**RCR President Message**

I am delighted to have been asked to say a few words in this SRT Newsletter. I am encouraged that the SRT seems to be such a vibrant body with many new ventures planned. I would urge all junior radiologists to join the SRT, not only for the academic and educational benefits it provides (a particular highlight being the SRT Annual Conference), but also for the opportunity to network amongst peers.

****These are challenging times for healthcare generally in the UK, and in particular for radiology, which underpins the whole of medical diagnosis, the cancer pathway, acute trauma, minimally invasive intervention and is indispensible for all major surgical operations. This puts us in a very sought after position as radiologists since we are in ‘a buyers market’. Junior radiologists, although needing to develop one or two specialist interests, should aim to retain as much general expertise as possible across the board in order to be flexible and to be able to adapt to changing requirements. With respect to developing some areas of specialist interest after gaining your FRCR, it is well worth joining one or two of the RCR’s SIGs (special interest groups) in whichever body systems interest you most. The pace of technological and IT development is, if anything, accelerating, which means we are in an exciting and rapidly evolving specialty with ample opportunity for personal development and interest throughout our professional lives. In particular the flurry of interest in artificial intelligence (AI) should be viewed as an opportunity (not a threat) for us to get involved in shaping its development, so that it serves to facilitate our practice of radiology, freeing us up to manage our patients holistically, concentrating upon tasks which require us to use our expertise as qualified doctors as well as highly trained radiologists.

I look forward to seeing as many of you as possible at the next SRT annual conference in Cardiff in May 2018, although I hope that I will have the opportunity to meet a considerable number of you before then.