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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 7 years since the diagnosis of her husband who is now a stage 4 patient. Having spent several years researching melanoma and translating publications for French patients, who do not have access to up to date scientific information because of a lack of English and scientific understanding, she started Melanome France and a Closed Francophone patient group dedicated to patient needs. Helping patients has meant being proactive with Patients, Clinicians, researchers, Industry and regulators. She is a core member of Melanoma Patients Network Europe and is passionate about patients being educated partners in their treatment and in patient initiated and patient centred research.