



IN MEMORIAM

Maija – Liisa Penttinen



In 1998 the Vaasa Marssi in Finland became a member of the International Marching League Walking Association. Maija – Liisa was there from the beginning as chair – woman of the walking organization in Vaasa, as promoter, as ambassador and even on the control post during the march. It was always possible to have a good laugh with her, she was friendly, helpful and always a good comrade. She always had proposals and new ideas, not only for her own walk but also for the IML and she had the courage to communicate some criticism, no matter whom this criticism concerned. Maija – Liisa was also widely respected as a walker and during the IML marches she and her Finnish colleagues in their white and blue walking clothes became a familiar walking group. She succeeded to put Vaasa on the walking map of the World.

With great sadness we received the message from Finland that Maija – Liisa lost the battle caused by her health condition and passed away on Friday August 14th 2009.

We wish her family and friends all the possible strength to deal with the fact she is no longer there. August 18th 2009.

Drs. Ronald Hendriks
President IML