

## **New Chair of ARR.**



Dr. George 'Don' Jones, the previous Vice-Chair of the Association for Radiation Research (ARR), has now assumed the position of Chair of the ARR.

Don (a Reader in Radiobiology at the Department of Cancer Studies & Molecular Medicine, University of Leicester) assumed the post of Chair at the beginning of July, 2008. He takes over from the previous Chair, Dr. Mohi Rezvani, who is pictured with Don during Mohi's recent visit to Leicester to discuss the handing over of the position. Don also presently serves as the ARR's acting Treasurer (whilst a replacement is being sought) and, along with Dr. Tracy Robson (Queens University Belfast), is the ARR's representative to the International Association for Radiation Research.

Don says 'I am delighted to be the new Chair of the ARR; it is an honour to serve this illustrious body and its membership. I thank Mohi for his previous two years of service to the Association as Chair and I look forward to his continued involvement and guidance in his next post as Past-Chair. I have been a member of the ARR since joining as a junior post-doc researcher in the mid 1980's. I have long-recognised the value of the ARR, through its various activities, to the radiation research community in the UK, Ireland and abroad. The position of Chair is one of significant responsibility that will require dedicated time and effort to execute. But there is a great deal of support for me in the form of a supportive committee (note! whom I will be calling on more-so in the future), but I must pay special tribute to the current Secretary, Tracy Robson, who shoulders an inequitable proportion of the work load.'

'Finally, as the incoming Chair, I welcome the new Vice-Chair, Kaye Williams (Manchester), and the newly elected committee members Mark Hill (Oxford), Rhona Anderson (Brunel) and Yuri Dubrova (Leicester) to the committee. I look forward to working with you in the future'.

Link to the full University of Leicester press release:

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