



### **In Memoriam Mrs Michel de Visscher**

Mrs Michel de Visscher (Jacqueline Velge) died peacefully in her sleep on November 25th 2015 at home in Leuven (Belgium). Born in Antwerpen (Belgium) on January 31st 1922, she was 92 years-old . She raised a family of 7 children, 22 grand-children and 18 great-grand-children. Her life was dedicated to her husband Professor Michel de Visscher and fulfillment of her family.

She sustained the career of her husband who, with the help of her sponsorship, developed a research thyroid laboratory in the de Duve Institute within the Université catholique de Louvain in Louvain en Woluwe (Brussels).

After the founding of the European Thyroid Association (ETA) she actively helped to organize the first ETA meeting in Leuven (Belgium) in 1967. Whenever ETA members visited Brussels and Belgium she warmly welcomed them at the Visschers's house. Many members surely remember the nice receptions organised at home.

She established the Harrington-de Visscher Price in 1974 and granted this biannually price ever since. She was consistently keen to encourage young and talented thyroidologists. She attended most meetings to deliver personally the award and congratulate the laureates.

She was very curious and loved discovering different European cities, always accompanied by a member of her large family.

We will remember the memory of a generous, elegant, curious and cordial person of whom example will continue to inspire the ETA.

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