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**Advances in Radiobiology**



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The British Institute of Radiology (BIR) hosted a very well received radiology event at its headquarters in Portland Place on 8 December 2010.

*Advances in Radiobiology* was organised by Dr Stewart Martin and Prof Stephanie McKeown and the BIR's Radiation Cancer Biology Committee on behalf of the BIR.

Radiobiological research has, over recent years, produced a number of interesting and exciting results, some of which are causing central dogma to be revisited and revised. Such research has direct relevance to current radiotherapy treatment practice.

This meeting, comprised of a series of invited talks and proffered papers, which covered recent advances and how they influence radiotherapy outcome and future practice.

Invited speakers included Professor Kevin Prise (Centre for Cancer Research and Cell Biology, Queen's University Belfast), who talked about *Radiation Mediated Intercellular Signaling – Therapeutic Implications* and Professor Eric Hall (Centre for Radiological Research, Columbia University, New York) discussed *Beyond BEIR VII: Factors Affecting Radiation-Induced Cancer and the Impact on Radiotherapy*.

Meeting organiser, Dr Stewart Martin, comments: "This was a great meeting that really addressed the importance of radiobiology and radiotherapy practice".

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Notes to Editors:

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