

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING 2025

President's Report 2024-25

Members of the British Institute of Radiology, I am very pleased to welcome you to our sixty-fifth annual general meeting (AGM). This is my first report as BIR President and I am delighted to say that it has been another busy and successful year.

In my first year as President of the BIR, we have witnessed many positive developments and exciting changes across the organisation. Having previously served as a Trustee and Vice President of Publishing, I was already familiar with the BIR's evolving vision—one that seeks to innovate and lead the future of imaging and radiation oncology. I would like to extend my sincere thanks to our outgoing President, Professor Stephen Keevil, for his outstanding leadership and dedication during his term.

Since assuming the role in September, I have had the privilege of participating in numerous events, conferences, and meetings to promote and showcase the work of the BIR. Notably, our Annual General Meeting was held in a hybrid format for the first time, enabling both in-person engagement and enhanced collaboration between our Council and staff.

In May 2024, I, along with Stephen Keevil and Michael Mitchell, attended the American Roentgen Ray Society (ARRS) Annual Congress in Boston. There, we delivered a joint session on screening practices in the UK versus the USA—an opportunity extended to us as part of our membership in ARRS's Global Partner Scheme.

Our presence at other major annual meetings, including those of the Radiological Society of North America (RSNA) and the European Society of Radiology (ESR), provided valuable opportunities to connect with our partners and Corporate Members. These conversations offered insights into their ongoing work and helped identify potential areas for future collaboration. At RSNA, we were pleased to host a well-attended World Partner Network breakfast, bringing together representatives from 20 of our sister societies.

A key milestone this year was the launch of our new AI Fellowship, made possible through sponsorship by Bayer. This initiative offers a participant the chance to spend a week with Bayer's team, gaining valuable exposure to the inner workings and culture of a healthcare AI organisation.

Our education programme continues to thrive. We hosted our three flagship two-day events, featuring a range of expert speakers. In March, we held the 8th Annual AI Congress, where we were honoured to welcome Lord Holmes of Richmond MBE as our keynote speaker.

Our publishing arm is also going from strength to strength. We were proud to launch BJR | Artificial Intelligence, which opened for submissions and published its first volume this year. The impressive impact factors achieved across our journals speak to the high quality and influence of the content we publish.

Finally, I would like to highlight the launch of our new logo in June 2024. Inspired by our motto, “E Tenebris Lux”—“Light out of Darkness”—this refreshed visual identity reflects our rich heritage as the world’s oldest radiological society while signalling our progressive and forward-thinking direction. Work is ongoing to further modernise our brand in a way that honours our legacy and supports our mission for the future.

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