

# Human Rights Group Demands an End to Psychiatry's Abuse of the Vulnerable

*Human Rights advocates from across Europe converge in Paris at the Palais des Congrès to protest human rights violations perpetrated by psychiatrists.*

PARIS, FRANCE, April 13, 2023 /EINPresswire.com/ -- End psychiatry's human rights abuse. This was the message blaring from loudspeakers March 28 as hundreds of advocates from Citizens Commission on Human Rights (CCHR) marched from Parc Monceau to the Palais des Congrès in Paris. There, they confronted psychiatrists attending the 31st European Congress of Psychiatry. And their demands were clear:

- \* End involuntary commitment.
- \* Stop drugging our children.
- \* all forms of coercive psychiatry.

CCHR members from the Netherlands, Spain, Germany, Switzerland, Belgium and Italy joined their colleagues in France to demand that the European Congress of Psychiatry comply with the UN's directions that they end all "coercive mental health measures."

The [UN Office on Human Rights](#) published a statement in May 2021 asserting "an approach to mental health policy and practice that is based on coercion... is incompatible with contemporary human rights principles



Citizens Commission on Human Rights gathered at the 31st European Congress of Psychiatry to protest psychiatry's continued use of coercive practices.



Human rights advocates from across Europe gather in Paris to defend the rights of victims of coercive psychiatry.

and standards.”

UN human rights experts further stated:

“Overwhelming evidence from the European Disability Forum, Mental Health Europe and other organizations and growing consensus within the United Nations including at the World Health Organization, show that forced admission to medical institutions and coercive treatments in institutions will bring harmful effects such as pain, trauma, humiliation, shame, stigmatization and fear to people with psychosocial disabilities.”

Yet two years on, these practices continue unchecked.

These human rights advocates demand that European psychiatrists immediately cease all coercive activities in the field of mental health.

Citizens Commission on Human Rights was cofounded in 1969 by professor of psychiatry Dr. Thomas Szasz and the Church of Scientology. With headquarters in Los Angeles, California, CCHR International guides a global human rights advocacy network of some 180 chapters across more than 30 nations. CCHR Commissioners include physicians, psychiatrists, psychologists, lawyers, legislators, government officials, educators and civil rights representatives.

CCHR France and its president Mylène Escudier are featured in an episode of the Scientology Network original series, [Voices for Humanity](#).

Available on DIRECTV Channel 320, DIRECTV STREAM, and AT&T U-verse, it can also be streamed



Involuntary commitment and other coercive psychiatric practices must end.



Citizens Commission on Human Rights marched from Parc Monceau to the Palais des Congrès to demand psychiatrists end involuntary commitment, the drugging of children, and other coercive practices.



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