

PROFESSOR SIR BRIAN FOLLETT

Pro-Chancellor,

Professor Sir Brian Follett is Chairman of the Training and Development Agency for Schools. An internationally reputed academic, he was Vice-Chancellor of the University of Warwick for ten years. His 'Follett Reports' prompted increased funding to modernise university libraries. He has written other government reports including the inquiry into the 2001 outbreak of foot and mouth disease. Sir Brian has also distinguished himself in other national roles, and has received many high academic distinctions and awards.

Brian Follett was born in Bournemouth, where his father was Superintendent of the Post Office. From Bournemouth School he went with a scholarship to the University of Bristol, took a First and then a PhD. Since then in his own words, Sir Brian has never really left university. After a couple of years in the United States, where he began his lifelong work on work on animal reproduction, he returned to a series of increasingly senior posts, at Leeds, and Bangor, then back to Bristol for 15 years, as Professor of Zoology and Chairman of the School of Biological Sciences.

In these roles Brian skilfully balanced his work so that he could teach physiology to undergraduates - something he has done throughout his career

