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Upcoming Events and Activities

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First prize of £250. Closing date 24th October. Full details overleaf



The BSHR 2025 Online Lecture November Prof Iwan Morus speaking on Nikola Tesla

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**“A personal History of Radiology from
Röntgen to the Modern Digital Era & AI –
what can we learn from the pioneers?”**



Dr Arpan K Banerjee

Chair ISHRAD

(International Society for the History of Radiology)

Governors Hall, St Thomas Hospital, London



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The John Clifton Essay Prize 2025

The British Society for the History of Radiology is pleased to launch the John Clifton Essay Prize for 2025, promoting research and insight into the history of radiological sciences (including medical imaging, radiotherapy & nuclear medicine).

We are keen to receive essays that explore all aspects of radiology history including scientific discovery and technological development; biographical accounts; societal impact and cultural dimensions. Essays which explore less well-known events / figures, or which demonstrate the relevance of historical events to current and future practice are encouraged. Topics may include diagnostic imaging, interventional techniques, radiotherapy and may seek to highlight the work of radiologists, radiographers, physicists and engineers, or may explore imaging and therapeutic techniques from the patient's perspective. Whilst entries are open to all, we particularly welcome participation from healthcare professionals in training and from undergraduates. Essays should be based on accurate historical research, but personal insights, reflections and perspectives can be included.

The prize is named in honour of Professor John Clifton (1930-2023), renowned medical physicist and member of BSHR over many years.

Word limit: 5000 (excluding references)

Essays should be submitted in Word, using Times New Roman Font (size 12).

Please omit the author's name from the Word document.

Essays should be fully referenced. If images are included, it should be possible to determine the copyright status to facilitate potential publication.

Entries must not have been previously published elsewhere.

Use of AI chatbot software or equivalent is prohibited.

Entries will be judged by members of the BSHR Council.

Closing date: Friday 24th October 2025

Entries should be sent to: info.bshr@gmail.com

First prize of £250 (and publication in *Invisible Light* / BSHR website)

Additional prizes may be awarded at the judges' discretion.

Winners will also receive a year's membership of BSHR.

All entries will be considered for publication in *Invisible Light* and on the BSHR website.

Winners will be announced at the BSHR Online lecture, November 2025 (date TBC, further details will be made available at bshr.org.uk)

The BSHR 2026 Annual Lecture: Monday 2nd February, Governors Hall, St Thomas Hospital, London

“A personal History of Radiology from Röntgen to the Modern Digital Era & AI – what can we learn from the pioneers?”

Dr Arpan K Banerjee, MBBS(LOND)FRCR FRCR FBIR

Dr Banerjee has been researching and writing about radiology history for over 30 years and has published over a hundred papers and essays and several books on aspects of radiology and medical history. He is the author of 'Radiology of AIDS' (1993), Radiology Made Easy (1999, 2006) and co author of the book 'Classic papers in Modern Diagnostic Radiology' (Springer 2004) and 'The History of Radiology' (OUP 2013). His latest project was co-editing and contributing to the book 'Pioneers in Radiology Worldwide at the time of Wilhelm Röntgen' published in Paris in 2024.

In this talk he will review the lives and contributions of the early radiology pioneers from Röntgen, Madame Curie and others and also cover the development of early ultrasound, CT, MRI and interventional radiology and AI. The talk will provide a historical overview of some of the key developments in radiology throughout the twentieth century and the pioneers involved in these developments and will also serve to remind us what the lives of these pioneers can teach us in our current era.

Save the date for what promises to be a fantastic lecture. Further details on how to secure in person or online tickets will be available at bshr.org.uk towards the end of the year