

## **ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING 2021**

### **President's Report 2020-21**

I take immense pleasure in presenting my first annual report as President of the BIR. As we gradually come out of the pandemic, it is time to reflect and thank all the healthcare professionals and key workers who worked tirelessly and selflessly throughout this period. Needless to say, it has been a year with lots of uncertainties—a year of ups and downs, challenges and opportunities.

It has been an eventful year for the BIR, with the team adapting quickly and rising to the challenge. The Education team was quick to get off the mark and revamped the events calendar to go entirely virtual. The BIR Annual Congress 2020 proved to be highly successful with the highest number of registrations ever and delegates from 44 countries across the globe. The BIR also tied up with other Societies and held several successful joint events.

The year has seen a record number of new members joining the BIR, with a steep increase in international membership. This is a true testament to the wide range of educational and online resources available to BIR members.

Publishing has seen a busy year with an increase in submissions, including a number of COVID-19-related papers. The Editorial team achieved record turnaround times between submission and publication. The Radiation safety video courses have also proved to be hugely successful with excellent feedback for their engaging content and educational value.

The World Partner Network (WPN) has expanded further to 21 members with great involvement from members, in spite of the pandemic. Throughout the year, we managed to keep in touch and exchange ideas and resources. We also held our first joint event on Artificial Intelligence with the Indian Radiological and Imaging Association (IRIA).

It is perhaps Finance which has faced the biggest challenge given the global situation. But even there, the BIR managed to quickly adapt and, incredibly, end up with a surplus. This is a clear reflection of the astute leadership of the management team.

All in all, it has been a year like no other before, but has seen the BIR grow in stature and come out the other side with its head held high, by helping the profession in whatever way it could. For this I would like to personally thank the Senior Management team, each and every member of the BIR staff and the Trustees for their unflinching commitment to the cause. I would also like to express my gratitude to the members of various Special Interest Groups and committees, the Editors and reviewers of the journals, speakers at events and all others who have given up their valuable time amid busy schedules and in times of extreme pressure.

Looking forward to a more normal but exciting 2021–22 as we enter the 125<sup>th</sup> year of the BIR!

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