

IN MEMORIAM

André Kahn



On September 7, 2004 André Kahn, head of the Paediatric Department of the university hospital "Reina Fabiola", died suddenly and unexpectedly after a sport exercise.

Professor André Kahn was active in SIDS research for more than two decades. One of his great achievements from the later years was the consensus statement on apparent life threatening event (ALTE) which was agreed upon at the ESPID conference in Oslo 2003, and which was published in *Eur J Pediatr* 2004; 163: 108-115.

André Kahn was one of the founders, and the first president of European Society for the Study and Prevention of Infant Death (ESPID). He was actively participating in the ESPID work until he died.

Professor André Kahn had genuine interest in SIDS parents and was a driving force in establishing SIDS Europe and encouraging dialogue between parents and researchers.

During the Soria Moria meeting in Oslo, October 2004, a special research seminar was arranged in the memory of André Kahn. Presenters were Ed Mitchell, Peter Fleming, Toshiko Sawaguchi, and several young researchers.

ESPID has decided to establish a research prize in the memory of André Kahn. The prize will probably be given out for the first time at the international SIDS conference in Japan, 2006.