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a) to inform the scientific and industrial communities of activities within Parliament of a scientific nature and of the progress of relevant legislation;  
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In this issue Bill Rammell's Science and Innovation network spans the globe in search of partners for UK Ltd. We learn how obesity is the most important preventable cause of cancer, and the food industry is given three years to introduce voluntary controls or face regulation. Biology is the Future for Catherine Joynson and Alan Malcolm who record a predominance of female students and Brian Iddon's Bolton Technical Innovation Centre brings young people closer to industry.

The late Sir Trevor Skeet, 1918-2004, our Chairman from 1985-1988, promoted scientifically informed government and established the Parliamentary Office of Science and Technology.

Robin Paice insists the very British mess of partial metrication cannot continue and must be resolved by 2009. Lord Haskins and Tim Bennett respond, top-down and bottom-up, to the EU's radical review of the Common Agricultural Policy. Derek Wanless, Robert Pickard and Gaynor Bussell react to a tide of obesity before it swamps the NHS.

Nuna Staniaszek introduces Materials and Minerals for our future prosperity while Novartis presents winning images in Science Beyond Words and Martin Anthony locates Industrial Biotechnology at the core of the UK economy. John Durant's Science Centre Network helps schools to upgrade the UK science base and inform the public on SET issues. Dianne Stilwell reminds us that Einstein Year is coming in 2005. Des Turner posts us his views from Malawi and there is more, much more.

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