



# World Right-to-Die Newsletter

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## Belgian Attorney-Activist New Head of World Federation

Jacqueline Herremans, attorney and long-time activist for the right-to-die, became the President of the World Federation and will serve until 2008. She succeeds Jacob Kohnstamm, now Past President. Dr. Juan Mendoza-Vega, a retired neurosurgeon from Colombia and head of the *ADMD-Colombia*, is the new Vice President.



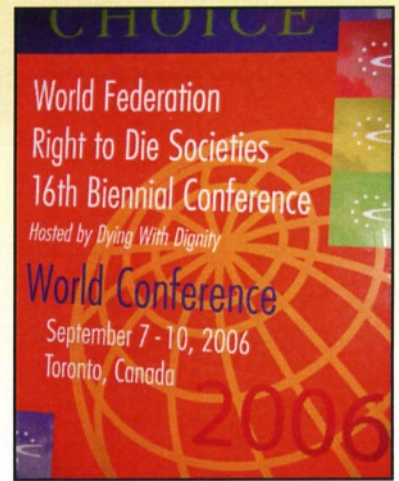
*Jacob Kohnstamm,  
Past President, and  
Jacqueline Herremans,  
current President of  
the World Federation*

The busy Ms. Herremans is also the President of *ADMD-Belgium (Association for the Right to Die in Dignity)*, a member of the Belgian Federal Commission of Control and Evaluation of the Law on Euthanasia, and a member of the Belgian Consultative Committee on Bioethics. She is a partner in the law firm of Lallemand and Legros in Brussels.

As President of ADMD she has provided expert testimony to the Belgian Senate, and has authored numerous publications on death with dignity. ADMD-Belgium was recently awarded the annual prize from the Association of Doctors of the ULB (Brussels University). This is the first time her organization has been so recognized by a medical organization. ADMD's efforts are concentrated on the effective application of the euthanasia law, primarily by providing information to the public and to the medical profession. ADMD has recently published a pamphlet in French, *La Fin de Vie* to help people understand how the law works.

## 16th Biennial Conference of the World Federation of Right to Die Societies

September  
7-10, 2006



## Challenge in Choice: Canada Hosts Exciting Conference

*by Don Babey, Executive Director  
of Dying with Dignity Canada*



In September right-to-die enthusiasts from 16 countries – as distant as Japan, Israel, New Zealand, Venezuela, Australia and Colombia -- came to Toronto to enjoy a Canadian perspective on the biennial gathering of the World Federation. For *Dying With Dignity Canada* it was a first-ever privilege to host so many colleagues, members and supporters from around the world. This event gave prominence to a topic of significance to all – the right to choose to end our lives at peace and with dignity.

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