



Health of People, Health of Planet, and Our Responsibility

Book Launch



The Pontifical Academy of Sciences is hosting a short 2-hour virtual event on June 18th to mark Springer's open access publication of *Health of People, Health of Planet, Our Responsibility*, which you can download here: <https://link.springer.com/book/10.1007%2F978-3-030-31125-4>. This book, resulting from our 2017 workshop and published on the fifth anniversary of Pope Francis' *Laudato Si'*, is a fitting tribute to the main message of the Encyclical, that climate change, if left unchecked, can become a human tragedy of immeasurable proportions, particularly to the poorest three billion people in the world.

The book authors were drawn from around the world and include health experts from WHO, climate and air pollution scientists, policy makers, faith leaders, and politicians. Several PAS members, including the present and past presidents of PAS, are co-authors of this unique book that places health effects as the central focal point of climate change. As we are now learning from the global response to COVID-19, a refocus of climate change in terms of human health impacts may bring in the sort of massive public support for climate actions.

Please register by emailing us at pas@pas.va. The video of the launch will also be available on our YouTube channel.

Date & Time: June 18: 15 hrs (CET) to 17 hrs (CET); 6 am (PST) to 8 am (PST).

Program

Chair: Joachim von Braun (President, PAS): Opening remarks: 15.00 to 15.05

Opening Keynote: His Eminence Card. Peter K.A. Turkson: 15.05 to 15.20

Main findings and messages: 15.20 to 15.50

Marcelo Sánchez Sorondo, Chancellor of PAS & Editor

V. Ram Ramanathan, UCSD & PAS, Editor

Wael Al-Delaimy, UCSD, Editor

COVID-19 to Climate Crisis: Shared experiences & Next Steps: 15.50 to 16.30

Maria Neira, Director of Public Health and Environment, WHO

Jeremy Farrar, Director, Wellcome Trust, UK

Erminia Guarneri, MD, President, Academy of Integrative Health and Medicine

Conrado Estol, MD, neurologist and Chief Scientific Officer – Founder, STAT Research, Buenos Aires

Q&A Session: 16.30 to 17.00

Closing Remarks: Joachim von Braun