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Christopher Flavin is President of the Worldwatch Institute, an international research organization whose focus is an environmentally sustainable future. Worldwatch is recognized for its path-breaking work on the global connections between economic, social, and environmental trends. Flavin is a regular co-author of the Institute's *State of the World* book, which has been published in 36 languages.

Chris Flavin's research and writing have focused on the development of an environmentally sustainable economy, with a particular focus on energy. He has written extensively on energy strategies and policies, including renewable sources of energy, electricity restructuring, and the potential for hydrogen. He is co-author of three books on energy, including *Power Surge: Guide to the Coming Energy Revolution* (WW Norton, 1994), in which he describes the potential shape of a post-petroleum energy economy.

As President of Worldwatch, Flavin is the Institute's chief executive officer, serves on its Board of Directors, and represents the organization before a wide range of international audiences. Flavin has helped guide the Institute's development over the past 20 years, serving as Vice President for Research and later as Senior Vice President. He was appointed President in September 2000.

Mr. Flavin is active in international policy circles on climate change and energy, and has participated in several historic international conferences, including the Earth Summit in Rio de Janeiro in 1992 and the Climate Change Conference in Kyoto Japan in 1997. He is a founding member of the Board of Directors of the Business Council for Sustainable Energy and serves on the National Academy of Sciences Board on Energy and Environmental Systems as well as the Boards of Directors of the Climate Institute and the Environmental and Energy Study Institute. Flavin lectures before business, university, and policy audiences, testifies before national legislatures, and meets with the leaders of governments, international agencies, and companies.

Chris Flavin appears regularly on radio and television, including the BBC, CNN, NPR, PBS's Newshour, and Voice of America. He has also written for a wide range of popular and scholarly periodicals, including *The New York Times*, *Technology Review*, *The Harvard International Review*, and *Time Magazine*. Flavin is a native of Monterey California and a *cum laude* graduate of Williams College, where he studied economics, biology, and environmental studies.

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