Biological and Infectious Agents' Advisory Committee

Terms of Reference:

The Committee provides specialist advice and guidance on the use of genetically modified organisms and infectious agents at work. Its purpose is to:

- (a) Review the policy on and arrangements for biological Health and Safety matters including control of hazards associated with pathogenic organisms.
- (b) Make recommendations to the Health and Safety Management Group on policy and arrangements required under current or proposed biological Health and Safety regulations, Approved Codes of Practice and Guidance.
- (c) Act as the Statutory Committee for oversight of Genetic Modification.
- (d) Form Project Groups to review and report back to the Committee on specific issues.
- (e) Oversee the investigation of incidents arising from or associated with biological agents at work and the preparation of reports and recommendations to the Health and Safety Management Group.
- (f) Commission specific reports necessary for specialist advice.

Membership:		
Composition		Current Members
Chair:	Senior Academic	Professor Miguel Valvano
Ex Officio:	Chair, Health and Safety Consultative Committee (Acting)	Mr Richard McElnay
	University Biological Safety Officer	Dr David Norwood
	Deputy Biological Safety Officer	Vacant
	One Member of Technical staff	Dr Mervyn McCaigue Mr Barney O'Loughlin
	Occupational Health Representative	Ms Jacqueline O'Rourke
	University Safety Manager	Mrs Lindsey Smith
	Trade Union Safety Representatives	Dr Mervyn McCaigue Mr Barney O'Loughlin
In Attendance:	School/Unit Representatives: Patrick G. Johnston Centre for Cancer Research Wellcome Wolfson Institute for Experimental Medicine School of Pharmacy School of Biological Sciences	Dr Karl Butterworth Professor Andriana Margariti Dr Aurelie Mousnier Dr James Burrows Dr Mark Robinson Professor Irene Grant
	Relevant University Officers	As required
Serviced by:	University Safety Service	
Reports to:	Health and Safety Management Group	
Receives reports from:	University Biological Safety Officer Health and Safety Management Group Health and Safety Consultative Committee Project Groups Other Committees and Advisory Groups, as appropriate	