



## Radiologist's double presidency

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11 April 2007, Professor Adam takes up the three year presidency of the Royal College of Radiologists (RCR) in September 2007. The RCR is the main institution representing radiologists and clinical oncologists in the United Kingdom and has important responsibilities, including education, accreditation and continuing professional development.

The European Society of Radiology (ESR), is the only professional society representing radiologists at European level. It was formed last year when the European Association of Radiology and the European Congress of Radiology merged. Professor Adam began his one year presidency last month.

' Unprecedented changes'

Professor Adam, who will also continue his College work during the two presidencies, said of his new appointments: 'This is the first time that the President of the Royal College of Radiologists was elected by ballot of all the fellows residing in the UK. I am honoured to have been chosen in this way. This is a very difficult period for British medicine, with unprecedented changes in training and practice. I shall do all I can to justify the trust placed in me by British radiologists and clinical oncologists. I also feel privileged to be representing the profession at a European level for the newly formed European Society of Radiology.'

Professor Adam completed his medical training at The Middlesex Hospital Medical School, University of London, and trained in Radiology at the Royal Postgraduate Medical School. His primary clinical and research interests are in the areas of biliary and gastrointestinal intervention, and percutaneous tumour ablation (the treatment of tumours in various organs using laser and radiofrequency under ultrasound and CT guidance). He has published more than 200 scientific papers and book chapters and has served as Editor-in-Chief of Cardiovascular and Interventional Radiology.

Speaking about the challenges that lie ahead, Professor Adam, who is also an Honorary Consultant Radiologist for Guy's and St Thomas' NHS Foundation Trust added: 'One of my main aims as President of the RCR is to increase the clinical role of radiologists and their proximity to patients. Modern imaging investigations play a crucial role in guiding treatment. More direct communication between radiologists and patients would help to reduce anxiety when waiting for the results of important imaging studies and increase the efficiency of treatment.'

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