adapt to the changing world of the UK National Health Service, which will challenge the ability of many of our members to find time to carry out their good works for the Institute. We must find ways of continuing to maintain effective engagement."

Dr Stephen Davies will commence his duties as President of The British Institute of Radiology immediately.

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Notes to Editors:

The British Institute of Radiology (BIR) is an independent member-based charity bringing together all the professions in radiology and allied medical and scientific disciplines to share knowledge and educate the public, thereby improving prevention and detection of disease and management and treatment of patients. The BIR is the oldest radiological society in the world. The origins of the BIR can be traced back to a first meeting held in 1897 to form "The X-ray Society".

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