



NEWSLETTER TO MEMBERS N°36
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**ASSOCIATION FOR THE TRUTH ABOUT THE
MURDER OF SOPHIE TOSCAN DU PLANTIER
(née BOUNIOL)**

MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT OF ASSOPH, JEAN-PIERRE GAZEAU

Our 18th annual general meeting will be held on 2nd December 2024, remotely via ZOOM, with the instructions and link sent by email or standard mail.

Following the death of Ian Bailey on 21st January, who was convicted on 30th May 2019 for the murder of Sophie, we could have believed that we should leave it at that. Nevertheless, in Ireland, the joint teams of the "serious crime review" and criminal investigation continue their inquiries. Additionally, on the media front, new books recounting the case are being published, accompanied by media actions (press, radio, TV). In particular, the launch of journalist Senan Molony's book on 12th September prompted strong statements from Deputy Prime Minister Micheál Martin, who was Prime Minister during E. Macron's visit in August 2021 and discussed the case at a press conference. Our association must therefore continue its efforts to finally uncover the truth about what happened between 22nd December 1996 at 11 p.m. (Irish time) and 10:30 a.m. the following day: what was the exact time of death? Did the murderer act alone? Among all those questioned, who are the ones not telling the whole truth?... We must also understand all the reasons that have led successive DPPs not to bring Ian Bailey to trial in Ireland.

Furthermore, Paul MORGAN is currently completing a work on the actions of DPP E. BARNES, denouncing the way he refused to bring Ian BAILEY before an Irish court despite the overwhelming evidence presented to him by the Garda. To justify his decision not to bring Ian Bailey to trial, this magistrate produced, in particular, an undated and unsigned white paper, critiquing the Garda investigation based on incredibly biased and dishonest arguments. This document, which was supposed to be confidential, was submitted to the Supreme Court to justify the refusal of Ian Bailey's extradition to France. This book is likely to have a significant impact in Ireland, and the Irish authorities will probably have to justify themselves.

Other books, media documents, and developments should not be ruled out. The pressure on the Irish authorities continues with equal intensity. ASSOPH must, of course, continue to play its part.

OUR ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING WILL BE HELD ON MONDAY, 2ND DECEMBER 2024

For all these reasons, ASSOPH continues its fight for truth and justice regarding the murder of SOPHIE TOSCAN DU PLANTIER, née BOUNIOL, on 23rd December 1996. The association will hold its annual general meeting on 2nd December 2024 to approve the actions and the moral and financial reports for the year, as well as the orientations for 2025. The Board of Directors will be renewed on this occasion to implement these plans. This general meeting will be held, as in previous years, "online." The notice of the meeting, including the agenda and a proxy form, is attached.



Bill Hogan (Schull)



On the left : Micheál MARTIN, Deputy Prime Minister.
On the right : Senan Molony with his editor.



Micheál MARTIN, Deputy Prime Minister



Jean-Pierre Gazeau, president of ASSOPH

CALL FOR MEMBERSHIP FEES AND POSSIBLE DONATIONS

With the death of IAN BAILEY and following his conviction in May 2019 to 25 years in prison by the Paris Assize Court, the fight for truth and justice for SOPHIE is not over. ASSOPH will still need to call upon its French and Irish lawyers to help ensure that Ireland completes its investigations, finally reveals the truth about Sophie's murder, and fulfills its European obligations regarding judicial cooperation.

If you wish to support ASSOPH's fight for truth and justice regarding Sophie's murder, you can pay your 2024 membership fee of 30 euros and optionally make a donation.

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wish to support the association and become a donor member by donating:
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Signature:

IMPORTANT

Bank cheques made out to "ASSOPH" should be sent, along with the membership and/or donation form, to the NEW ADDRESS of ASSOPH:

**ASSOPH - c/o Mr. Jean Pierre GAZEAU - 5 rue des rocs -
86300 - Chauvigny FRANCE**

You can also make a bank transfer to:

LA BANQUE POPULAIRE VAL DE FRANCE Account holder: **ASS ASSOPH**
IBAN: **FR76 1870 7007 3132 3214 5691 860** BIC: **CCBPPRPPVER**

Additionally, you can pay your annual membership fee and/or make a donation through the HelloAsso website: <https://www.helloasso.com/>
(More specifically at <https://www.helloasso.com/associations/association-pour-la-verite-sur-l-assassinat-de-sophie-toscan-du-plantier-nee-bouniol/adhesions/bulletin-d-adhesion>)
(NOTE: Unfortunately, the prefecture has removed the "i" from "association.")