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## November 2021 Newsletter

Dear Members,

Time goes by so fast, and it's already nearly the end of the year. I would like to tell you what has happened since March. It's not much, because Covid prevented a lot.

We followed the request of our world federation and called for the worldwide legalisation of the right to self-determination at the end of life at a rally on 2 November 21 in the Rathausplatz in Bern. We were fortunate with the weather; we were able to hold the rally in sunshine at 2:00 p.m. after it stopped raining at 1:45 p.m. So fate is being kind to us and hopefully, so will the governments in the rest of the world. When assisted suicide is legal worldwide, no one from abroad will travel to Switzerland to end their life here. Dying in particular is best done at home, and I am grateful that we Swiss are almost always allowed to attend our citizens at home, where they can be in their own beds. Let's hope this will soon be possible for everyone around the world. Many thanks to everyone who took part in our campaign personally or supported us in spirit. See below two pictures of our rally with the powerful statement on the banners.

On 7 May 21 I was again acquitted of the charge of intentional homicide by the cantonal court in Liestal. The questioning and delivery of the verdict were conducted at a significantly higher level than at the criminal court. I found that a great relief and it somewhat improved my trust in the Swiss justice system. I was found guilty again on the secondary charge, but the fine and my contribution to the procedural and legal costs was greatly reduced. This is gratifying, but I find it unsatisfactory. I am still convinced that lifecircle association and the Eternal Spirit Foundation are performing to a very high standard, with more guidelines than the law requires. Everyone who works for the association and the foundation takes their responsibility seriously and their work is of the highest possible quality. Unfortunately, the public prosecutor's office is taking the deliberate homicide proceedings to the federal court. For my part, I am also appealing the decision that I violated the Therapeutic Products Act. However, it can take between one and two years before we get a date for the federal court hearing.

Unfortunately, my efforts with the board of the European organization "Right to Die Europe" <https://www.rtde.eu> have still not come to fruition. Four organizations had a meeting at which we could work constructively on a solution but a reorganisation of the European association cannot take place before May 2022.

The next date of our Café Goodbye, which takes place on four Sunday mornings over the year, is **November 21 at 10.00** o'clock in the Reinach local history museum (Heimatmuseum). We have chosen another interesting topic: "What you can't talk about, you have to write about". I highly recommend this event when we look forward to a lively exchange over coffee and croissants. <https://www.cafegoodbye.ch>

I am pleased to be able to enclose a flyer for a lifecircle association **Podium event on December 2nd at 7:00 p.m.** in the "Güggel" Protestant parish hall in Therwil. The topic is: "Dignity, can I lose it"? Besides myself, two very special theologians will participate in the discussion; both members of lifecircle association. This discussion is definitely not to be missed because Pastor Werner Kriesi is already 89 years old and I am very grateful to him that at this great age he will once again express his opinion and discuss it with us. He, together with Marcel Reding, a ZEN monk, have a wealth of life experience and I am very pleased to introduce these two distinguished people to you.

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With kind regards, and all the best from the bottom of my heart,

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