



Eric Chivian

Eric Chivian, a physician, was a professor at Harvard Medical School and the founder and former director of its Center for Health and the Global Environment (now based at the Harvard School of Public Health and called the Center for Climate, Health and the Global Environment).

He was the lead author and editor of Oxford University Press' book *Sustaining Life: How Human Health Depends on Biodiversity*, published in 2008 and named "Best Biology Book in the U.S." for that year by the *Library Journal*, which has been advising all libraries in the United States, both public and private, about what books they must buy since 1876. *Sustaining Life*, sponsored by the U.N. and now available in Spanish, Japanese, Mandarin, and Arabic editions, was called "the best work ever on what biodiversity means to human health" by the late Professor Donald Kennedy, former President of Stanford University and former Editor-in-Chief of *Science Magazine*.

In 1980, he co-founded the International Physicians for the Prevention of Nuclear War, winner of the 1985 Nobel Peace Prize.