



International Federation of Journalists From the General Secretary

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To: All IFJ Unions, Executive Committee and EFJ Steering Committee

Dear Colleagues and Friends,

I have learned from Denmark that **Tove-Hygun Jakobsen**, a great friend of the IFJ and a formidable campaigner for authors' rights, has died at her home in Copenhagen. She was just 61.

Many of you will recall her as a familiar and friendly face on the international scene. Tove was President of the Danish Union of Journalists from 1984 to 1990. She was also a staunch workplace activist and was the leader of the journalists' branch at Radio Denmark where she worked. She was a pioneer in the battle for unions rights and something of a record breaker herself as the first female president of the union.

But she will be remembered in particular and with pride within the IFJ for the devotion she gave to the cause of author's rights. Thanks to her this issue became a core concern at national level and then within the IFJ. She worked closely with others, particularly, Stein Ove Gronsund and Anne Louise Schelin, to make sure authors' rights took centre stage in the agenda of our international campaigning work.

We are greatly indebted to her for all of her service and although illness in recent years led her to take a back seat in international activity, she was greatly admired and leaves many friends who have fond memories of her over the years. We shall miss her terribly and we send our condolences to her family, friends and colleagues within the Danish Journalists Union.

With Kind Regards,

A handwritten signature in black ink, reading 'Aidan White', is written over a large, stylized flourish that extends to the right and then curves back down.

AIDAN WHITE
General Secretary

