

SATURDAY, MAY 5, 2018

11th Annual General Meeting

The general meeting for AQDMD members will be held on Saturday, May 5, 2018, from 10 a.m. to 12 p.m., at Habitations Nouvelles Avenues, 6450 boul. Pie IX in Montreal. We are counting on your presence: save this date in your calendar.

Agenda

1. Opening of the general meeting
2. Approval of the agenda
3. Approval of the minutes from the general meeting held May 13, 2017, and follow-up
4. Financial report for 2017
 - a) Review of 2017 financial statements and questions
 - b) Appointing the external accountant
5. Presentation: 2017 annual report and 2018 objectives
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 - b) Presentation and discussion regarding the positions adopted by the AQDMD (document sent by email)
 - c) Status of the Gladu and Truchon v. Canada and Quebec case
 - d) Fundraiser for the Gladu/Truchon cause
6. Review of actions taken by the board of directors
7. Election for AQDMD Director positions and presentation of results
8. Lecture and discussion: Dr. Yvette Lajeunesse (see info below)
9. Meeting adjournment

Doris Dubreuil, Secretary-Treasurer

Georges L'Espérance, President

Lecture by Dr. Yvette Lajeunesse

Ms. Lajeunesse was a general practitioner and has now been retired for a little over a year. She worked at the Institut universitaire de gériatrie de Montréal for 30 years, primarily in the long-term care program. An associate professor in the department of family medicine and emergency medicine at the Université de Montréal's Faculty of Medicine, she is still involved in teaching ethics and is a member of the faculty's clinical ethics office.

She is currently a member of the Working Group on Clinical Ethics, of the Research Ethics Committee with the Collège des médecins and the Comité de protection et de représentation des personnes inaptes ou protégées du Curateur public. She is also involved in ethics training programs for neurology residents at the Université de Montréal, regarding two themes: assessing the capacity to consent and medical assistance in dying in the context of neurodegenerative diseases.

During her lecture, she will discuss the following topics related to requests for medical assistance in dying (MAID) and advance medical directives made by patients who are at risk of losing cognitive function as a result of dementia.

- What are the stages of cognitive and physical deterioration in patients with Alzheimer's-type dementia?
- How do we ensure that a patient has the capacity to consent in the first stages of the disease?
- What are the ethical pitfalls faced by practitioners dealing with advance medical directives for MAID?
- Where do we go next, in discussing advance medical directives for MAID?