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UK's longest-serving editor moves on after 43 years

SATISH KUMAR TO LEAVE EDITOR'S CHAIR AT 80 FOR NEW ROLE AT RESURGENCE TRUST

The man believed to be currently Britain's longest-serving editor is to stand down - at the age of 80.

Satish was appointed editor of *Resurgence* magazine in 1973 (since 2012 it has had the title *Resurgence & Ecologist*), and over 43 years has become one of the world's longest-serving magazine editors. Coinciding with the magazine's 50th anniversary Satish has decided to step aside from his editorial role after his 80th birthday on 9 August. Satish will continue to work for The Resurgence Trust under a new title, Editor Emeritus.

Launched in May 1966, *Resurgence* magazine has survived – without corporate support or ownership by any press magnate – to become, in the words of a *Guardian* article, the “spiritual and artistic flagship of the green movement”. During its 50-year history, many of the causes originally championed in the magazine have become mainstream. Contributors have included the Prince of Wales and the Dalai Lama, and its more prominent supporters include the singer Annie Lennox, the broadcaster Jonathan Dimbleby and the broadcaster and gardener Monty Donn. In 2006 The Resurgence Trust was formed as an educational charity and now publishes *Resurgence & Ecologist* magazine and two websites: www.theecologist.org and www.resurgence.org.

Satish – who made a celebrated 8,000 mile peace march to the capitals of the world's nuclear powers in the early 1960s – said: “It has been my pleasure, privilege and honour to serve *Resurgence*.”

Greg Neale, editor of *Resurgence & Ecologist* for the last two years, will take on the role of Editor-in-Chief of The Resurgence Trust's titles when Satish steps down.

Greg said: “It is an honour and privilege to be asked to follow in Satish's footsteps. I'm looking forward to taking our titles forward to greater success as we enter our next half-century, at a time when the causes of environmental sustainability, peace and social justice have never been so pressing. Later this year at our *One Earth, One Humanity, One Future* festival at Oxford in September, we will be celebrating our half-century and looking forward to the coming decades of the Trust's development.”

Prior to joining *Resurgence*, Greg's career has included spells as environment correspondent for the *Sunday Telegraph*; founding – and award-winning – editor of *BBC History Magazine*, and as a reporter for BBC Television's *Newsnight*. He has also worked as a journalist, teacher and oral historian for several British universities, including Oxford, York and London's University of the Arts, and is author of the ground-breaking *Green Travel Guide*.

■ Satish Kumar's remarkable record puts him among the world's longest-serving editors. Among them, C P Scott famously edited the *Manchester Guardian* (as it then was) from 1872 until 1929. Hugh Hefner, founder of *Playboy* magazine in 1953, remains its editor-in-chief. In August 2014, *UK Press Gazette* reported the retirement of Drew Cochrane as editor of the *Largs and Millport Weekly News* after 40 years in the post, describing him as the UK's then longest-serving editor.

**Satish Kumar, Greg Neale and James Sainsbury (Chair, The Resurgence Trust)
are available for interview**

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Notes to Editors

- *Resurgence & Ecologist* magazine and two websites (www.resurgence.org; www.theecologist.org) are published by The Resurgence Trust, an educational charity (no. 1120414) which promotes ecological sustainability, social justice and spiritual values
- To order the 50th anniversary issue of *Resurgence & Ecologist* (May/June 2016) in print or pdf format, visit: <http://www.resurgence.org/shop/issues.html>
- For details of how to become a member of The Resurgence Trust, and receive six magazines a year, visit www.resurgence.org/membership; or contact the Trust: 01208 841824; members@resurgence.org
- Programme & tickets for *Resurgence's* 'One Earth, One Humanity, One Future' 50th anniversary event in Oxford, 22nd-25th September, are available on the *Resurgence* website: www.resurgence.org/R50event
- A full *Resurgence 50* Press Pack complete with images is available at www.resurgence.org/R50press