Program at a glance

Nov. 25(Wed), 2026

	Room 3 5F, Orion	Green Room / Meeting Room 5F, Matsu
8:00		
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16:00		16:00-17:00 **WFRtDS** **Board meeting**
17:00	17:00-18:30 **Welcome Reception** For JSDD&WFRtDS Board Members and Affiliates Only	
18:00		
19:00		

Program at a glance

Nov. 26(Thu), 2026

	Room 1-A 3F, Cosmos Ⅰ	Room 1-B 3F, Cosmos Ⅱ	Room 2 5F, Subaru	Room 3 5F, Orion
8:00				
9:00			8:30-11:15 **WFRtDS General Assembly Meeting**	
10:00				
11:00				
11:30-11:50	**Opening Ceremoney**			
12:00	11:50-12:30 **Keynote Lecture** Chair: Masahiro Nomoto Speakers: Rob Jonquiere, Sean Davison			12:00-13:30 **Lunch**
13:00				
14:00	14:00-15:00 **Special Lecture** **私の往生際** Chair: Kiyoko Kamibeppu Speaker: Takeshi Yoro			
15:00				
16:00	15:15-17:30 **Symposium Ⅰ** **End-of-Life Care Legislations in East Asia** Chair: Yoshihiro Kitamura Speakers: Yoshihiro Kitamura Da Hye Choi Jae Ryon Kim Daniel Fu-Chang Tsai Yicheng Chung		15:15-16:55 **Session 1** **Beyond Individual Choice: Historical, Philosophical, and Relational Foundations of Autonomy in the Right to Die** Chairs: Kiyoshi Kitamura, Anne Bunning Speakers: Niels De NUTTE Dennis Demedts Mutsumi Saito Anne Cohen Kirah	
17:00				
18:00				
19:00				

Program at a glance

Nov. 27(Fri), 2026

	Room 1-A 3F, Cosmos I	Room 1-B 3F, Cosmos II	Room 2 5F, Subaru	Room 3 5F, Orion
8:00				
9:00				
10:00	9:30-12:20 **Session 2** **Social and Relational Dimensions of End-of-Life Care in Japan: Realities, Narratives, and the Role of Social Systems** Chairs: Kiyoko Kamibeppu Sumito Ogawa Speakers: Mitsutaka Yakabe Kazuo Kojima Chieko Matsukuma Masayoshi Egoshi Toshiyuki Sugiura Yoshiyuki Kunieda Chihoko Hirabayashi Kazuko Kondo	9:30-12:20 **Symposium II** **Dying with Dignity: MAID, Death with palliative care, Sedation, VSED** Chair: Satoru Mitsuoka Speakers: Rob Jonquiere Masanori Mori Pope Thaddeus Miwako Hosoda Satoshi Kodama	9:30-12:20 **Session 3** **International Comparison of MAID/VAD: Legal Evolution, Implementation, and Governance9:30 Announcement** Chairs: Michiya Ito Anne Cohen Kirah Speakers: Fransien van ter Beek Dennis Demedts Kelsey A Goforth Edmund Tiryakian Jane E Morris Takako Minami Marija Milavec Kapun Lord Tung Lam	
11:00				
12:00				12:30-14:00 **Lunch**
13:00				
14:00	14:00-14:40 **Anniversary Lecture** Chair: Yoshihiro Kitamura Speaker: Soichiro Iwao	14:00-15:20 **Symposium III** **Symposium on Dimentia and Living Will** Chair: Masahiro Nomoto, Asunción Alvarez Speakers: Takayoshi Shimohata Mieko Ogino Asunción Alvarez	14:00-17:00 **Session 4** **Social Practice and Care in MAID/VAD: Barriers to Access, Cross-Border Choices, and Death Literacy** Chairs: Shusho Okada Michelle Witte Speakers: Kristy Martin Lewis M. Cohen Yuha Nam Ruedi Habegger Janet Hager Yukio Sakurai Donald J. Moore, MD Kazuo Kojima	
15:00	14:50-17:00 **Regional Branch Presentations** Chair: Sachiyo Tamura Speakers: Hidetaka Ebata Takao Ami Taro Tanzawa Akio Ando Kazuo Ozawa Hideaki Urashima Yuji Matsumoto Jun Nishiguchi Nobuyuki Hara	15:40-17:00 **Symposium IV** **Withholding and withdrawing artificial nutrition and hydration (ANH)** Chair: Reiko Miyamoto Speakers: Yuko Joie Kazuko Kondo Reiko Miyamoto Kazuo Io		
16:00				
17:00				
18:00				18:00- **GALA Dinner** *Registration required
19:00				

Program at a glance

Nov. 28(Sat), 2026

	Room 1-A 3F, Cosmos I	Room 1-B 3F, Cosmos II	Room 2 5F, Subaru	Room 3 5F, Orion
8:00				
9:00				
10:00	10:00-12:30 **Activity Booth** · Therapy Dog Interaction Session and Demonstration · Interactive "Go Wish Game" Workshop: Reflecting on Future Care and End-of-Life Choice *Registration required	10:00-12:30 **Information Booth** · Medical Consultation Booth · Legal Consultation Booth *Registration required	10:00-12:00 **Special Film Screening: "Peaceful Death"** *Registration required	
11:00				
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Program

Keynote Lecture 11:50-12:30 Room 1（3F, Cosmos）

Chair: Masahiro Nomoto（Vice President, JSDD）

50 Years of Expansion - History of the WFRtDS

Rob Jonquiere（World Federation of Right to Die Societies, Netherlands）

Personal Account of Sean Davison – Arrested for Ending the Suffering of People in 3 Continents

Sean Davison（Pegasos Association Switzerland, Switzerland）

Special Lecture 14:00-15:00 Room 1（3F, Cosmos）

Chair: Kiyoko Kamibeppu（Vice President, JSDD）

私の往生際

Takeshi Yoro（Professor Emeritus, The University of Tokyo, Japan）

Symposium Ⅰ 15:15-17:30 Room 1（3F, Cosmos）

End-of-Life Care Legislations in East Asia

Chair: Yoshihiro Kitamura（President, JSDD）

Why Is Individual Autonomy Not Fully Respected in Medical Care in Japan?

Yoshihiro Kitamura（President, JSDD, Japan）

End-of-Life Care and Self-Determination in Korea: Palliative Care, Withdrawal of Life-Sustaining Treatment, and the Prospect of Assisted Dying

Da Hye Choi（President, Korea Association of Right to Die (KARD), Korea）

Issues and Implications from the Korean Constitutional Complaint

Jae Ryon Kim（Law Firm On·Sesang, Korea）

The Legislative Process, Current Status, and Challenges of the Patient Right to Autonomy Act in Taiwan

Daniel Fu-Chang Tsai（Professor, Department & Graduate Institute of Medical Education and Bioethics, National Taiwan University College of Medicine / Attending Physician, Department of Medical Research; Director, Ethics Center; Chairman, Research Ethics Committee, National Taiwan University Hospital, Taiwan）

VSED and the Patient Right to Autonomy Act in Taiwan: End-of-Life Autonomy and the Debate over the Legalization of Euthanasia

Yicheng Chung（Assistant Professor, Department of Bioethics, Faculty of Life Sciences, Kumamoto University, Japan）

Session 1

15:15-16:55 Room 2（5F, Subaru）

Beyond Individual Choice: Historical, Philosophical, and Relational Foundations of Autonomy in the Right to Die

Chairs: Kiyoshi Kitamura（Councilor, JSDD）
Anne Bunning（WFRtDS）

The Historical Emergence of the Right to Die in International Perspective

Niels De NUTTE（VUB, Belgium）

Preparing future nurses and allied health professionals for addressing medical assistance in dying: the EUroMAiD project

Dennis Demedts（Department of public health, Vrije Universiteit Brussels, Belgium）

Withdrawn

Critiques of "Anti-Life-Prolongation" Surrounding Living Wills from a Patient Perspective: Implications for Advance Care Planning in Japan

Mutsumi Saito（Japan）

Bringing Death to Life: The Importance of Teaching Death Literacy

Anne Cohen Kirah, Galina Arbeli（Kristiania University of Applied Sciences, Norway）

Session 2

9:30-12:20 Room 1-A（3F, Cosmos Ⅰ）

Social and Relational Dimensions of End-of-Life Care in Japan: Realities, Narratives, and the Role of Social Systems

Chairs: Kiyoko Kamibeppu（Vice President, JSDD）
Sumito Ogawa（Director, JSDD）

Age- and Setting-Related Differences in End-of-Life Care, Living Wills, and Signs of Death: A Questionnaire Survey of Physicians With Expertise in End-of-Life Care

Mitsutaka Yakabe（Department of Geriatric Medicine, Graduate School of Medicine, The University of Tokyo, Japan）

Making MAID Legalization Work: The Conditions of Autonomy in Japanese Society

Kazuo Kojima（Department of Philosophy, Faculty of Letters, Gakushuin University, Japan）

身寄りのない高齢者の病院・施設の入退院・所等における問題点と対策について

Chieko Matsukuma（松隈法律事務所）

Supporting End-of-Life Care for People Without Relatives: The Crucial Role of ALP and Decision-Making Support

Masayoshi Egoshi（Egoshi Law Office, Japan）

The Current State of End-of-Life Care in Japan: A Comparison with Other Countries

Toshiyuki Sugiura（Branch Director, JSDD, Japan）

The Record of End-of-Life Care Entrusted by My Mother: Conflict and Resolution of a Physician Facing Simultaneous Bereavement of Parent and Pet

Yoshiyuki Kunieda（Akebono Clinic, Miyazaki City, Japan）

End-of-Life Escort Runners: The Role of Medical Counseling

Chihoko Hirabayashi（Staff, JSDD, Japan）

Supporting Grieving Families, Turning Every Experience into a Light: The Role of the 'Little Lighthouse Project'

Kazuko Kondo（Advisor, JSDD, Japan）

Anniversary Lecture

14:00-14:40 Room 1-A（3F, Cosmos Ⅰ）

Chair: Yoshihiro Kitamura（President, JSDD）

History and Role of the Japan Society for Dying with Dignity: Establishing the Right to Self-Determination through Living Will

Soichiro Iwao（Honorary President, JSDD, Japan）

Regional Branch Presentations 14:50-17:00 Room 1-A（3F, Cosmos Ⅰ）

Chair: Sachiyo Tamura（Director, JSDD）

Hidetaka Ebata（Honoree, JSDD, Japan）
Takao Ami（Honoree, JSDD, Japan）
Taro Tanzawa（Staff, JSDD, Japan）
Akio Ando（Honoree, JSDD, Japan）
Kazuo Ozawa（Honoree, JSDD, Japan）
Hideaki Urashima（Branch Director, JSDD, Japan）
Yuji Matsumoto（Branch Director, JSDD, Japan）
Jun Nishiguchi（Branch Director, JSDD, Japan）
Nobuyuki Hara（Honoree, JSDD, Japan）

Symposium Ⅱ 9:30-12:20 Room 1-B（3F, Cosmos Ⅱ）

Dying with Dignity: MAID, Death with palliative care, Sedation, VSED

Chair: Satoru Mitsuoka（Director, JSDD）

" Euthanasia" "*Why and how in The Netherlands*"

Rob Jonquiere（World Federation of Right to Die Societies）

Palliative Care and Palliative Sedation in Japan: Addressing Refractory Suffering at the End of Life

Masanori Mori（Division of Palliative and Supportive Care, Seirei Mikatahara General Hospital, Japan）

Voluntarily Stopping Eating and Drinking (VSED): A Lesser Known but Widely Available End-of-Life Option

Pope Thaddeus（Mitchell Hamline School of Law, United States of America）

A Sociological Analysis of Debates on Dying with Dignity in Japan

Miwako Hosoda（Seisa University Graduate School of Education, Japan）

The Debate on Euthanasia in Japan: An Ethical Perspective

Satoshi Kodama（Graduate School of Letters, Kyoto University, Japan）

Symposium III

14:00-15:20 Room 1-B（3F, Cosmos II）

Symposium on Dimentia and Living Will

Chairs: Masahiro Nomoto（Vice President, JSDD）
Asunción Alvarez（WFRtDS）

Medical Treatments in Advanced Neurological Disorders: Expected Benefits, Burdens, and Limitations

Takayoshi Shimohata（Department of Neurology, Gifu University Graduate School of Medicine, Japan）

Support for Decision-making regarding Medical Treatments for Neurological Conditions including dementia at the EOL

Mieko Ogino（Visiting professor, Tokai University School of Medicine, Department of Medical Ethics, Japan）

Can We Choose Not to Live With Advanced Dementia?

Asunción Alvarez（Universidad Nacional Autonoma de México / Libertad para Morir AC）

Symposium IV

15:40-17:00 Room 1-B（3F, Cosmos II）

Withholding and withdrawing artificial nutrition and hydration (ANH)

Chair: Reiko Miyamoto（Director, JSDD）

Artificial Nutrition and Hydration in End-of-life care : Considerations on Continuation and Care Options

Yuko Joie（Izumiotsu City Hall Welfare Office, Japan）

Empowering the Courage to Say No “The Little Lighthouse Project”

Kazuko Kondo（Advisor, JSDD, Japan）

Withholding and withdrawing artificial nutrition and hydration (ANH)

Reiko Miyamoto（Director, JSDD, Japan）

Drip is natural enemy

Kazuo Io（Councilor, JSDD, Japan）

Session 3

9:30-12:20 Room 2（5F, Subaru）

International Comparison of MAID/VAD: Legal Evolution, Implementation, and Governance

Chairs: Michiya Ito（Director, JSDD）
Anne Cohen Kirah（WFRtDS）

Twenty-Five Years of Medical Assistance in Dying Legislation in the Netherlands: Past, Present and Future

Fransien van ter Beek（Chair of the Executive Board, NVVE, Netherlands）

Evolution of Medical Aid in Dying (MAiD) Legislation in Belgium and the Netherlands: From Terminal to Non-Terminal Suffering, Children, and Advanced Dementia

Dennis Demedts（Department of public health, Vrije Universiteit Brussels, Belgium）

The first decade: Clarifying the facts on medical assistance in dying and the role of the right to die movement in Canada

Kelsey A Goforth（Dying With Dignity Canada, Canada）

A Summary of MAID Practices and Progress in the United States, incluidng the 3 new states since the last WFRDS conference in Dublin

Edmund Tiryakian（Founder and Execuive Director, Dying RIght NC, United States of America）

How Community Voices Shaped the Voluntary Assisted Dying Conversation in Victoria, Australia

Jane E Morris（Dying With Dignity Victoria, Australia）

Issues Surrounding Voluntary Assisted Dying Laws in Australia

Takako Minami（Kagawa Prefectural University of Health Sciences, Japan）

Regulating Medical Assistance in Dying in Slovenia: Legal Context, Stakeholder Positions, and Recent Policy Developments

Marija Milavec Kapun（Faculty of Health Sciences, University of Ljubljana, Slovenia）

Tung LAM Bill

Lord Tung Lam（Eternity Living Life Company Limited, Hong Kong）

Session 4

14:00-17:00 Room 2（5F, Subaru）

Social Practice and Care in MAID/VAD: Barriers to Access, Cross-Border Choices, and Death Literacy

Chairs: Shusho Okada（Director, JSDD）
Michelle Witte（WFRtDS）

"Planned Swissicide": A neurocognitive and corporate model for intercepting high volume of Swiss VAD clients as a global suicide-attempt prevention strategy

Kristy Martin（Planned Swissicide, United States of America）

Reflections on suicide tourism

Lewis M. Cohen, David Hoffman（Department of Psychiatry, Tufts University School of Medicine, United States of America）

Cross-Border Choices at the End of Life: Experiences of Korean Families Seeking Assisted Dying in Switzerland and the Regulatory Gap

Yuha Nam（Chungkang College of Cultural Industries, Korea）

Implications of Exploring the Boundaries of Assisted Dying in Switzerland - How Pegasos has Extended the Eligibility Criteria

Ruedi Habegger（Pegasos Association Switzerland, Switzerland）

When Medical Aid in Dying Too Often Fails Suffering Individuals

Janet Hager（A Better Exit, United States of America）

Why Do Voluntary Assisted Dying Regimes and Judicial Decisions Emerge in Particular Regions?

Yukio Sakurai（Yokohama Law Association, Japan）

Bridging Gaps in Medical Aid in Dying Access: Inequities in End-of-Life Choice in the United States

Donald J. Moore（Autonomy Health, San Diego, CA, United States of America）

From the Value of Continuing to the Right to Stop: Antinatalism and the Philosophical Justification of MAID

Kazuo Kojima（Department of Philosophy, Faculty of Letters, Gakushuin University, Japan）

Open Space Activities: Reservation Information

Saturday, November 28
Morning

1. In addition to registering for the conference, **advance reservations are required** for the Activities below.
2. Even if you are attending **only the events on November 28**, conference registration is still required.
3. When making your reservation, please indicate your preferred time slot. You may reserve more than one event.

Go Wish Game

3F Cosmos Room
24 participants per session

① 10:10 ～ 10:45
② 10:55 ～ 11:30
③ 11:40 ～ 12:15

Medical Consultation

Japanese Language Only

3F Cosmos Room
3 participants per session

① 10:00 ～ 10:30
② 10:30 ～ 11:00
③ 11:00 ～ 11:30
④ 11:30 ～ 12:00
⑤ 12:00 ～ 12:30

Legal Consultation On EOL Issues

Japanese Language Only

3F Cosmos Room
3 participants per session

① 10:00 ～ 10:30
② 10:30 ～ 11:00
③ 11:00 ～ 11:30
④ 11:30 ～ 12:00
⑤ 12:00 ～ 12:30

Therapy Dog Demonstration

3F Cosmos Room – 30 participants per session

① 10:15 ～ 11:00
② 11:15 ～ 12:00

Film Screening “Peaceful Death”

5F Subaru Room – 100 participants

Time 10:00 ～ 12:00

Reservations **yoyaku2026@songenshi-kyokai.or.jp**

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