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Hommage à Raymond Jost

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Raymond Jost, president of the **International Secretariat of Eau à Montréal**, has passed away.

Raymond Jost was born on May 14, 1943 in Strasbourg. After university studies in specialized education, in psychoeducation and in criminology, he arrived in Québec, and from Québec, he began his career: he arrived in 1965 as a laureate of the Council of Arts of Canada, section Humanities, and he spent 22 years in service of youth in difficulty.

Subsequently, in 1988 and 1989, he created and led a reflection group in Montréal, taught and gave conferences in Europe. He initiated also the concepts and practices of sustainable and equitable development on the international cooperation scene.

In 1990, by chance, his competence and his enthusiasm merited him to be entrusted with the organization of the international forum in Montréal titled « **L'Eau, c'est la vie** ». Reuniting a hundred of people from all over the world and representing all the sectors of integrated water management, this initiative led to a movement that, today, is composed of the **International Secretariat of Eau (SIE)**, of **Solidarity Eau Europe (SEE)** and of **Sages pour l'Eau**. He contributed as founder, as Secretary General and as President. During these last years he put, with his militancy, all his energy of visionary, developer and manager.

Raymond Jost was a man of innovation, capable of mediation, respectful of the environment and of human traditions and cultures. He is distinguished by his ease in conceiving processes of change that touch both people and institutions. He was a leader and a gatherer.

