



**Assisted  
dying  
in Europe**

Amsterdam, March 2008

## **INVITATION**

In 2008 NVVE, the Dutch Right to Die Organisation, celebrates its 35<sup>th</sup> anniversary. In the aftermath of the famous Leeuwarden Court Case against Frisian GP Truus Postma (1972), supporters joined forces and founded NVVE (1973). After 29 years of action the objective of legalisation of euthanasia (active termination of life on request) was reached as was the growing acceptance in the Dutch public domain. In the mean time other objectives relating to end of life issues were added to the constitution, so NVVE is still “alive and kicking”.

In its 35 years of existence NVVE has also become actively involved in the international and European umbrella's WFRtDS and RtD-Europe. That is the reason why NVVE is organising a European Symposium to commemorate its birthday.

The Symposium will take place on

Friday **March 28, 2008** in **Amsterdam** (Rode Hoed) from 10.00 am till 16.00 pm  
Title: **Assisted Dying in Europe**

In two sessions the following issues will be discussed:

Morning: Assisted dying and Human Rights  
Afternoon: Palliative care/sedation versus assisted dying/euthanasia

We promise an international panel! Speakers that already confirmed their participation are:

- Erik Jurgens (former Council of Europe Parliamentarian)
- Jacob Kohnstamm (former President of NVVE)
- Ludwig Minelli (founder of Dignitas, Switzerland)
- Sheila McLean (professor of law, Glasgow)
- Stans Verhagen (oncologist University Medical Centre St. Radboud, Nijmegen)
- Jean Huss (member Council of Europe, Member Parliament Luxemburg)

We hope to hear from you and to see you in Amsterdam!

Rob Jonquière, CEO

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