



ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING 2019

PRESIDENT'S REPORT

Members of the British Institute of Radiology, I am very pleased to welcome you to our fifty-ninth annual general meeting. This is my first annual report as President of the BIR.

It has been a busy and productive year as the BIR continues to develop and evolve, making significant progress in several key areas.

Firstly, membership is growing. This is naturally of prime importance in order for any organisation to thrive. This year has seen 13% growth in fee paying members, with significantly improved retention and in addition we now have 36 corporate members.

Publications continues to be a central pillar of the BIR, and it is exciting to be able to report that our new journal BJR|Open has been launched, BJR is now available in 1422 institutions world-wide and article downloads across our publishing portfolio have risen markedly this year.

The Education team have been very busy putting on numerous successful events and organising a very popular series of webinars. Delegate satisfaction at events over the past year has been very high with 96.7% of delegates rating them good or excellent. The meeting on the hot topic of Artificial Intelligence was so successful it will return with an international faculty for 2020. In addition the BIR Annual Congress in Nov 2018 was a sell-out, attracting the biggest audience yet. Early indications are that the 2019 Annual Congress will be bigger and better than ever.

An exciting new venture is underway with the development of an e-Learning portfolio. A series of on-line educational videos is being produced. Work is already well underway on the first module on the topic of Radiation Safety, and this is due to be launched early next year.

I am also very pleased with how well BIR branch and Special Interest Group (SIG) engagement has grown this year, with a very positive meeting of all branch and SIG chairs in May, led by our Honorary Secretary, Dr Sridhar Redla.

In January a new Leadership & Management SIG was launched, and a Management stream is planned at this year's Annual Congress. In addition, this year the BIR has developed a new Sharing Platform primarily for those with a management role - in order that resources such as business plans and templates can be shared.

July 2018 saw the introduction of a very popular initiative: MRI Safety week – with advisory leaflets on a different MRI topic released each day for 5 days. This was followed by a Radiation Safety week

in February. Many thanks to the Magnetic Resonance and Radiation Safety SIGs for their excellent work on these important topics.

Meanwhile our World Partner Network, which enables us to share information and exchange ideas with our 17 partners, is developing well, enabling news of the BIR and updates on our publications and activities to spread globally.

So, all in all, a very busy and positive year, with much to continue to build upon. My thanks of course go to all of the hardworking BIR staff and to the numerous BIR members from all of the various disciplines who give freely of their time, energy and expertise to support this important multidisciplinary organisation.

Dr Jane Phillips-Hughes