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The start of this year was marked by the case known as the Seine doctors - Maritime, two doctors indicted for helped patients die at home, as part of sedation and with midazolam, product

reserved for hospital pharmacies. Rap- pelons that these two doctors said don't not perform euthanasia and wanted only relieve the pains of their patients.

After the stir caused in the population and, in particular, in many caregivers, the French National Authority for Health, February 11 last, recommended to the Minister of health - who indicated being in favor - facilitate access to midazolam for liberal doctors. But there...

Let there be no mistake. Sedation, that it either performed in hospital or at home, remains still as cruel, as hypocritical and as long. Certainly, suffering at home is maybe sweeter than suffering in the hospital. But the suffering remains as intense, for patient first - and no studies proves that a sedated person at the end of life does not suffer - but also for loved ones who see the body of the loved one wither day after day, through hunger and thirst, until acute renal failure come and win after several days or even several weeks of horror.

ADMD has campaigned since 1980 for a freedom law allows everyone to choose the conditions of his own end of life, and in particular can benefit, if he

wish, active help in dying, with administration of a lethal product so that the death occurs almost immediately, without suffering, in appeasement ... We continue our fight in this direction.

More down to earth, the period that opens marks two starts. Priority to the Human... Since November 1st 2000, Thanh Ton-That works at ADMD; he will retire, amply deserved, the Next March 31. It is little known to our members, but it does play a role essential in our structure: it is that which manages the ADMD membership file, our greatest wealth. The procedures have automated, of course, the means have improved but he is always the one who knows and who allows... Discreetly. He will be missed by ADMD and we will regret his great competence. The Hardware, then ... After almost 19 years spent on rue de Chabrol, the locals of the ADMD return to rue Lafayette which it had left in July 2001, passing from number 103 (in the street) to number 130. Almost a return to his childhood loves, for an association which is celebrating its forty years of existence and activism in favor of freedom. You will find more information on this news on page 7 of this Journal.

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volunteer president,
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On the side of... News

ON THE SIDE OF THE NATIONAL ASSEMBLY basically believes that we are touching on this

Gilles Legendre, deputy of Paris and president of group La République en Marche at the Assembly National, come to attend a meeting of ADMD organized, at the end of January, by the delegate for the 6^e arrondissement, Anne Vivien, in the presence from our general secretary, Jonathan Denis, and the ADMD youth co-manager, Benjamin Mattely, spoke on the difficulty that he had to take a position on the question of the end of life. He indicated that the president of the Republic never committed to legislate on a bill on the end of life and that it there would be no law legalizing euthanasia in this quinquennium. A position that goes against the will of the deputies - and in particular Jean-Louis Touraine - mostly in favor of a law to legalize active aid in dying. To be continued, therefore ...

ON THE SENATE SIDE

On the occasion of the 40^e Days of the delegations of ADMD, Rachid Temal, senator from Val-d'Oise, is come to show their support for our cause. He has indicated that the socialist group in the Senate will use its parliamentary niche so that the proposal end of life law that his group will table be discussed in the hemicycle in 2020. This will include 3 essential axes; the first one which is universal palliative care, accessible to all, throughout the national territory, with the idea of make a logic of law. The second, concerning advance directives, that is, improve in particular their inclusion in the whole end-of-life process, from their writing until applied by doctors. And finally active assisted dying and assisted suicide. As an individual, Rachid Temal is committed to support the text that will be tabled because it

what is humanity. In this concept of humanity, people are waiting to be able to choose the end of life conditions.

It's for him the freedom to be able to choose, equality of access [to palliative care] and fraternity that is to say that society recognizes that we die badly in France, that they are human beings to be heard and listened to. This bill will be proposed via a platform so that the public can contribute. His wish: a law that must be for freedom!

ON THE SURVEY SIDE

Frédéric Dabi, Deputy Managing Director of the Ifop polling institute came to defend with ADMD officials the fact that, yes !, we can believe the polls... He recognized that the instrument was not perfect, but no one has ever found better to measure the state of opinion on a subject. Despite everything, the polls are part of the arsenal democratic campaign and the arsenal for debates on social issues like end-of-life issues. He noted that, whatever the survey method (quantitative, qualitative, citizens, citizen conferences, public opinion line), the results are always unanimous support euthanasia and assisted suicide. In addition, regardless of the body which diligent, these opinion polls show that public opinion is homogeneous and that it does not vary by population category over end-of-life issues addressed by ADMD. The end of life is the subject in public opinion where the gap between what the French want and what does - or does not - offer legislator is particularly abysmal.

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- For a Parisian delegation: *admd.paris1@admd.net* (for the 1^{er} arrondissement)

News

New delegates

Appointed by the board of directors on December 7, 2019

¹ Yvan Boutréau (Dear / *admd18@admd.net*)

² Sylvie Dargery (Alpes-Maritimes / *admd06@admd.net*)

³ Florent Giry (7^e, 8^e and 16^e Paris districts / *admd.paris8@admd.net*)

⁴ Marie-Thérèse Tenette (Vosges / *admd88@admd.net*)

The delegations orphans

As of February 14, 2020

These delegations no longer have a delegate today;

if you are interested in the job,

call Sandrine Arrault on 01 48 00 04 16

(description of the mission at the bottom of the page).

Ardèche: 400 members

Ardennes: 112 members

Dawn: 186 members

Aude: 420 members

Haute-Marne: 88 members

Nièvre: 237 members

Pas-de-Calais: 452 members

Saône-et-Loire: 474 members

Sum: 217 members

Tarn: 441 members

Var: 1896 members

Val-de-Marne: 1,766 members

ADMD IS LOOKING FOR ITS FUTURE DELEGATES CONTACT | Sandrine Arrault | Phone : 01 48 00 04 16 | Email: s.arrault@admd.net

MISSION

- The role of the delegates is to support the action defined by the general assembly of the ADMD and implemented by his council administration under authority of its president by raising awareness public opinion.
- The delegate is the representative of the board of directors of the association in the delegation.
- The delegate is brought to the Delegate Charter framework which is backed by the statutes of the association, to organize events on the territory of the delegation. For that, he

can form a team of deputy delegates.

ACCESSIBILITY CRITERIA

- Be a member of the association in the delegation, share it secular and humanist values and respect the Delegate's Charter.
- Know how to use IT, have internet access, be familiar with networks social.

TYPES OF ACTION

- Awareness campaigns, public meetings, demonstrations symbolic (November 2), relay

information operations and of communication set up by the board of directors.

CANDIDATE PROFILE

- **Experience:** project management and associative experiences are one more.
- **Qualities:** dynamic, apt to supervise a team (ideally around 3 people) ; ability to take public speaking.

CONDITIONS

- **Status:** volunteering
- **Duration of the mandate:** one year

minimum, renewable

- **Salary / Indemnity:** none / volunteering - reimbursement full costs incurred.
- **Documents to send:** cover letter + CV

The National Center of the association performs material tasks for delegates (sending of mail to members, put under fold, file management...).

The ADMD-Écoute service responds questions related to situations personal end of life.

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"Choose your life, choose your death, women persist and sign ... "

Tsome of the women signatories to the tribune published in the newspaper *Liberation* on October 14, 1971, at the occasion of the ADMD met choose his death, women persist and sign ... ".

Among the participants in this meeting, the journalist Laure Adler, Anne Zelensky - originally of the "Manifesto of 343" and current president of the *Women's Law League* - and Thérèse Tranchessec, activist of the ADMD.

Jean-Luc Romero-Michel told them how much the mobilization of feminists - some of whom had already signed on April 5, 1971, in *Le Nouvel Observateur*, the "Manifesto of 343", that is to say the list of 343 French women who had the courage to declare

publicly "I had an abortion" - in favor the right to die with dignity was an honor, a no-brainer - after "My body belongs to me", you have to proclaim "My death is mine" - and a important support ...

News

We learned with great sadness the death, on October 26, 2019, of the actress Pascale Roberts, member of the honorary committee ADMD, which supported the first edition of # AdmdTour.

She had played a lot at the theater, at the television (she was Wanda Legendre, in *Plus belle la vie*) and also at the cinema with Yves Allégret, Costa-Gavras, Claude Autant-Lara, Jean Girault, Yves Boisset, Philippe de Broca,

Jean-Pierre Mocky, Bertrand Tavernier, Thomas Gilou; and, most importantly, she was the fetish actress of Robert Guédiguian (*To life to death*, *Marius* and *Jeannette*, *On the attack*, *The city is quiet*, *My father is an engineer*, *Lady Jane*) ... She was become, over the years, a very actress popular. In May 2011, she made us send the letter which we reproduce below below... Pascale will certainly be missed by our freedom fight, she who was so eager.

Notebook

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5 questions to... Nora Rocher

MEMBERSHIP SINCE JANUARY 2018

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CAN YOU, IF THIS IS NOT TOO INDISCRET, DESCRIBE YOUR PERSONAL SITUATION TO US?

I am married ; I had a child who is today died. I have two dogs and two cats. I live in the Gers, in Auch, since 2005.
To this day I am on chemotherapy and I am becoming very dependent; my cancer eats away at me and i become more and more weak.

HOW DID YOU MAKE THE DECISION TO JOIN AT ADMD, AT THE BEGINNING OF 2018?

I got interested in ADMD as soon as I got fell ill in 2015. I became a member - and activist - in January 2018.

WHAT DO YOU THINK OF THE CURRENT LAW AT THE END OF LIFE, SAID CLAEYS-LEONETTI, OF FEBRUARY 2, 2016? WHAT DOES IT LOOK LIKE FOR YOU?

This law is very badly made, incomplete. I would say that it is useless, even dangerous. There must be completely change and be inspired by Belgian law which authorizes euthanasia. I'm supportive, like all ADMD members and 96% of French people, the legalization of euthanasia and assisted suicide, without forgetting universal access to palliative care.

WHAT DO YOU EXPECT FROM A NEW END OF LIFE ACT?

I am waiting for a law to be finally passed so that the sick people like me, at the end of life, have

the right not to wait to be in a dying place, emaciated... Leave quiet near our loved ones, in France, without having to go into exile or hide. The administration of a lethal product will leave in peace, without the need to suffer because of the Leonetti law which proposes to us to die of hunger and thirst, with sedation.
I would very much like to be invited to the Élysée for speak on behalf of all to the President of the Republic or one of his advisers. The current law must imperative to change as soon as possible because it causes too much end-of-life drama.

DO YOU HAVE A PERSONAL MESSAGE TO ADDRESS OUR READERS?

The end of life should not be taboo. She is even the only certainty of our life since we have to all die, whether we like it or not. Death is a natural thing in the life cycle. Talk about his death to his loved ones is liberating.
Do not hesitate to inquire about the end of life on the ADMD website (www.admd.net) and read the numerous testimonies received by the association.

Thank you very much !

You can contact Nora Rocher via Twitter @ Chey32RG

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Bye bye, rue de Chabrol!

After rue de Chabrol, in Paris, ADMD offices moving from 1st April 2020. The premises better suited to our organization, 19 years spent in current, in a building with an elevator (finally!), have been hired. The new address? ADMD - 130, rue Lafayette - 75010 Paris. Either unless 300 meters from rue de Chabrol. In accordance with our texts (statutes and regulations interior), the Association Bureau authorized the October 3, 2019 its president, Jean-Luc Romero-Michel, to sign the commercial lease; board of directors of December 7, 2019 validated the change of seat social of ADMD which will be effective on March 31, 2020 and must be ratified by the next general meeting of the association, the 40th, on Saturday October 10, 2020 (postal ballot). This move will inevitably generate costs (fully bearable by the ADMD account keeping good finances) and the burden rental will be reassessed. It will bring more comfort users of premises, in particular employees,

to volunteers and people who come to go to the Admd-Ecoute; the elevator will then very appreciated by people with reduced mobility...
The priorities of the move, the offices ADMD will be closed except as of Monday March 30, 2020 to Friday April 3, 2020 inclusive.
 Of course, we will forward the postal mail which could be sent to us rue de Chabrol after moving ; phone numbers don't will not change...

News

Agenda of the president of the ADMD

THE 1^{ER} September 2019 TO 14 February 2020

TO NOTE

Find Jean-Luc Romero-Michel every Monday at 12 noon, in the Monday Talk. Live on Facebook and review on Youtube, Twitter and Instagram @JeanLucRomero #LeTalkDuLundi

DATES TO REMEMBER

October 10, 2020: 40th general assembly of the ADMD, in Dijon

November 2, 2020: 13th World Day for the Right to Die with Dignity

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| September 13 | Board meeting in Vannes |
| September 14 | 39 th General Assembly, in Vannes |
| September 24 | Public meeting organized by a citizen association, in Bastia (Corsica) |
| October 3 | Bureau meeting, remote Public meeting organized by a scientific society, in Clamecy (Nièvre) |
| October 12 | Public meeting organized by the ADMD, in Laval (Mayenne) |
| October 19 | Public meeting organized by the ADMD, in Annecy (Haute-Savoie) |
| October 26 | Public meeting organized by the ADMD, in Chartres-de-Bretagne (Ille-et-Vilaine) |
| November 2 | 12 th World Day, morning in Lyon (Rhône), and afternoon in Paris |
| November 6 | Public meeting organized by ADMD, in Lille (Nord) |
| November 8 | Public meeting organized by a secular association, in Pau (Pyrénées-Atlantiques) |
| November 16 | Public meeting organized by a secular association, in Paris |
| November 23 | Public meeting organized by the ADMD, in Limoges (Haute-Vienne) |
| November 26 | Public meeting organized by a political party, in Le Havre (Seine-Maritime) |
| November 29 | Public meeting organized by a mutual insurance company, in Toulouse (Haute-Garonne) |
| December 7 | Board meeting in Paris |
| January 20 | Lunch with ADMD employees, in Paris |
| January 24 | Board meeting, in Bagnolet (Seine-Saint-Denis) |
| January 24 and 25 | 40 th Delegation Days, in Bagnolet (Seine-Saint-Denis) |
| January 27 | Lunch with the women signatories of the forum "Choose your life, choose your death, women persist and sign ...", in Paris |
| February 7 | Public meeting organized by a secular association, in Périgueux (Dordogne) |
| 12 February | Lunch with the deputy vice-president of a mutual insurance company in Paris Hearing by the end of life study group at the National Assembly, in Paris Dinner with members of the Honorary Committee, in Paris |

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Menu white to...

YVES GRÉGOIRE, DELEGATE FOR THE SEINE-MARITIME
 NATIONAL DELEGATE TO THE PRESIDENT IN CHARGE OF USER REPRESENTATION

After

painful and unworthy family, I became delegate for Seine-Maritime on May 26, 2018. Belle mark of confidence on the part of our region and the ADMD following again their trust, to prove to them that we were credible interlocutors who can help them

President but who forces me to succeed. Resolutely committed

in the voluntary sector for 40 years, alongside a professional career of 42 years, I approached with ADMD a whole new dimension in my commitment volunteer. No more dance lessons, choir concerts, fencing competitions ... place for meetings, debates, articles and meetings around our fight for a law end of life, a law of freedom. It is a commitment of every moment that invades your almost obsessive life, with the obligation not to disappoint, with the need to be available, with the duty to listen.

My biggest surprise was that some adherents from the first hour remained faithful and constant in their hope of an imminent outcome of our struggles. Oh sure, I feel a hint of weariness, a drop of doubt, sometimes a dust of reproach in the exchanges that I can have. But also big moments of sharing, of emotions gathered in intimacy an unrestrained and uninhibited discussion. I like these moments even if sometimes I come out destabilized. They impose me not to disappoint them.

ADMD is also a team work both locally, with beautiful people, passionate and fascinating, that nationally where all the energies and skills put to your disposal make your job so easy.

After defeating some headwinds, formed a nice team, maintained or reopened on call for to be as close as possible to our members, created or reopened social networks, created a blog... I took the dimension of my post and our fight.

It was with determination that I went to convince one by one decision makers, elected officials and the media. My long experience of policies "made this task easier for me. Not easy to

convince in a difficult context, between yellow vests, disasters, inexperience in the "public thing" of some of my interlocutors... however I tried to

in their work as parliamentarians to address the issue as soon as it is on their assembly desk. This climate of confidence established, I took action, in the same spirit, with the media - radio, TV, print media - in the part of the painful "affair" Vincent Lambert.

But we also had to expand our audience and I grabbed the opportunity to invest in France Assos Santé Normandie where ADMD sits on the regional committee and in the office where I'm in charge of old age and late retirement life, as if by chance. This commitment has opened us up numerous doors, strengthened our credibility with many health actors, allowed to present serene our actions and sparked meetings.

Although we must not forget, as a delegate, the primary reason for our commitment and not to lose view of our main object, I remain convinced that our direct or indirect investment in the FAS network can help us grow our audience, assert our beliefs and learn a lot from the network of others actors in the world of associations of representatives of users. Same approach towards caregivers, of the palliative care world with whom it becomes possible to share our convictions even if we agree on few subjects. The main thing is that everyone knows the existence of the other and understands that dialogue and openness are constants of life in society.

That is why I accepted the proposal of the CA and its president to take charge of the national delegation so far run by Claire Bazin and whom I thank for the quality of her handing over of file. I hope to be worthy of the trust which is granted to me and assures you that I will put all my energy in the accomplishment, with you, of this mission.

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ADMD Board of Directors

Following the renewal of several directors, we publish the composition of the board of directors of the ADMD. As a reminder, the renewal Full board will be on the occasion of the 41th General Assembly, in 2021, by a ballot placed under the control of a bailiff.

- 1 Jean-Luc Romero-Michel (president)
- 2 Francine Noël (vice-president)
- 3 Jonathan Denis (Secretary General)
- 4 Madeleine Denis (treasurer)
- 5 Hubert Sapin (Deputy Secretary General)
- 6 Nathalie Micheneau (Assistant Treasurer)
- 7 Stéphane Aujé

- 8 Mickaël Boulay
- 9 Maxime Collobert
- 10 Madeleine Comte-Sponville
- 11 Claudine Guinot
- 12 Benjamin Mattely
- 13 Mélanie Raphaël-Béthune
- 14 Robert Wohlfahrt

News

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Spain leads by example

Strong move by the all-new Spanish government launch
(PSOE / Podemos coalition), elected on November 10:
 the parliamentary procedure decriminalizing euthanasia.

France, country of Human Rights, bad student of freedom and dignity? ADMD
 will do everything for France to catch up and legalize - finally - active aid in dying ...

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ADMD Youth

CO-MANAGERS: MAXIME COLLOBERT & BENJAMIN MATTELY

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 @MaximeCollobert & @BenjaminMately

Young ADMD

ADMD Youth gathered at the beginning of the year during
 delegation days in order to plan their future
 actions of this year with particular attention to
 Solidays and of course the 2020 edition of # AdmdTour.

PROGRAM FORECAST OF ACTIONS ADMD YOUTH

- **February 8 to 16, 2020:** youth participation
at the 13^e ADMD mobilization week
- **April 30 to May 4, 2020:** seminar
ADMD Youth
- **June 19, 20 and 21, 2020:** stand in the village
associations of the Solidays festival
- **July 3 to 19, 2020:**
6^e edition of # AdmdTour
- **October 10, 2020:** presence of young people during

the 40th general assembly of the ADMD in Dijon

• **November 2, 2020:** mobilization of young people for World Day for the right to die with dignity

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PRESENTATION NEW ADMD YOUNG PEOPLE

MAXIM

Nantes / Sainte-Luce-sur-Loire
24 years
Master 2 of Sociology

I joined the ADMD with the desire to bring my contribution to advancing the law which is far too often behind the developments society of our country. Already rich in my political activism, this association is also for me the possibility of engaging in a human cause that transcends cleavages and to which we are sensitive.

Internal life

LORIS

Nantes
22 years old
Medecine student

The reason for my membership is a question which is regularly asked of me. Indeed, why care about the end of life when we is barely over twenty? I answer generally around 2 axes. The first is that unfortunately death and disease don't spare anyone even the youngest of us (Cf. Vincent Lambert, 32 years old at time of his accident). In addition, it is necessary also think of our loved ones, relatives, friends and, in my case, patients. If we get this law, it's all about benefiting of society in order to finally have a choice.

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- The texts, published under the sole responsibility of their author, must in no case be support for personal attacks or defamation.
- For publication in the Journal they must be sent by mail email address next : tribune@admd.net
- The reading committee selects items to be short, i.e. no more than 1400 signs (spaces included), and accompanied by name and membership number of their author.

Okay, disagree!

I have already reported the death from Madame Henriette Sellier on the date of May 21, 2019 at the hospital from Limeil-Brévannes. I had called your services because despite having been in palliative care (and so we couldn't do anything do) we saw it for 1 month die at little fire before our eyes: gangrene, first a leg, then the other leg. We knew the outcome, the doctors are there to "To heal" they said, while any treatment had been arrested. She had morphine, hydration and oxygen. From there, we expected: his black legs gangrene until pelvis, and after a clot in the heart ! No one wanted to make him a bite to fall asleep. he seems that she never suffered not with morphine. She hasn't spoken since long had eyes supplicants. Mom wouldn't have never wanted to get there. She had made a whole dossier which had been handed over to

doctor, and classified without continuation in his medical records. These conditions are inhuman to my meaning. Mom was for euthanasia. In these conditions we had to help him leave with dignity. However, for us, children, the conditions weren't. After death, the nurse said his back was full of bedsores, with to... We don't have it not seen because we had to go out during "care". I hope the laws will evolve. If my testimony could be usefull... Mom believed in you ...
Joëlle Sellier,
Charenton-le-Pont

HAVE YOU SAID "SUICIDE"?
We are rightly moved by farmers suicide - at least one per day -, from that of the police - one per week - we are moved by suicide at France Telecom or at Renault, we are moved student suicide, teachers,

soldiers, doctors... We hear very little about it people suicide elderly or severely sick. Some exceptions except (the couple of old men who commit suicide carbon monoxide... or the octogenarian who shoots down his bedridden wife before to turn the weapon against him ...), this suicide is much easier to ignore, and more often possible we ignore it. Because suicide returns to our society a very bad image of her even and particularly that of the weakest. Those, at the end of their life and who cannot afford to be heard from political power, when they are in nursing homes or in the hospital we calm them down with anxiolytics and "we protect them from themselves "by blocking the Windows. For lack of be able to remove the desire to die, we tell them removes the means. This is also what is happening when we search among old people

knows they got it a lethal potion. All say that was their security and that in their removing "their little flask "we immerse them in anxiety. It is also probable and humanly understandable that for some of these people, the great dependence may be enough to remove the desire to live: the feeling of go from subject status to that of object - even good care object - is for a lot in the desperation of the old. Regarding people who are really late of life, Olivier Mermet, the new president of SFAP, observes that they are not afraid to die but to suffer. It does not do not recognize the right to decide their fate: according to the hypocritical law Claeys / Leonetti, help a person at the end of life to die lucidly at his request in five minutes it's wrong helping the same person to die unconscious in ten days is good.

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Honor Committee

As of February 14, 2020

Hypocrisy? That of the law is that one of that who inspired her. As if the examples of ends of pitiful lives dated today it took that François Hollande, after denying his

do not force, to preserve a spurious image of our company or for you conform to a dogma religious, to live what they don't want to live. Don't oppose the request existential of the weakest

Honorary committee president: Noëlle CHÂTELET, writer
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commitment to legalize active dying, read the testimony of Anne Bert to finally declare "That we still have to legislate". Mr. Macron, do better than your predecessor! Don't ignore the suicide of old people, or their suicide attempts, or their desire for suicide. Don't

philosophical discourse of the strongest. Because take a lethal potion taking the hand of those we love, it is simply not the same as open the veins or defenestering in solitude. **Paul Lallot, Montluçon**

REST

The concept of "rest" is a very nice word, In its general sense, in its full sense, It evokes relaxation, leisure, idleness The dawn of our worries, the peace in our minds.

But if we add complement, adjective, It can undoubtedly become negative.

Rest homes? To me it sounds wrong. Let us leave them this title, which nobody is irritated with. But let's find something else ...

And I offer you: necessary structures, Safe spaces, shelters for survival.

Understand the importance of these large residences Where you come to shelter your disabilities. We had a home, but it used to be.

To combine peace, We have the imperfect.

Yvonne Cariou, Brech

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his son, some his last days mother, wife of the story, by pastor, very committed to his sides but who, disabled, almost blind, in great diff

difficulty in independent living, decided to contract with Exit French-speaking Switzerland to end it, the day it will have decided. "As if she was putting her ability to think above the ability to stand up." It will be the 19th! The last days, the visits of children from France, California, all world understands it, nobody questions his choice. For her, as for her pastor of husband who died in a retirement home, "religion was the art of confronting the anguish of death ". For these Geneva Calvinists, man remains master of his choice in direct connection with God, without intermediation. These last ten days before the final act are the occasion to recall some memories, to ask questions around life and death; without surprise, Rousseau is often summoned. The author hide nothing from complicated procedures, to get the lethal potion from doctors ; the doctor son, for example, does not have the right to make prescription for mother. After death, which occurred very quickly after drinking the tall glass, with Exit's envoy and the children (not all) who wished to be there, there are still paperwork, call the police, do not touch nothing, wait for the prosecutor's decision before the funeral service.

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so we must say goodbye to his family, to his friends; farewell to life!
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