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Contemporary and Future Relevance and Challenges****Editors: Roland Weber¹, Mats Tysklind² and Caroline Gaus³****(see p. 96 for short descriptions of the Editors)**¹ POPs Environmental Consulting, Ulmenstrasse 3, 73035 Goeppingen, Germany² Department of Chemistry, Umeå University, 901 87 Umeå, Sweden³ National Research Centre for Environmental Toxicology (EnTox), 39 Kessels Road, Coopers Plains 4108, Australia **Roland Weber** **MatsTysklind** **Caroline Gaus**

The Editorial on pp. 96–100 'Dioxin – Contemporary and Future Challenges of Historical Legacies' describes background, aims and scope of this new series in ESPR which is dedicated to Prof. Dr. Otto Hutzinger on the occasion of his 75th anniversary⁴.

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The third part, pp. 108–112, presents articles on Dioxins and other POPs published in ESPR and UWSF which Otto Hutzinger founded in 1989 and 1994, respectively, and of which he was Editor-in-Chief until 2005. This literature survey reflects Otto Hutzinger's influence on both journals beyond his active time into the future.

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