Committee on Science and Technology and became Chairman in 1997 contributing especially to a study of the information society and the needs of the UK and initiating important reviews, such as the Report on Resistance to Antibiotics.

In the last years of his life he was ill with cancer but took a keen scientific interest in the treatment that held the disease at bay for a considerable time. He died in the early hours of 23 February 1999. Before he died, he completed the final draft of a manuscript on how the lysozyme molecule was solved. It is a fitting tribute, assembled with historical accuracy and vision and containing much that is instructive to modern day protein crystallographers. He once listed among his interests ‘talking to children’. He had a simplicity and directness that was equally effective with children and with the most august members of his committees. Many have commented on his great wisdom and on how they have benefited from his guidance and support. He was a special person who moved from academia to wider aspects of science policy, guided by a strong appreciation of history. He is much missed.

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Candidates may apply on plain paper with biodata, list of publications (include copies of reprints of important papers), copies of certificates (B.Sc., M.Sc. & Ph.D.), one-page synopsis of Ph.D. thesis, 2 letters of recommendation (academic) and a declaration by the candidate stating that if selected for the Associateship, he/she will complete 2-year tenure of the programme. The interviews for the Associateships will be held at IISc, Bangalore, during mid-September 1999.

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