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## PHYSICIANS' GROUP HONORS ENVIRONMENTAL AND DISARMAMENT CHAMPIONS AT JUNE 8 EVENT

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**LOS ANGELES** – Physicians for Social Responsibility-Los Angeles (PSR-LA) is pleased to honor four remarkable individuals on **June 8, 2008** at its annual gala dinner entitled, *Prescription for Change*, which will be held at the Fairmont Miramar Hotel in Santa Monica.

Each of the honorees brings their own unique abilities and talents towards a common goal of creating a safer, healthier world:

- **[Lawrence Bender](#)** will receive the *Socially Responsible Media Award* for combining his innovative film-making talents with his passion for social change to create films, such as *An Inconvenient Truth*, that move the public to take unprecedented personal and political action.
- **[Dr. Hans Blix](#)** will receive the *Peacemaker Award* (in absentia) for his enduring efforts to rid the world of weapons of mass destruction.
- **[Joseph Cirincione](#)** will receive the *Founders Award* for drawing upon his exceptional expertise in nuclear and chemicals weapons to influence public policy and perception.
- **[Dr. James Yamazaki](#)**, will receive the *Socially Responsible Medicine Award* for his pioneering and compassionate research on the effects of radiation and his ongoing efforts to create a more peaceful world. See the [May 5, 2008 article on Dr. Yamazaki in the UCLA Daily Bruin](#).
- **[Gustavo Santaolalla](#)** will serve as the event's Special Musical Guest. A two-time Academy Award-winning musician, film composer and producer, Santaolalla's filmography includes *Babel (2006)*, *Brokeback Mountain (2005)*, and *The Motorcycle Diaries (2004)*.

"2008 promises to be a year of great change," states PSR-LA Executive Director Martha Argüello. "I am pleased to lead an organization that is the voice of progressive physicians and health professionals working to protect the health of current and future generations. We are committed to the physician's oath of 'first do no harm.' Preventing harm to human health and the environment ... is our prescription for change."

PSR-LA was founded in 1980 as a local affiliate of the national organization, Physicians for Social Responsibility (PSR). In 1985, PSR shared the Nobel Peace Prize awarded to International Physicians for the Prevention of Nuclear War for building public awareness and pressure to end the nuclear arms race. The organization is committed to reducing threats to public health related to nuclear weapons and environmental degradation. The Los Angeles chapter is the largest in the nation, and has played a leading role in national, state, and local education and policy efforts.

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