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PREFACE

This book contains most of the papers presented at the Fourth International Conference on the Impact of Environmental Factors in Health (Environmental Health Risk 07). It is part of a successful series that started at the University of Cardiff in 2001, followed by a second meeting in Catania (2003) and the last one in Bologna (2005).

Health problems related to the environment continue to be a major source of concern all over the world. Society needs to develop measures that will eliminate or considerably reduce hazardous factors from the environment that can result in health risk to humans. The Conference aimed to foster the development of better experimental and modelling tools to achieve these objectives.

This interaction between environmental risk and health is usually complex and involves a substantial number of factors. This resulted in an interdisciplinary meeting in which diverse aspects of the impact of environmental factors in health were discussed.

The papers published in this book are divided into the following sections:

- Air pollution
- The built environment and health
- Occupational health
- Water quality issues
- Risk prevention and monitoring
- Social and economical issues

The Editor is indebted to all members of the Scientific Advisory Committee who have helped to select the papers presented in this book. He is also grateful to all contributors for their excellent presentations.

The Editor
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