



BERA Annual Conference 2009

University of Manchester

## Incoming President's Welcome

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Dear Conference Participant,

I am delighted to welcome you to BERA 2009 and I hope you will enjoy what promises to be a most interesting and lively programme.

Regrettably, and with great personal disappointment, I have to announce that I am not able to join you on this occasion. I am presently recovering from a health condition that prevents me from taking up my presidential duties until a little later in September.

Fortunately, however, I am pleased to confirm that the only disruption to the programme arising from my absence will be the postponement of my incoming President's Address. The programme is otherwise unaffected and there should be no impact on your participation and enjoyment of the proceedings. Our current President, Pamela Munn, and our CEO, Jeremy Hoad, along with the members of Council and the Conference Committee, are an excellent team and the event will, as always, be a great success.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank Pamela and Jeremy, and members of Council, who will cover the various presidential conference duties on my behalf.

Primarily, however, this is a message of welcome.

**Have a Great Conference Everyone!**

John Gardner

(President 2009-2011)

