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Right to Die Europe, Members' two-yearly Meeting

to be Hosted by courtesy of DGHS, Augsburg, Germany, at:

Frankfurt am Main, Germany, 9, 10, 11 October 2009

For DGHS' formal offer, please visit: <http://www.rtde.eu/RtD-Europe-Meeting-2009-englisch.pdf>

If you wish to express an interest in attending the meeting, please contact:

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For a table showing those who have already expressed an interest in attending, please visit:

<http://www.rtde.eu/> where a link is provided in the Menu, item 3.

Further information on this important meeting, which is open to all individual members of Society Members of RTDE (being paid-up Members of the World Federation of Right to Die Societies), will be added here as it becomes available.

The Conference Hotel, where you are encouraged to stay, is the Hotel Monopol, Mannheimer Straße 11-13, Frankfurt/Main (facing the south side of Frankfurt Central Station 'Hauptbahnhof').



Other accommodation hotels are mentioned on the Reservation form.

A Reservation form, with details of all options & costs, is provided below Please use this form to apply to attend. The deadline for Reservations will be 15 September 2009.


A detailed Agenda for the Business Meeting will be added here as soon as possible.

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No Agenda Items or Motions, & only two Nominations for Election to the Board (2009–2011), were received by the deadline, 30 June 2009, **but please see below**. There will be four vacancies on the Board. The two Nominated candidates are Liz Nichols (FATE) & Karen Sanders (DID), who will be declared elected unopposed.

	<p>LIZ NICHOLS. My early career was as a joint hotel proprietor, initially in Zimbabwe during the 1970s, followed by several years at a beautiful island hotel in Berkshire. Whilst bringing up two daughters, I studied for a degree with the Open University & subsequently became a Careers Adviser in schools & later universities. I also worked voluntarily for Women’s Aid & a Youth Counselling Service as well as a crisis helpline & the Citizens Advice Bureau. I became involved with FATE as a result of issues surrounding my father’s wish to die with dignity & am now a befriender & in this capacity have been to Dignitas. As well as an interest in “right to die” issues, I am a member of the National Secularist Society & enjoy lots of different activities from dancing - regular classes in Argentinean Tango & Israeli Dance, rowing, book groups, & regularly go to the theatre, films, ballet & exhibitions. (158 words) July 2009.</p>
	<p>KAREN SANDERS. <i>(text awaited)</i></p>

Further nominations will be invited from the floor of the meeting. If you are interested, please prepare about 150 words to say about yourself. The following wish to be nominated:

	<p>AYCKE O A SMOOK. Born: 12-09-1938 in Bindjai/Padang Brahrang, SOK, Indonesia. Nationality: Dutch. Profession: Retired Surgeon-Oncologist, 2003. SCEN Arts (Support & Consultation Euthanasia Netherlands). Education: State University Groningen, Medical School, 1958-1965. Pathology, Department Clinical Pathology Groningen University, 1967-1968. Surgery, Department of Surgery University Medical Centre Groningen, 1968-1974. Past: Head Department of Surgical Oncology, Medical Centre Alkmaar, an 800 beds District Teaching Hospital, 1974-2002, affiliated with the Universities of Amsterdam. President Hospital Medical Ethical Committee, 1986-1997. Organized for NVVE the 8th World Conference of WFRTDS in Maastricht, 1990. Founder of the European Division (RTDE) of the WFRTDS in 1993 in Bergen aan Zee. Memberships: Several surgical & ethical societies; Board member of NVVE 1989-1999; Board member of WFRTDS 1992-2000; 2008- present (President 1994-1996); Board member ERGO 2005- present; Board member & Adviser, Stichting “de Einder”, 2009- present. It would be a great honour to serve the RTDE. My view is that any competent human being should be granted the right to decide how to die in dignity, by euthanasia or PAS: “Whose life is it anyway?” To quote the late Jacques Pohier: <i>“L’euthanasia volontaire n’est pas un choix entre la vie et la mort, elle est un choix entre deux façons de mourir.”</i> (“Voluntary euthanasia is not a choice between life or death, it is a choice between two ways of dying.”) (222 words) July 2009.</p>
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NOTE REGARDING MOTIONS PROPOSED BY MEMBER SOCIETIES

In view of attitudes developing in RTDE, the RTDE Board have decided on the Extra-Ordinary possibility to allow Member's Motions at the RTDE Members' meeting, as long as they are reasonable, advisory (i.e. to be done by the Board if practicable), related to the WF Reorganisation, & at the Chair's discretion.

The Board are anxious not to weaken discussion at the meeting, nor to waste time, & are keen to allow democratic processes to occur, if at all possible. The Board do not think this will have any adverse effects on the WFRTDS, or its possible Reorganisation, & allowing Members Motions (as above) at this late stage should give Members a proper feeling that their views carry weight. Some Member Society might propose a replacement RTDE constitution...

The Board are setting a deadline of Monday 28 September 2009, i.e. quite close to the start of the meeting.

If any RTDE Member Society wishes to propose a Motion as above, please send it, & a short explanatory & supporting statement, to the RTDE secretariat <secretariat@rtde.eu> before 28 September 2009 expires.

Please be ready to speak in support of your Motion at Frankfurt. It is intended to publish Motions accepted for debate on this website www.rtde.eu Menu item 4. You should check for any such Motions before setting out for Frankfurt.

Outline Plan for Members' two-yearly Meeting, Frankfurt, 2009

(this outline plan may be revised as planning progresses)

Friday 9 October 2009	
Afternoon	WFRTDS Board Meeting (for those involved)
Evening	RTDE Board Meeting (for those involved)
Saturday 10 October 2009	
09:00 - 10:30	RTDE Members' Meeting, Business Meeting Reports, Elections, Motions, Discussion
10:30 - 11:00	Coffee Break & Informal Networking
11:00 - 12:30	RTDE Members' Meeting (continued) Discussion of Policy
12:30 - 13:30	Lunch & Informal Networking
13:30 - 15:00	RTDE Members' Meeting (continued) RTD Vocabulary (Dr Rudolf LeQuin) & Discussion Reorganisation Project (Dr Rob Jonquiere) & Discussion
15:00 - 15:30	Coffee Break & Informal Networking
15:30 - 17:00	RTDE Members' Meeting (continued) Reorganisation Project (Dr Rob Jonquiere) & Discussion
17:00 - 18:00	Press Conference (for those involved) Break & Informal Networking (for everyone else)
18:00 - 20:00	Lecture (DGHS's choice) & Discussion
20:30 -	Dinner & Informal Networking
Sunday 11 October 2009	
Morning	RTDE Board Meeting (for those involved) WFRTDS Board Meeting (for those involved) Sightseeing in Frankfurt (bus tour) (optional) (for everyone else)

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Reservation Form

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Right to Die Europe Meeting, Frankfurt 9th – 11th October 2009 Hotel Monopol, Mannheimer Str. 11 – 13, Frankfurt

Name, Address

email
 telephone no.
 mobile no.
 fax no.

COST

I/we wish to take part in the conference with a conference fee of € 31,00 per person (incl. coffee during breaks, lunch, non alcoholic beverages during the conference) persons. € _____

I/we need accommodation from (date) to (date) = number of nights

CONFERENCE HOTEL

- **Hotel Monopol (****) € 69,00 Single Room** € _____
- **Hotel Monopol (****) € 84,00 Double Room (2 Beds)** € _____
- **Hotel Monopol (****) € 84,00 Double Room (Double Bed)** € _____

Hotel Monopol, Mannheimer Str. 11 – 13, Frankfurt (Central Station, South Exit)

- Hotel Excelsior (***) € 53,00 Single room € _____
- Hotel Excelsior (***) € 68,00 Double room (2 Beds) € _____
- Hotel Excelsior (***) € 68,00 Double room (Double Bed) € _____

Hotel Excelsior, Mannheimer Str. 7 – 9, Frankfurt (Central Station, South Exit)

- Hotel Tourist (**) € 42,00 Single room € _____
- Hotel Tourist (**) € 55,00 Double room (2 Beds) € _____
- Hotel Tourist (**) € 65,00 Double room (Double bed) € _____

Hotel Tourist, Baseler Str. 23 - 25, Frankfurt (100 m from the Central Station)

The prices are all per room and per night including breakfast.

DGHS will organise a Dinner on the evening of 10th October 2009

I wish to take part in the dinner with persons: € 25,00 per person € _____

DGHS will organise a guided city tour by bus in Frankfurt on 11 October 2009 (about 10.00 a.m. for 2 ½ hours)

I wish to take part in the guided city tour with persons: € 26,00 per person € _____

Booking and Payment must be made before **15 September 2009** at the latest. After this deadline room availability is no longer guaranteed.

Payment is to be made to:

DGHS
 Bank Account: 5002656
 Augusta-Bank Raiffeisen-Volksbank Augsburg
 IBAN: DE16 7209 0000 0005 0026 56
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€ _____
TOTAL COST

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