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Dear Dave

Regarding Reiter being marginalized in AR4, or having resigned from it, this is not correct.

His name was nominated as a possible authors of the IPCC 4th Assessment by the U.S., as a lead author (but not as a Convening Lead Author) for the Health Chapter. The IPCC selected as a lead author of that chapter a US expert who had been nominated by the US as a Convening Lead Author, that is, someone whom the US had itself ranked above Reiter in its nomination list for this chapter. This selection was made after studying the vitae of all nominated scientists. Since authors are selected from across the world it is rare that more than one is selected from the same country. This explains why Dr Reiter was not selected: it is simply that there are others that were thought to be more qualified than him.

As he was not selected, it would have been impossible for him to resign.

Furthermore all nominated scientists (including those not selected as authors) are invited to be reviewers of the IPCC assessment. As such, Dr Reiter was invited to be an IPCC reviewer, and we did in fact get review comments from Paul. He will therefore be named as a reviewer in the report, and his comments were taken into account in the chapters.

Dr Reiter has commented as an expert to our assessment, both on the First and second order draft. His comments were taken into account as well as all the other thousands of comments received and carefully weighted against the evidence in available studies. The evidence available on climate change and malaria has been very carefully evaluated in the 4AR, in comparison to TAR, as more literature was available to better understand the relationship. Ultimately the recommendations of SAR and TAR have created the generation of interesting research results over the last few years and also contributed to new research on using climate information tools for disease anticipation in some African countries. Ultimately this research has contributed in increasing public health responses to the threat of this deadly disease.

So: It is not correct that Dr Reiter was 'marginalized, either in terms of selection procedure or subsequently; and I have not received any request from him to have his name removed from the list of reviewers of the Fourth Assessment.

Sincerely,

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