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The Conference follows the success of previous meetings in this series, which originated in Cardiff, UK (2001), followed by others in Catania (2003), Bologna (2005), Malta (2007), the New Forest Campus of the Wessex Institute (2009) and Riga in 2011.

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The health of the population depends on good quality environmental factors, including air, water, soil, food and many others. The aim of society is to establish measures that can eliminate or considerably reduce hazardous factors from the human environment to recognise the associated health risk. The ability to achieve these objectives depends on the development of better techniques of measurement and modelling which predict appropriate assessment of risk and allows for new solutions to be proposed.

The interaction between environmental risks and health is often complex and can involve a variety of social, economic and lifestyle factors. Some of the papers in this book take these factors into consideration, emphasising the importance of considering an inter-disciplinary approach.

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