

Anje Wiersinga, European and international feminist

In the first week of April, after 2 years of Covid restrictions, there was finally another physical meeting of the INGO Conference of the Council of Europe in Strasbourg. For Anje Wiersinga, this was the last time she wanted to be physically present. And it will be a loss for the IAW delegation. I don't know anyone who is so well informed about what happens in the Palais of the COE and how everything works. Together with Monique Bouchet and Renée Gerard's, we have attended many meetings. It was Anje who taught me how the Council of Europe works. Her interventions at the meetings were always sharp and to the point. She was always aware of all the details of the documents. We will miss her. I asked Renée to write something about the period when Anje was active in the Council of Europe, because she worked with Anje for the longest time. At a farewell dinner we gave Anje a small gift as a souvenir of Strasbourg from the IAW.

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