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Robert K. Musil, PhD, MPH is the President and CEO of the Rachel Carson Council, the legacy organization envisioned by Rachel Carson and founded in 1965 by her closest friends and colleagues. Dr. Musil was named President and CEO in February, 2014 and is only the third head of this historic environmental group. Musil is also a Senior Fellow and Adjunct Professor at the Center for Congressional and Presidential Studies, School of Public Affairs, American University, where he teaches about climate change and American environmental politics. He also has been a Visiting Scholar at the Churches' Center for Theology and Public Policy, Wesley Theological Seminary, where he taught about religious responses to global warming and security threats.

From 1992-2006, Dr. Musil was the longest-serving Executive Director and CEO of Physicians for Social Responsibility (PSR), winner of the 1985 Nobel Prize for Peace. During his tenure, he nearly tripled PSR's membership, budget, and staff. He is a graduate of Yale and Northwestern Universities and the Johns Hopkins School of Public Health and has been a Visiting Honorary Fellow at the London School of Hygiene and Tropical Medicine and of Pembroke College, Cambridge University. Dr. Musil received an honorary Doctor of Humane Letters (LHD) from Mitchell College and joined their Board of Trustees in 2009. In spring 2011, Dr. Musil was also awarded an honorary Doctor of Science (Sc.D.) at Lincoln Memorial University. A Woodrow Wilson Foundation Visiting Fellow since 2006, he is widely sought as a campus and civic lecturer. Dr. Musil has also taught at Northwestern, Temple, St. Joseph's and LaSalle Universities.

Dr. Musil specializes in contemporary global security, sustainability, and health issues, as well as Cold War history, culture, and policy. He is the author of numerous articles and **Hope for a Heated Planet: How Americans are Fighting Global Warming and Building a Better Future** (Rutgers University Press, 2009) and **Rachel Carson and Her Sisters: Extraordinary Women Who Have Shaped America's Environment** (Rutgers Press, 2014).

His latest book project is **Washington in Springtime, Now and Then**, a reflective nature journal that looks at the two very different springs of 2012 and 2013 in the Capital area in the light of global climate change and shifts in birds, flowers, and animals since they were described by historic observers like Captain John Smith, John Burroughs, Solomon Northup, Florence Merriam Bailey, Louis Halle, and Rachel Carson.

Dr. Musil helped launch PSR's environmental program in the early 1990's and has led PSR campaigns for safe and affordable drinking water, clean air, and to prevent toxic pollution and global climate change. As a member of the Green Group, representing the

nation's thirty-four largest environmental groups, Dr. Musil has met regularly and worked closely over the years with leading public figures including Presidents and Vice Presidents, numerous cabinet members, and Congressional leaders. He also initiated PSR's U.S.-Mexico Border Project in El Paso and Juarez, Mexico and has represented PSR at international environment negotiations in Montreal, Kyoto, Johannesburg, Geneva, and elsewhere.

A long-time leader of the environmental and nuclear arms control movements, Dr. Musil has also been Executive Director of the Professionals' Coalition for Nuclear Arms Control, the SANE Education Fund, the Center for National Security Studies Military Affairs Project, and CCCO: An Agency for Military and Draft Counseling. He is a former Army Captain who taught communications and policy at the Defense Information School, Ft. Benjamin Harrison, Indiana. Dr. Musil refused orders to Vietnam and was honorably discharged as a conscientious objector.

From 1978-1992, Dr. Musil was the Executive Producer and host of "Consider the Alternatives" a half-hour weekly radio program syndicated to over 150 stations with over 2,000,000 listeners. He has been the producer of numerous ground-breaking independent video documentaries and public radio documentary series including "One Blue Sky: Health and the Human Environment." Dr. Musil is two-time winner of the Armstrong Award for Excellence in Radio Broadcasting.

Dr. Musil also serves as President of the Herbert R. Scoville Peace Fellowship, Treasurer of Population Connection (former Zero Population Growth) and is the Chairman of the Board of its new political arm, the Population Connection Action Fund. He is also on the Boards of the Council for a Livable World and PeacePAC and the Advisory Board of the Environment and Energy Studies Institute.