Institute of Biology Science Policy Consultation Responses

(1995 - 2003)

Consultation responses drafted for the Institute of Biology by its Head of Science Policy and Books, Jonathan Cowie, from summary notes from its policy committees, Board members and Affiliated Societies

- Excludes responses compiled by the Head of Education & Training -

Affiliated Societies had the opportunity to either contribute informally (off the record) or formally as fully cited co-respondents. In addition to Affiliated Societies responding jointly to support a 'common' view, they were also encouraged to respond separately with their own 'specialist' view. In this way both common views across bioscience and specialist views (applying to a single area within biology) were presented.

4.12.02 [24]	Fighting Infection 2 A follow-up response to the House of Lords consultation by its Select Committee for Science and Technology made by the Institute of Biology in conjunction with the Association for Clinical Microbiology , Society for Applied Microbiology , and the Society for General Microbiology .
4.12.02 [23]	World Summit on Sustainable Development 2002: Turning Rhetoric into Reality. A response to the Environmental Audit Committee from the Institute of Biology and the British Crop Protection Council, British Ecological Society, British Society for Soil Science, Marine Biological Association, and the Society for Experimental Biology
18.11.02 [22]	Fighting Infection response to the House of Lords Select Committee for Science & Technology made with the Association of Clinical Microbiology and the Society for Applied Microbiology .
17.10.02 [20]	Pharmageddon Now policy alert on anti-infective resistance to Parliamentarians at the House of Lords. Organised jointly with the Royal Pharmaceutical Society of Great Britain, in association with the Academy of Pharmaceutical Scientists, the Society for Applied Microbiology, and the Society for General Microbiology, with support from AstraZeneca and Bayer. (The was a follow-up Parliamentarian, policy-maker and scientist dinner in November in the House of Lords.)
11.10.02[19]	The Water Framework Directive Guiding Principles On The Technical Requirements. A response to the Environment Agency from the Institute of Biology's Environment Committee
24.9.02[18]	Towards A More Predictive Biology: A Ten-Year Vision for the BBSRC, a response to the BBSRC
24.9.02[17]	BBSRC Strategic Plan 2003-2008 to the BBSRC
20.9.02[16]	Towards a Non-Carbon Fuel Economy: A response to the House of Commons Select Committee for Science & Technology
16.9.02[15]	Energy Policy: A response to DEFRA, DTI and DTLR
13.9.02[14]]	Response to the Department of Health on <i>Health Protection</i> (creating a Health Protection Agency).
5.9.02[13]	Review of BBSRC Research into Sustainable Agriculture to BBSRC
27.6.02 [12]	Response to the House of Commons Select Committee for Science and Technology on Short Term contracts made with together with the Association of Clinical Microbiologists, British Association for Cancer Research, British Association for Lung Research, British Crop Protection Council, British Ecological Society, British

Grassland Society, British Microcirculation Society, British Phycological Society,

British Society for Parasitology, British Society for Plant Pathology, Freshwater Biological Association, Institute of Horticulture, Institute of Trichologists, Physiological Society, Society for Applied Microbiology, Society for Experimental Biology and the UK Environmental Mutagen Society.

25.6.02[11]	Fuelling the Future III: Biofuels workshop report made in association with the British Crop Protection Council launched to Parliamentarians at the House of Commons as part of the Fuelling the Future series jointly run with the Institute of Physics and Royal Society of Chemistry .
19.3.02 [7]	Managing Radioactive Waste Safely response to the Department for Environment, Food, and Rural Affairs (DEFRA), Scottish Executive, Welsh Assembly, and the Department of Environment Northern Ireland.
4.3.02 [6]	UK Preparations for the World Summit on Sustainable Development consultation response to the House of Commons Environmental Audit Committee.
4.3.02 [5]	New South Downs National Park to the Countryside Agency.
24.1.02 [3]	Systematic Biology and Biodiversity. A response to the House of Lords Science and Technology Select Committee from the Institute of Biology and the British Ecological Society, British Phycological Society, British Society for Plant Pathology, Freshwater Biological Association, Royal Entomological Society, and the Society for Experimental Biology
22.1.02 [2]	The Research Assessment Exercise. A response to the House of Commons Select Committee for Science and Technology from the Institute of Biology and the British Association of Cancer Research, British Association for Lung Research, British Ecological Society, British Electrophoresis Society, British Society for Plant Pathology, British Society for Soil Science, Laboratory Animal Science Association, Royal Entomological Society, and the Society for Applied Microbiology
11.01.02 [1]	A Sustainable Energy Strategy A response to the House of Commons Environmental Audit Committee
13.12.01	Review of Horticultural R&D submitted to consultants contracted to the Department of Food and Rural Affairs (DEFRA) and compiled jointly by the Institute of Biology and Institute of Horticulture
30.11.01	Thames Corridor Abstraction Management Strategy. A response to the Environment Agency on the initial round consultation
22.11.01	Towards a European Strategy for the Security of Energy Supply. A response to the European Commission's Green Paper from the Institute of Biology, British Crop Protection Council , British Ecological Society , and the British Society for Soil Science . Copied this date to the Cabinet Office Energy Policy Review as well as the Lords European Union Select Committee review on Security of Energy Supplies in the EU
29.10.01	Evidence on DTI responsibilities for sustainability from the Secretary of State for Trade and Industry to the Environmental Audit Committee (EAC) of the House of Commons. Response to meeting notification circular to the EAC secretariat from the IoB Science Policy secretariat.
25.10.01	Antibiotic Resistance in Relation to Veterinary Medicines. A response to the Veterinary Medicines Directorate of DEFRA from the Institute of Biology, British Ecological Society, British Society for Plant Pathology, and Institute of Trichologists
28.9.01	Departmental Aims and Objectives. A response to DEFRA from the Institute of Biology, British Crop Protection Council, British Ecological Society, British Society for Animal Science, British Society for Plant Pathology, Freshwater Biological

Association, Royal Entomological Society, and the Society for Experimental Biology

2.8.01 Technical Amendments 2001 to the Conservation (Natural Habitats) Regulations 1994 and SSSI Appeals Regulations. A response from the Institute of Biology and the British **Ecological Society.** 30.7.01 Review of the Supply of Scientists and Engineers: A response to the Treasury's 'Roberts' Review. A preliminary draft of this response was also made available to the Science Council for circulation on July 23rd. 2^{nd} round consultation Code of Practice for Scientific Advisory Committees A response from 26.6.01 the Institute of Biology to the Office of Science & Technology to supplement the initial joint response from the Institute of Biology, Association of Applied Biologists, British Association for Cancer Research, British Association for Lung Research, British Ecological Society, British Electrophoresis Society, British Society for Animal Science, Freshwater Biological Association, Institute of Trichologists, Scottish Association for Marine Science, and the Society for the Study of Fertility. Additional support for this round's response comes from the: Association of Clinical Microbiologists and the **International Society for Applied Ethology** 23.5.01 Animals in Scientific Procedures. A response from the Institute of Biology together with the: British Association for Cancer Research, British Association for Lung Research, British Toxicology Society, Physiological Society, Laboratory Animal Science Association, Society for the Study of Fertility, Society for the Study of Human Biology made to the Select Committee on Animals in Scientific Procedures of the House of Lords 2.5.01 Cairngorms National Park Consultation on the Area, Powers and Representation of the proposed National Park response to Scottish National Heritage 6.4.01 Science Policy Priorities 2001 presented to Lord Sainsbury, Minister for Science and representatives from each of the principal political parties, featuring the priorities of the: Association of the: Association of Clinical Microbiologists; Association for Radiation Research; British Association for Lung Research; British Biophysical Society; British Ecological Society; British Grassland Society; British Lichen Society; British Society for Animal Science; British Society for Cell Biology; British Society for Crop Protection;; British Society for Immunology; British Society for Parasitology; British Society for Plant Pathology; British Society for Soil Science; Freshwater Biological Association; Genetical Society; International Biometric Society; Institute of Trichologists; Physiological Society; Primate Society of Great Britain; Research Defence Society; Society for General Microbiology; Society for the Study of Human Biology; Scottish Association for Marine Sciences; Systematics Association and the Zoological Society, together with collective views from the : Agricultural Sciences Committee; Biomedical Sciences Committee; the Environment Committee and those Affiliated Societies within the UK Life Science Committee. 28.3.01 Government Research into TSE's and Intensive Farming response to the Agricultural Select Committee of the House of Commons. 21.2.01 Loch Lemons and the Trossachs Proposed National Park response to Scottish Natural Heritage. 14.2.01 A Charter for Science presented to Parliamentarians for the UK scientific community, co-ordinated by the **Royal Society of Chemistry**, and drafted with the **Institute of** Biology, the Institute of Physics, Save British Science and others. 9.2.01 Wave and Tidal Energy response to the House of Commons Select Committee for Science and Technology. 23.1.01 Supplementary Evidence on the Scientific Advisory System to the House of Commons Select Committee for Science & Technology. 12.1.01 Supplementary Evidence on the 2000 White Paper 'Excellence and Opportunity' to the House of Commons Select Committee for Science and Technology. 14.12.00 Letter to Prof Liam Donaldson (Chief medical Officer, Department of Health) from the Biomedical Sciences Committee on Stem Cell Research: Medical Progress with Responsibility.

29.11.00	Code of Practice for Scientific Advisory Committees. A response to the Office of Science & Technology made jointly with the: Association for Applied Biologists, British Association for Cancer Research, British Association for Lung Research, British Ecological Society, British Society for Animal Science, Freshwater Biological Association, Institute of Trichologists, Scottish Association for Marine Science, and the Society for the Study of Fertility, and made to the Office of Science and Technology.
22.11.00	Initial Response to the Quinquennial Review of the Research Councils made jointly with the Royal Society of Chemistry and Save British Science to the Office of Science and Technology and copied to the Cabinet Office and the Government's Chief Scientific Advisor
31.10.00	Energy: The Natural Environment & Changing Climate. A Response to the Royal Commission on Environmental Pollution and the Energy & Natural Environment Foresight Panel
29.9.00	Response to the Scottish Executive Health Department consultation paper Supporting learning for nurses, midwives and health visitors in Scotland.
24.7.00	Review of Separation Distances for GM Crops. Response to the Ministry of Agriculture, Fisheries and Food.
10.7.00	1999-2000 Review of Guidelines on the Use of Scientific Advice. Response to the Office of Science and Technology.
23.6.00	Are we realising our potential? Response to the House of Commons Select Committee for Science & Technology from the Institute of Biology and the Association of Applied Biologists, Association of Clinical Microbiologists, British Association for Cancer Research, British Association for Psychopharmacology, British Ecological Society, British Electrophoresis Society, British Grassland Society, British Society for Plant Pathology, British Toxicology Society, Freshwater Biological Association, Institute of Trichologists, Scottish Association for Marine Science, and the Society for the Study of Fertility.
2.5.00	Science and Innovation Strategy response to the OST.
6.3.00	<i>Openness and Animal Procedures</i> response to the Animals Procedures Committee of the Home Office.
29.2.00	National Parks (Scotland) Bill response to the Scottish Office.
16.2.00	Scientific Advisory System: Scientific Advice on Climate Change response to the House of Commons Select Committee for Science & Technology.
14.2.00	Draft Home Office Guidance on the Operation of the Animals Scientific Procedures Act response to the Home Office.
4.2.00	Emerging Biotechnologies and the Animals (Scientific Procedures) Act 1986 a response to the Animal Procedures Committee of the Home Office.
4.2.00	Sustainable Water Resources for the Future: Values and Challenges. A joint response made with the Freshwater Biological Association to the Environment Agency
26.1.00	Use of Scientific Advice in Policy Making A response from the Chair of the Environment Committee of the Institute of Biology to the Office of Science & Technology.
11.1.2000	<i>Industry and the Environment</i> a discussion document from the Environment Committee, Institute of Biology.
25.11.99	Complementary and Alternative Medicine – A response made with the British Association for Lung Research, British Electrophoresis Society and the British Association for Psychopharmacology to the House of Lords Select Committee on Science and Technology

18.11.99	Government's Expenditure on Research and Development: Forward Look 1999 – A consultation response to the House of Commons Select Committee for Science & Technology made with the: Association of Applied Biologists, Association of Clinical Cytogeneticists; Association of Clinical Microbiologists, British Association for Cancer Research, British Association for Lung Research, British Association for Psychopharmacology, British Association for Tissue Banking, British Ecological Society, British Electrophoresis Society, British Grassland Society, British Phycological Society, British Society for Animal Science, British Society for Immunology, Freshwater Biological Association, Institute of Horticulture, Institute of Trichologists, Marine Biological Association, Nutrition Society, Scottish Association for Marine Science, and the Society for the Study of Fertility
17.11.99	Therapeutic Cloning in Humans, A consultation response to the Department of Health's Expert Advisory Group on Therapeutic Cloning in Humans, made with the Society for the Study of Fertility
2.8.99	Proposals for Revised Genetically Modified Organisms (Contained HSC Use) Regulations response to the Health & Safety Commission.
22.7.99	Policy and the Sustainability of Fisheries consultation made to the Government Panel on Sustainable Development and made jointly with: the Freshwater Biological Association, Marine Biological Association, and the Scottish Association for Marine Science.
15.6.99	Environmental Policy and Long Term Research – A discussion document from the IoB Environment Committee.
14.6.99	A Consultation on the <i>Scottish Credit and Qualifications Framework</i> Scottish Credit and Qualifications Framework.
8.6.99	Science and Society consultation by the House of Lords Select Committee for Science & Technology and made in association with the Association of Clinical Cytogeneticists, Association of Clinical Microbiologists, British Association for Cancer Research, British Association for Lung Research, British Electrophoresis Society, British Grassland Society, British Society for Immunology, Freshwater Biological Association, Institute of Horticulture, Institute of Trichologists, Linnean Society, Marine Biological Association, Nutrition Society, Scottish Association for Marine Science, Society for the Study of Fertility and the Society for the Study of Human Biology
29.4.99	Assessment of Biochemistry and Biological Science Research (RAE 2001) consultation response to the HEFC
7.4.99	GMOs and the Environment a response to the Parliamentary Audit Committee.
30.3.99	Scientific Advice to Government: Genetically Modified Food A response to the House of Commons Select Committee on Science and Technology. The response was made in association with the Association of Applied Biologists, the British Crop Protection Council, the British Ecological Society, the British Grassland Society, the British Phycological Society, the Institute of Horticulture, the Nutrition Society, and the Systematics Association
25.2.99	Priorities for Farm Animal Welfare R&D to Farm Animal Welfare Council (at MAFF).
9.2.99	UK Climate Change Programme response made to the DETR.
11.1.99	Energy and the Environment response made to the Royal Commission for Environmental Pollution.
6.1.99	Aquatic Eutrophication in England and Wales: A Proposed Management Strategy response made to the Environment Agency.
1.1.99	Science and the revision of the National Curriculum — Joint statement with the Royal Society and other Science Subject Associations
21.12.98	Sites of Special Scientific Interest: Better Protection and Management response to the Department of the Environment, Transport and the Regions

2.12.98	National Parks for Scotland: A Consultation Response from the Institute of Biology to Scottish Natural Heritage
10.11.98	Research Assessment Exercise 2001 — Key decisions and issues for further consultation response to the Higher Education Funding Councils made jointly with the British Ecological Society, the British Electrophoresis Society, the British Society for Animal Science, the British Society for Plant Pathology, the British Society for Soil Science, the Freshwater Biological Association, the Institute of Horticulture, the Linnean Society, the Marine Biological Association, the Nutrition Society, the Society for Applied Microbiology, the Society for the Study of Fertility, the Society for the Study of Human Biology and the UK National Committee for Microbiology.
15.9.98	Water Abstraction Licensing Review for England and Wales, a consultation response to the Department of the Environment and Transport and the Regions from the IoB and the Freshwater Biological Association.
11.9.98	Research Assessment Exercise: Bodies to nominate consultation response to the Higher Education Funding Councils.
26.8.98	The New Technology Foresight Programme 2 nd response to the OST
3.08.98	GMO Crops: Social and ethical issues, to Nuffield Council on Bioethics from the Institute of Biology, the Association of Applied Biology, the British Crop Protection Council, the British Ecological Society, the British Electrophoresis Society, the British Grassland Society, and the Institute of Horticulture
8.5.98	The Scientific Advisory System to the House of Commons Science and Technology Committee made with the Association for Clinical Microbiology, the British Association for Lung Research, the British Electrophoresis Society, the British Grassland Society, the British Society for Animal Science, the British Society for Soil Science, the Freshwater Biological Association, the Institute of Horticulture, the Institute of Trichologists, the Marine Biological Association, the Society for Applied Microbiology, the Society for the Study of Human Biology, and the UK National Committee for Microbiology.
30.4.98	Cloning Issues In Reproduction, Science & Medicine response to Human Genetics Advisory Commission of the OST
24.04.98	Primary Science Scheme of Work response made to the Qualifications and Curriculum Authority
25.3.98	Production of Monoclonal Antibodies in Ascitic Fluid response to the Home Office consultation.
18.3.98	Food Standards Agency response from the Biomedical Sciences Committee of the IoB to the Cabinet Office.
12.3.98	Research Assessment Consultation to the Higher Education Funding Councils made with the British Electrophoresis Society, Society for Applied Microbiology, Society for the Study of Human Biology, Association for Applied Biologists, British Ecological Society, British Phycological Society, British Society for Animal Science, British Toxicology Society, Freshwater Biology Association, Institute of Horticulture, Linnean Society of London, Marine Biological Association, Society for Experimental Biology, Society for the Study of Fertility, and the Institute of Trichologists
2.2.98	Comprehensive Spending Review: Impact of the Science Budget Office of Science and Technology, DTI.
28.1.98	Economic Instruments for Water Pollution Department for Environment, Transport and the Regions.

5.12.97	Proposals for a new Technology Foresight Programme Office of Science & Technology, DTI.
3.12.97	Chemicals / Health Life Sciences Foresight consultation response to the Health and Life Sciences Joint Action Group of the Royal Society of Chemistry
1.12.97	Resistance To Antimicrobial Agents Causes And Consequences Of Emergence response to the House of Lords Science and Technology Committee Consultation with comments from the UK National Committee for Microbiology cluster of Affiliated Societies and the British Electrophoresis Society.
18.11.97	Woodland Creation Needs And Opportunities in the English Countryside 2nd (follow-up) consultation response to the Forestry Commission and the Countryside Commission (for MAFF), which separately reflects some of the key points independently made by the IoB Affiliate the British Ecological Society .
18.11.97	2nd Round Of Amendments For The EC Proposal For A Directive For The Legal Protection Of Biotechnological Invention consultation response to the Patent Office.
3.11.97	EC Proposal for a Directive For The Legal Protection Of Biotechnological Invention consultation response to the Patent Office.
10.9.97	The Cleansing And Disinfection Of Vehicles Used For The Transportation Of Animals consultation response to the Ministry of Agriculture, Fisheries and Food.
8.7.97	Developing a national environmental monitoring and assessment framework, consultation response to the Environment Agency.
8.7.97	Endocrine Disrupting Chemicals consultation response to the UK Sustainability Panel of the Department of the Environment.
1.7.97	Food Standards Agency response to Cabinet Office, including comments from the UK National Committee for Microbiology cluster of Affiliated Societies.
20.6.97	Letter to Rt. Hon John Battle (Minister for Science) on the proposed <i>Review Of Organisation Of Science</i> .
2.6.97	Mental Disorders And Genetics, consultation from the Nuffield Council on Bioethics. Response made jointly with the Society for the Study of Fertility .
21. 5.97	<i>Biologists' Science Priorities For An Incoming Government</i> (includes 29.5.97 in public priorities identified by 29 Affiliated Societies) to Rt Hon John Battle domain Minister for Science & Energy at DTI.
8.5.97	Review of Wildlife & Countryside Act 3rd Quinquennial Review consultation from the Department of the Environment.
6.5.97	Xenotransplantation: Responding to the Government's Response, made jointly with the British Electrophoresis Society, and with specific comments from the British Association for Tissue Banks and the Society for Low Temperature Biology to the Department of Health
11.2.97	Environment and Heath consultation from the Department of the Environment and Department of Health.
31.01.97	Scottish Certificate of Education: Practical Abilities in Standard Grade Biology made to the SEB
15.1.97	Woodland Creation response to the Forestry Authority and Countryside Commission.

10.1.97	Environment Agency Corporate Plan response to the Environment Agency.
7.11.96	Agriculture and Biodiversity response made to the Government Panel on Sustainable Development from the Institute of Biology with comments from the British Society for Soil Science and Freshwater Biological Association
7.11.96	UK Apiculture Institute (is there a need?) consultation response made to the British Beekeepers Association
12.11.96	Funding method for research consultation 2/96 response made to the HEFCE.
27.9.96	Prior Options Reviews of Public Sector Research Establishments Submission of evidence by the Institute of Biology to the House of Commons Science and Technology Committee inquiry
20.9.96	The control of pollution (silage, slurry, and agricultural fuel oil) regulations 1991 2nd consultation (1996) made to the Department of Environment, and Ministry of Agriculture, Fisheries and Food, Welsh Office
16.9.96	Implementation of directive 95/29/EC on the welfare of animals in transit, response made to the MAFF.
2.8.96	Wider implications of GMO releases: An initial response from the Institute of Biology, made to RPA Ltd on behalf of the Department of the Environment (DoE contract No 1/5/63) with informal contributions included from the Association of Clinical Microbiologists
2.7.96	A possible UK Academy of Medicine, response made together with the Association of Clinical Microbiologists and the Institute of Trichologists, with informal contributions from other IoB-affiliated biomedical learned societies to the Medical Education Research Coordinating Committee c/o The Royal Society of Medicine.
1.7.96	Scotland's Coasts, consultation response made in association with the British Ecological Society to the Rural Affairs and Natural Heritage Department of the Scottish Office Agriculture, Environment and Fisheries.
1.7.96	House of Commons Scientific Committee inquiry on the Natural Environment Council, made to the Science & Technology Committee of the House of Commons.
13.6.96	UK Round table on sustainability annual report (1995), made to the Department of the Environment.
30.4.96	Review of the Operation of the Animals (Scientific Procedures) Act 1986, made to the APC.
23.4.96	European marine sites in England & Wales, made to the DoE and the Welsh Office.
22.4.96	Prior Options Review Of Animal Science Institutes, made to BBSRC.
29.3.96	Response to the Advisory Group on the Ethics of Xenotransplantation, made to the Department of Health.
7.3.96	Consideration of possible new measures to help control sheep scab in Great Britain, made to the Ministry of Agriculture, Fisheries and Food.
31.1.96	Basis for environmental pollution standards. Made to the Royal Commission on Environmental Pollution.
10.1.96	Draft transposing regulations for directives 79/923/EEC and 78/659/EEC concerning the quality of shellfish waters and waters for freshwater fish. Department of the Environment.

8.1.96 Review of Public Sector Research Laboratories, made to the Ministry of Agriculture, Fisheries and Food. 24.11.95 The control of pollution (silage, slurry and agricultural fuel oil) regulations 1991 made jointly with the British Grassland Society to the Department of the Environment and the Welsh Office of the Ministry of Agriculture, Fisheries and Food. 24.11.95 Decommissioning oil and gas installations made jointly with the British Ecological Society and the Linnean Society of London, to the House of Lords Science & Technology Sub-Committee II. 23.11.95 Letter from IoB President to Parliamentary Under Secretary for State for Science & Technology (Mr Ian Taylor MBE MP) as a follow-up to letter of 20th July 1995 to the Prime Minister about the move of the OST from the Cabinet Office to the DTI.