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### **Gilly Spurrier-Bernard**

Gilly Spurrier-Bernard is a geologist and environmental scientist who has worked for NGOs and co-operatives. She has been involved with Melanoma for 9 years since the diagnosis of her husband who is a stage 4 patient. Having spent several years researching melanoma and translating the latest research for French patients, who have difficulty accessing the latest scientific information because of language and education issues, she started MelanomeFrance and a Closed Francophone patient group dedicated to patient information and support. Helping patients has meant establishing more effective relationships between patients and Clinicians, researchers, Industry, HTA and regulators. She is a core member of Melanoma Patients Network Europe and is passionate about patients being educated partners in their own treatment and in patient initiated and patient centred research. She is a EUPATI Fellow.

