

PRESIDENT'S LETTER

I am delighted to be writing my first editorial as your new President. To be involved with the British Anaesthetic and Recovery Nurses Association is a privilege for any anaesthetist but to serve as your President is a great honour indeed. I will give of my best during my term of office and hope that I will be able to contribute significantly to activities of the Association. I gave a lecture at your meeting a few years ago and was impressed by its organisation, vitality and professionalism. I never imagined that I would return as President!

Your previous President, David Wilkinson, served the Association magnificently. He has represented your interests with distinction and I know that he will be missed. However, you can be sure that he will remain a great advocate for the Association in the future. I am very grateful for the help and advice he has given me with respect to BARNA and I know that you will join me in wishing him well.

I was able to attend much of your meeting this year and look forward to attending all of them during my term in office. The scientific programme was impressive and the quality of the lectures outstanding. I met all the members of your committee and feel sure that the Association is guided by a team dedicated to the welfare and future of the Association and your profession. Mark Radford's chairmanship will be inspired, energetic, skillful and wise. I was also fortunate to attend the social events associated with the conference. I can see that this will be one of the highlights of my year.

A key activity of your Association is the publication of the Journal and there is no doubt that its quality is second-to-none. The Journal is often the first point of contact for those who are unaware of the activities of the Association and the importance of the impression that it conveys cannot be over estimated. It is a considerable burden to produce regular issues of high standard and you can be proud of the editorial team who are constantly walking this treadmill.

The NHS is changing and I am sure that BARNA will respond to the challenges and opportunities which lie ahead. Your speciality is essential for the safe and efficient delivery of surgical services and your Association has great potential in playing a full role in improving and developing these services.

It is a great honour to serve as your President. I hope that your committee or any individual member of the Association will not hesitate to ask for my help with any matter. I look forward to an exciting, rewarding and enjoyable 3 years.

Professor David Rowbotham
BARNA President



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