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The association for the promotion of leaf concentrate in nutrition is orphaned. Jacques Subtil left us on the 4th of October 2012, after three years of a relentless fight against a cancer which he always seemed about to defeat...

One month earlier, Jacques had received the *légion d'honneur* medal for another battle he was engaged in, the battle against malnutrition. After a demanding professional career as, inter alia, manager of a model farm, president of the Agricultural Cooperative Group *France-Luzerne* from 1968 to 1991 and vice president of the French Dehydrators National Union from 1970 to 1991, he devoted most of his energy to APEF, where he served as president for almost twenty years.

Jacques was buried in *Notre Dame de Corroy* on the 8th of October 2012 after a simple and sincere ceremony, surrounded by his family and a great number of friends and relatives in the magnificent church on the route to Santiago de Compostela, inclining towards serenity.

From far away Nicaragua, where she is at the head of the *Soynica* Association, Sister Luci Morren sent a moving testimony on behalf of the tens of thousands of mothers and children who benefited from the alfalfa leaf concentrate Jacques and his team were sending from Champagne-Ardenne : “*We remember Jacques as a light in the darkness of malnutrition. He empowered our determination to care for the weakest among the little ones, those whose lives are tormented by hunger and necessity*”.

We will sorely miss Jacques' quiet courage, his sense of humor, his persistence and skills in all matters related to leaf concentrates.

In this edition of APEF-INFO, we will take a look back at the nineteen years during which APEF was headed by Jacques, then focus on the future of our association.