2015 provided the Foundation with the opportunity to strengthen its commitment to its three guiding principles: knowing, understanding and combating sexual exploitation.

‘Knowing better’ by continuing to observe the multiple aspects of this thriving form of slavery and, furthermore, by renovating The Scelles Foundation’s database and redesigning the organization’s website.

‘Understanding better’ by deepening our analyses of phenomena such as: prostitution on the internet, the links between prostitution and terrorism, and deconstructing abolitionist opposition discourse.

‘Combating better’ because 2015 has been a pivotal year regarding the adoption of new legislation regarding the system of prostitution, the development of more ambitious international partnerships, and the launch of a fundraising campaign in the United States.

The Foundation has mobilized their communicative resources by distributing the 3rd Global Report and the launching of the 3rd Scelles Foundation Contest.

The restoration of the Board of Directors has been completed following the appointment of a new general secretary.

Finally, adopting a new action plan and a new position will allow the Scelles Foundation to meet the challenges that it faces in the months and years to come.

Yves Charpenel
First General Advocate at the Paris Supreme Court
History

The Scelles Foundation has been a distinguished foundation since 1994. It was created in 1993 by Jean and Jeanne Scelles who dedicated their lives to the fight against sexual exploitation. Jean Scelles was imprisoned in 1941 in Algiers, where he discovered the atrocities of prostitution from his pimp cellmate.

Jean Scelles' nephew, who launched the Foundation with him, Philippe Scelles succeeded him as President from 1996 to 2004.

Philippe Scelles became engaged in this field of work alongside his uncle Jean, who founded the foundation. After Jean's death, Philippe became the president of the Scelles Foundation and gave it its international reputation.

Nicole Fontaine, the former President of the European Parliament took over from Philippe from 2004 to 2005. Philippe resumed the role of president in 2005.

In October 2010, Yves Charpenel, the Deputy First prosecutor at the Criminal Division of the Paris Supreme Court became President of the Foundation.

Since then the Foundation has grown steadily thanks to the dedication of a large number of staff and volunteers.

Procurers, pimps and traffickers, matchmakers, Madams, hotel procurers and owners of both hourly motels and screen business for sexual exploitation or prostitution, are all responsible as professional slave drivers. However, they would be forced to carry out their activities differently if they were not at the service of ‘His Majesty, the Client’ of prostitution”

Jean Scelles - 1974

“Prostitution, human trafficking, sex tourism, and pornography trigger outrage. Children and adults alike experience unbearable trauma to their bodies when they are exploited for commercial purposes. Our duty is to know, understand and combat this terrible disease for the emergence of a world free of these forms of violence and commercial exploitation.”

Philippe Scelles - 2008

“In October 2010, Yves Charpenel, the Deputy First prosecutor at the Criminal Division of the Paris Supreme Court became President of the Foundation.

“Our role is, at the very least, to help place our world’s invisible victims – all people who are exploited and all people who cannot be heard in the world – at the heart of social debates.”

Yves Charpenel - 2012
ABOUT THE ORGANIZATION:

In the 20 years since its creation, The Scelles Foundation has become an invaluable reference and a key player in the fight against human trafficking both in France and abroad.

Our convictions

The Scelles Foundation believes that prostitution is a violation of human rights and human dignity, as well as a source of both social and personal violence. Its members share the belief that everyone should have the ability to live without having to resort to prostitution.

People weakened by economic vulnerability, poverty, gender inequalities, racism, failure of the migration project, social and political instability in victims’ countries of origin, physical and emotional abuse and splits in the family or social context are more vulnerable to sexual exploitation. Prostitution refers to the connection between sexual dominance and the stereotypes that we condemn.

Attached to the abolitionist principles that The Scelles Foundation is based on, the foundation is committed to the fight against prostitution, particularly in the realm of human trafficking. They believe that through education, control, the creation of awareness, and the oppression of actors who commit violent acts against prostitutes a comprehensive policy can be created and conducted.

Our actions and our objectives:

The Scelles Foundation is motivated by the desire to make the 21st century the century when a decline in sexual exploitation, which is a form of modern day slavery, will occur:

- By providing a progressive document database documenting all aspects of trafficking and sexual exploitation.
- By forging close ties with official bodies
- By bridging The Scelles Foundation's efforts with those of other organisations in the same field.
- By raising awareness and helping to change public opinion.

The Scelles Foundation supports the following objectives:

- Defending the idea that the fight against human trafficking should be accompanied by a global fight against the system of prostitution,
- Seeking ways to protect and rehabilitate people in danger and in the system of prostitution,
- Acting as a barrier against the demand for prostitution because the clients are full participants against the systematic violence that prostitutes experience,
- Opposing the recognition of prostitution as a profession by opposing the regulation of prostitution as regulated prostitution would simply enhance the vulnerability of prostitutes,
- Defend the principle that more resources should be allocated toward fighting prostitution, especially towards bringing pimps to justice.

Our missions:

Three missions arose from the Foundation’s main objective:

Knowing the realities of commercial sexual exploitation
To do this, the foundation has an observatory staff whose responsibility it is to collect information relating to commercial sexual exploitation all over the world. CRIDES is a reference in Europe.

Understanding commercial sexual exploitation
Using a multi-disciplinary cooperation, the Foundation receives and solicits work from experts (like lawyers, sociologists, and domestic and international police organisations) to aid with publishing fact-sheets, books and audio-visual materials.

Fighting commercial sexual exploitation
The Foundation conducts advocacy actions vis-à-vis elected public officials throughout Europe. We facilitate actions to raise awareness and organize conferences that centre on the prevention of sexual exploitation. We participate in public debates and interviews with the media.
The Scelles Foundation is comprised of a group of men and women, both employees and volunteers, with the goal to encourage, because of actions made by the general public, politicians; policy makers, and more importantly the ‘opinion of the initiators’ to progressively eradicate all forms of commercial sexual exploitation.

The Board of Administration
Five board meetings were held in 2015 (24 February, 4 May, 30 June, 28 September and 30 November).

As of the 1st of January 2015

President
YVES CHARPENEL
First General Advocate at the Paris Supreme Court

HONORARY PRESIDENT
PHILIPPE SCELES
HEC, CPA, former director of Foundation

VICE-PRESIDENT
YVES SCELES
Civil Engineer

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Framework for Public Services

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CHRISTIAN DE FENOYL
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Member
ROLLAND GROSSE
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PIERRE ALBERT
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Member
PATRICK RIZZO
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Employees

Volunteers and Interns

In 2015, The Scelles Foundation received help from forty volunteers (retired experts, business professionals and students). The Foundation received help from 16 French and foreign students studying international relations, human rights, political science, sociology, etc... as interns.

A few volunteers:
2015 ACTIONS

We continue to implement our action plan with guidance from our board of directors:

- Develop awareness for the organisation and, thus, grow its ability to influence the actions of its domestic and international partner organizations,

- Prepare and develop a fourth global report, a new awards competition, and supporting information to raise public awareness that may also be of interest to external financers and activists,

- Research new sources for funding to improve the capacity to litigate and deliver training (to amend by laws).
2015 ACTIONS

Seminar:

“Vulnerability and prostitution”
House of Barreau – Paris – 25 November

We decided to centre this year’s theme on vulnerability as a breeding ground for prostitution and sexual exploitation.

Within the realm of prostitution, vulnerability is a central issue. It leaves people defenceless against the proponents of sexual exploitation, namely, speeches, promises, deceptions, threats, rehabilitation, violence.

Vulnerabilities can be viewed from two different angles, where the intrinsic aspects overlap one another. Structural or inherent vulnerability refers to aspects such as gender or sex, ethnicity, age, social insecurity, disability and marginalisation. Contextual vulnerability is caused by accidental or exterior events. These situations, like armed conflicts, social violence, migration, natural disasters and mass rallies, can lead to exposure to prostitution. In reality, the contextual aspects reinforce the structural vulnerabilities that effect the most vulnerable.

It should be noted that isolation reinforces vulnerability because of the way the system of prostitution is structured to perfectly and professionally incorporating its victims in its operating hierarchies.

- Opening remarks by Yves Charpenel, First Advocate at the Supreme Court of Paris, President of The Scelles Foundation.

- Overexposure of women in the environment of prostitution, by Nicole Ameline, Member of the Committee for the Elimination of Discrimination against Women (CEDAW), representative (LR) to Calvados

- Vulnerability, financial interests and organized crime, by Patrick Rizzo, a lawyer in the court of Nice.

- Terrorism and sexual exploitation by Frédéric Boisard, researcher at the Scelles Foundation

2015 ACTIONS

Publications

Global Report: 3rd edition

The team at The Scelles Foundation continued to promote the 3rd edition of the Foundation’s Global Report released in 2014. The French edition of the paper (“Exploitation sexuelle – Une menace qui s’étend – “3ème Rapport mondial”) is still on sale at the library, the English e-version (“Sexual exploitation – A growing menace – 3rd Global Report”) was sent by mail accompanied by a letter co-signed by Yves Charpenel, Philippe Scelles and Yves Scelles to 1,298 recipients. The electronic versions (in both French and English) of the Global Reports are downloaded an average of 200 times a month.


Work on the 4th edition has commenced. Contrary to previous editions covering the analysis of the phenomenon of commercial sexual exploitation by country in a given year, the 4th Global Report will extend over a longer period of time (2013-2015). Sandra Ayand coordinated the particulars of the 4th Global Report. She, along with Yves Charpenel, selected the relevant counties to study in the report. The team working on the report consisted of researchers, translators, writers and proofreaders. Regular meetings were organized by S. Ayad to follow up on and ensure the progress of the work on the document.

The Foundation developed a questionnaire with 6 themes and emailed them to different informational sources (e.g. Ambassadors, the police, ONGs, judiciary, researchers, etc...) to collect information about the countries that they were studying. The thirty responses that were received allowed for a more enriched analysis in their writing.
Once upon a time... prostitution

In this new study, The Scelles Foundation uncovers and denounces the manipulative discourse that has been pushed by pro-prostitution lobbyist all over the world over the past few years. The study explains that this discourse aims to trivialize sexual exploitation, including sexual exploitation against children, and to justify this massive crime against humanity, citing profit as their motivation.

The violent and deadly reality of this exploitation of tens of millions of people, a reality financed by organized crime and terrorism, is that the sex industry has subsidised a fictitious account of prostitution or sex work as a viable career option. The job is framed as an exchange between adults and marketed as a trade in relationships, freedom of sexuality, emancipation form the patriarchy, an alternative to poverty and even a human right. The study analyses the different fallacious arguments developed by pro-prostitution lobbyists in five regions – legislation, human rights, the economy, health, and ‘feminism’- and decrypts the economic and ideological goals held by the sex industry (‘normalising’ prostitution, decriminalizing the procuring of prostitutes and discrediting the State and the law, etc...) .

This document is an excellent source of information as well as an indispensible tool for a better defence of the liberty and dignity of every human being, beginning with the most vulnerable.

Far from clichés (Essonne)

In 2014, The Scelles Foundation received a grant from the Essonne County Counsel to design an informational tool for social actors in Essonne modelled off of the brochure ‘Clichés, prostitution today’.

The objective: inform on the realities of prostitution in France and in Essonne, present the actions undertaken on both national and departmental levels, provide a list of contacts (national and departmental) to help victims of prostitution.

A 16 page brochure was created by Catherine Goldmann comprising of 6 parts; “Prostitution: a diverse reality”; “institutions opposing prostitution”, “health actors and social facilitators”, “Contacts, and resources”. The layout was done by Frédéric Boisard.

In June of 2015, the final version of the brochure was submitted by François Vignaud and Catherine Goldmann to the Gender Equality Department, who approved it. The responsibility for the printing and distribution of the document lies in the hands of the Department.
**Monthly review and annual release of “International News regarding Prostitution”**


Annually, a compilation of press releases is created, the most recent being “Information regarding Prostitution 2015” (86 pages), which can be found on The Scelles Foundation’s website.

**Books of the Foundation**

According to experts the “Books of the Foundation synthesizes the knowledge and analysis on the subject of sexual exploitation from the perspective of a specific theme.

To date, there are 11 papers available online:

- **Book 1**: The French State and the profits in prostitution.
- **Book 2**: The Extraterritorial Criminal Laws: Ways to Fight against the Sexual Exploitation of Children.
- **Book 3**: Internet and Child Pornography
- **Book 4**: Commercial Sexual Exploitation in the French Human Rights Framework
- **Book 5**: The Causes of Sex Trafficking in South-East Asia.
- **Book 6**: Abuse and commercial sexual exploitation: An Analysis in Relation to One Another.
- **Book 7**: Political Approach to the Liberation of Prostitutes.
- **Book 8**: Prostitution and Press: A Marriage of Convenience
- **Book 9**: World and Prostitution: Common Factors?
- **Book 10**: The Many Faces of Prostitution.
- **Book 11**: Bilateral Cooperation and the Details of the Fight against Human Trafficking.

This reference provides a list of all of the publications, national and global mentions of sexual exploitation - complete with an analysis – as well as unique observations of the constantly changing news regarding sexual exploitation over the past 20 years.
The Scelles Foundation Awards 2015-2016 3rd edition

Organised by François Vignaud, the 3rd edition of The Scelles Foundation’s Awards (2015-2016) is underway. The general theme for this year covers vulnerability, and exposing the major factors contributing to sexual exploitation in the sad trilogy that defines prostitution namely; violence, venality, and vulnerability.

The Scelles Foundation Awards are committed to bringing awareness to the work that the Foundation does to combat sex trafficking. In order to achieve this end, they draw on the expertise and creativity of young people in their field of training, hence the partnership between the Foundation and the Law Conference, the National School of Magistrates (ENM), the School of Journalism in Lille (ESJ), Louis-Lumière National High school (ENS), and a special partnership with a slam performer named Dialem.

Just like in the preceding years, there will be two types of prizes. The Jury Award - 1500€ - will be voted on, and awarded by the jurors, who will meet in late May 2016, in each discipline. The jury will be composed of 15 people, professionals and other such distinguished personalities. It will be chaired by Gérard Biard, the spokesman of Zéromacho and the editor in chief of Charlie Hebdo. The second award, the Audience Award for 500€, will be awarded by voters. The polls will be available to voters on various social media sites, as well as on The Scelles Foundation’s website until May 2016.

The 2015-2016 schedule for the Foundation’s Awards are set to end on the 24th of June 2016 with the awards ceremony. The slam poetry will be recorded in late February. In mid-April, the ESJ Lille students will deliver their video report. In late April, the indictment will be recorded at the ENM in Bordeaux. In mid-May, students from the ENS Louis-Lumière high school will present their visual works.
**2015 ACTIONS**

**Pleading Award (25 November 2015)**

Utilizing a partnership that was formed at the birth of The Scelles Foundation, the 2015-2016 competition began with a moot court competition. The competition took place in the House of Barreau in Paris where the three Secretaries of the conference submitted oral arguments to the jury and the audience. Prior to the competition, François Vignaud met with the Secretaries of the Conference to refine the five proposed subjects of the competition. Each subject illustrated some forms of structural or accidental vulnerability and exposed factors that contribute to sexual exploitation.

The candidates made their choices and took to the topics enthusiastically, delivering outstanding performances and putting their talent for researching to good use for a good cause. This award kicked off the 2015-2016 Awards, where other events like slam poetry, reports, indictments and visuals will be staged early in 2016. The entire event will culminate in an awards ceremony scheduled for June 2016 in the Paris Bar library in the Courthouse.
Websites and Social networks

**Statistics 2015**

- **fondationscelles.org**
  - 58155 visits for 2015
  - 3230,92 average monthly unique visitors

- **Crides.fondationscelles.org**
  - 27627 visits for 2015
  - 1726,58 average monthly unique visitors

- **Infos.fondationscelles.org**
  - 39548 visits for 2015
  - 2769,33 average monthly unique visitors

- **passe-passe.org**
  - 4558 visits for 2015
  - 283,75 average monthly unique visitors

- **Total visits for 2015:** **129 888**
  - **Average number of monthly unique visits:** **10 824**

**Institution’s site**

**Fondationscelles.org**

Several behavioural trends persist among the users of the Foundation’s website:

- The Global Reports 2 and 3, and the ‘Current assessment of the state of prostitution’ – written by Catherine Goldmann – were the most downloaded documents. The 2nd Global report was downloaded an average of 465 times a month, the 3rd Global Report an average of 157 times a month, and the brochure ‘Current assessment of the state of prostitution’ an average of 366 times a month.

- Looking at the HTML pages on the site, the ‘cartography of prostitution by country’ attracted the most clicks from users. The cartography attracted 9250 clicks throughout 2015, averaging at 770,83 clicks a month.
It is possible to measure the impact of each article that the Foundation published in 2015 since the traffic on the site increased systematically after each publication. Each article attracted between 240 and 500 people at the time of publication and thousands over the past year.

The top 5 articles published or modified in 2015 with the highest number of clicks.

- Sexual exploitation – a threat that still exists (13/01/15) – 5057 clicks
- Terrorism and sexual exploitation (26/05/15) – 4691 clicks
- Who are we? (26/05/15) - 4691 clicks
- The Senate slows down, an inevitable process (01/04/2015) – 3030 clicks
- 212 parliamentarians sign an appeal for the abolishment of prostitution (04/03/15) – 2968 clicks

**CRIDES website**

crides.fondationscelles.org

An analysis of the key words used in the CRIDES database search engine shows a very high proportion of searches using the term “trafficking”, three times as many times as the word “prostitution”. Other key words frequently searched are “Nigeria” and “loverboys”.

The majority of the PDF documents that are downloaded from the database are in English
- “Child Trafficking in Nigeria, causes…”
- “Human Trafficking report 2014”
- “Does legalized prostitution increase human trafficking?”
- “Autonomy and protection for vulnerable people” (in French).
- “World directory of human rights research and training solutions”
- “The Scelles Foundation’s background sheet 19: the representation of prostitution on the media” (in French).

The platform is being redesigned and is scheduled for launch by the end of 2016.
The influence of social networks

The habits of Internet users have evolved from website usage to social networking. This evolution, which is valid for Western countries and for the rest of the planet as a whole, is also true for the Foundation’s public following online. Since the creation of our social media presence, our number of followers has continued to grow.

Twitter (@fond_scelles)

The sharing of information and its subsequent rapid diffusion on social media, corresponds perfectly with the goal of the Scelles Foundation to inform our current followers and to increase the number of people who are interested by our cause. During the year 2015, the Foundation gained 292 additional followers, which led to a total of 847 followers at the end of the year. Based on the statistical analysis, a total of 106500 impressions (total number of times a user viewed one of our tweets) and 1577 engagements (total number of times a user interacted with one of our tweets) in the year 2015. The tweets that caused the most impressions and engagements during the year were those that were tweeted live during a national event (Symposium – November 2015, Debates at the National Assembly and the Senate regarding a bill, CSW59) and those that had to do with articles written by the Foundation. The more the tweet is assertive and engaging, the more likely it is that it will arouse interest and interactions with users.

Examples:

@Fond_Scelles March 30, 2015 The Senate upholds the impunity of the client… What message does that send to our youth? #violence #prostitution (2468 views, 50 engagements)

@Fond_Scelles October 14th “It’s because a client is willing to pay that the mafias become rich” #prostitution #verbatim-senate (4901 views, 59 engagements)

@Fond_Scelles November 25th – We have identified 45 terrorist groups that are involved in sexual exploitation, for example the groups El and Boko Haram #violenceagainstwomen (3516 views, 26 engagements)
Throughout 2015, Twitter tools has also been very useful in observing and recuperating beneficial information. These tools allow the Foundation to find outmedia trends from the topics that are trending at the moment. For the studies done on the theme of “Terrorism and sexual exploitation”, Twitter was one of the main sources of information.

**Facebook (www.facebook.com/pages/Fondation-Scelles/)**

Based on the number of users in the world, Facebook continues to be a leading medium with which to distribute information and it is imperative for the Foundation to continue to demonstrate their fight on Facebook. 2015 saw our number of “likes” jump from 756 to 865 (+109) on a total of 183 distributed publications. 51158 people have visited our Facebook page in 2015. 4063 unique visitors engaged with our page through “likes” and “sharing” articles or by click throughs.

Each publication is viewed by roughly 141.35 unique visitors. 5 subjects in particular sparked the most engagement with our followers: the debates on the bill, the Carlton trial, terrorism and sexual exploitation, human trafficking, sexual exploitation of minors. The more assertive the post, the more it attracts visitors to interact with it. All the published articles on our institutional site can also be found on our Facebook page, which helps reach a larger audience.

### The top 5 Facebook posts in 2015

- *The gender inequalities in the Senate, an obstacle against the sanction against the clients!*
- *The Senate restores soliciting as a crime: a disastrous message to society!*  
  *(article from the Foundation)*
- “Three-fourths of brothel owners negotiate with human traffickers to get their “merchandise”. At times spending barely $200 per girl”
- *Terrorism and sexual exploitation… towards the institutionalization of sexual violence?*  
  *(article from the Foundation)*
- “In Paris alone, nearly half of the 575 relaxation establishments also conceal prostitutional activities”.
2015 ACTIONS

CRIDES

Center of research and documentation
CRIDES

Since its’creation, the Scelles Foundation has been equipped with an international research center on sexual exploitation, unparalleled in Europe, in order to raise awareness of sexual exploitation.

CRIDES (Center for International Research and Documentation on Sexual Exploitation) is a center for research, meetings, and informational publications on commercial sexual exploitation around the world. Its’ objectives are the following:

✓ to analyze all the aspects of the phenomenon (prostitution, sex tourism, procuring, child pornography, human trafficking with plans of commercial sexual exploitation, etc)
✓ to permit reflection and position-taking by presenting a range of various documentary resources
✓ to inform the public interested in these issues

CRIDES is organized around three main types of activities:

✓ Documentation (500 books and press reviews since 1999, a database of more than 10,000 documents, 400 television programs, catalogues of tools and practices, etc.);
✓ Research and analysis (various publications: 3 editions of Global Report, 21 thematic articles, 9 “Cahiers de la Fondation” (thematic in-depth summaries), etc);
✓ Exchange and partnership (collaborative platform on the website crides.fondationscelles.org with more than 3,000 monthly visitors).

These documents can be consulted online or on-site. We receive French and foreign researchers, legal experts, social activists, journalists, partners of associations, students, etc.

In 2015, Sandra AYAD, director of CRIDES, focused most of her efforts and projects towards the realization of the 4th Global Report and the redesign of the new CRIDES website.
External activities attended by members of the Scelles Foundation.

The Scelles Foundation participates in local training programs.

Training

Throughout the year, Yves Charpenel was invited to speak at various training programs. As director and host of training sessions at the École Nationale de la Magistrature (National School of Magistracy), he has participated at training sessions beside judges and police officers. On April 29th 2015, Charpenel spoke at a conference given by “La Revue du Grasco” at the First Chambre of the Court of Appeals of Paris on “The fight against organized crime concerns us all, for example the fight against human trafficking. The role of NGOs.” Being a lecturer at the Université de France television, on October 13th 2015, he gave a conference focused mainly on organized crime, the ethics of journalists and judges, judicial errors and serial crimes.

Hearings and Conferences

As a representative of the Foundation, throughout the year Sandra Ayad took part and spoke at various training sessions given by l’Amicale du Nid on sexual exploitation in Europe to a public of social and healthcare workers. In 2015, she helped train 118 people in a session lasting 6 days.

The bill on the prostitution system, which was passed by the National Assembly in December 2013, continues to mobilize the foundation.

Yves Charpenel was also interviewed in 2015 in both the Senate and the National Assembly on different subjects tied to commercial sexual exploitation.

Members of the Scelles Foundation have been invited to participate in debates and conferences on the subject of sexual exploitation in Tours, Orléans, Strasbourg, Lille, Paris…
NGO and University Partnerships

Ben Gourion/Sorbonne Universities: visit to the Foundation

At the request of the IAE de Paris (Sorbonne Graduate Business School), the Foundation received 25 Masters II students from the Ben Gourion University of Israël. Their MBA Social Leadership education causes them to study the particularity of the French situation: complement or substitute of a welfare state. It was in this way that Yves Charpenel and François Vignaud presented the Foundation to their visitors, responding to their various questions regarding our commitments and our institutional relations.

The Scelles Foundation’s building houses:

- The Equipes d’Action Contre le Proxénétisme (EACP) with a team of thirty volunteer lawyers, files civil cases in legal proceedings and takes in victims of prostitution, offering them psychological support and paths to rehabilitation.

- Agir Contre la Prostitution des Enfants (ACPE) fights against sexual tourism, the prostitution of minors in France and all forms of sexual exploitation around the world. They intervene mostly in schools and universities (business schools, health professions, tourism) and they file civil cases in the trials of sexual criminals.

- The Conseil Français pour les Droits de l’Enfant (COFRADE) aims primarily to ensure compliance and distribution of the International Convention on Children’s Right in France. It includes fifty organizations.

- Citoyen des Rues International (CDRI) support local initiatives in favor of street children as well as children in vulnerable situations. Their objective is the rehabilitation of street children and the protection of children’s rights according to the principles of the International Convention on the Rights of the Child.

- CAP International aims to contribute to the approval and the implementation of abolitionist laws and public policies at national, continental and international levels.
“Abolition 2012” Collective

Abolition 2012 has continued its’ efforts to support the 2015 bill which strengthened the fight against the prostitution system, presented by Congressman Maud Olivier, by street demonstrations, and mailing campaigns addressed to members of parliament. The collective, created in 2011 on the initiative of Mouvement du Nid France, of Amicale du Nid and the Scelles Foundation, is currently composed of sixty advocacy groups.

“Together Against Human Trafficking” Collective

The Foundation is a member of the collective since its’ creation. The collective is made up of various associations whose common goal is the fight against trafficking. However, each has its’ own objectives and actions: protection of minors, receiving victims, prostitutes, undocumented people, migrants, shelters, legal and judicial actions. This group is recognized as a public authority, consulted regularly, and pays close attention to go-vernment projects against all forms of trafficking. In 2015, the collective was consulted by the minister of national Education in order to raise awareness among teachers of the various “signs” seen in minors. The group does not hesitate to take a stand when it considers that the political will is at fault despite the existence of formal structures and speeches given by public institutions. In 2015, they published a book called “Act together against human trafficking”. The book, written by journalist and researcher Louis Guinamard, provides a summary of actions of all the associate members.

Brussels Call “All together for a prostitution free Europe”

Since its’ creation in 2012 by the European women’s lobby (EWL) partnered with the Scelles Foundation and the Mouvement du Nid France, the European campaign has received recognition thanks to both national and European events. We continue to meet two times a year in order to exchange experiences and to review the advancement of the campaign in the countries that signed the pledge. (http://www.women-lobby.org/-together-for-a-europe-free-from).
2015 ACTIONS

CAP International
During the 2015 Commission on the Status of Women (CSW59) given by UN Women in New York, CAP International launched a network of 212 members of parliament from 11 different countries, calling for the universal abolition of prostitution. The members of the organization took a stand during the debate regarding Amnesty International’s position advocating the complete decriminalization of prostitution. Lastly, at the invitation of their Spanish member organization, Comisión para la Investigación de Malos Tratos a Mujeres, CAP International co-organized a large scale public event in Madrid in October 2015.

EU Civil Society Platform against trafficking in human beings (European Commission)
EU Civil Society Platform against trafficking in human beings (Commission européenne)
The Scelles Foundation is a member of the platform launched on May 31st 2013 by the European Committee. This platform, made up of 200 European NGOs involved in the fight against human trafficking, is a forum for active civil society organizations. Twice a year, Myria Vassiliadou, European coordinator of the fight against human trafficking, hosts meetings in Brussels to bring all of the members together. After taking part in plenary session in 2014, a certain number of actors involved in the fight against human trafficking (national reporters or equivalent mechanisms, MIPROF, EUROJUST, MEPs, academics…) to share their expertise with the NGOs, the year 2015 allowed each participant to share, through theme based workshops, their experience and their concrete ideas on how to provide the best assistance possible to victims. Sandra Ayad, representing the Foundation at this platform since 2014, attended the 5th and 6th meetings of 2015 (May 21st-22nd/October 20th-21st), participating in the workshops on the prevention of human trafficking.
Institutional Partnerships

With the help of its’ diverse activities, the Foundation has expanded its’ list of institutional partnerships by associating their publications and their events to both public and private institutions who are involved or have the potential to get involved in the fight against of sexual exploitation. In 2015, the Scelles Foundation had the opportunity to meet and greet various people from civil society organizations, among others, at their office in Paris.

United Nations Commission (UN Women)

From March 9th to the 20th 2015, the Scelles Foundation participated in the 59th Commission on the Status of Women given by the United Nations (CSW), held at the UN headquarters in New York. The objectives of these annual meetings (Side Events), which brings together representatives from all the member countries, United Nations entities and NGOs accredited with ECOSOC in all regions of the world, is to come up with proposals for solving the most important problems related to gender inequalities and women’s rights. The theme of 2015 was: “Implementing the Beijing platform for action”. Conferences (Parallel Events), mostly organized by the NGOs, took place in side rooms at the UN headquarters.

The Foundation was represented by Y. Charpenel, P. Scelles, Y. Scelles, F. Boisard & JS Mallet. The conference was the perfect occasion to promote the work done by the Foundation to international opinion leaders. Many contacts were made with researchers, field organizations and institutions.
Counter-Terrorism Committee (UN)
Because of the presence of various members of the Foundation at the 59th Commission of the Status of Women (CSW) organized at the UN headquarters in New York, Yves Charpenel was able to set up a meeting on March 9th, 2015 between his team and Jean-Paul Laborde, the Executive Director of the Counter-Terrorism Committee - CTC).
After this meeting filled with rich exchanges around topics that concern us, the CTED asked the Scelles Foundation to inform him on the relationship between terrorism and prostitution.
Firstly, in May 2015 Frédéric Boisard wrote and sent to the CTED a summary of “terrorism and sexual exploitation” (available on the Scelles Foundation’s website). The second phase is that in 2016 a more detailed summary will be a part of the next Global Report.

Pontifical Academy of Social Sciences
Following Pope Francis’ call in 2014 for the church leaders to work together to study the issue of human trafficking and sexual exploitation, Philippe Scelles went to Rome as an “observer”. During a meeting in the Vatican City, as part of the Pontifical Academy of Social Sciences, Scelles met Pierre Morel, the former French ambassador to the Vatican, and also the former ambassador in Moscow and Beijing. He was the one who suggested that the Scelles Foundation come and help the Pontifical Academy since the Foundation already has a large knowledge and experience in this domain.
During 2015, several meetings of reflection on a project of the international site, took place in Rome with Bishop Sanchez Sorondo, Pierre Morel, Philippe and Yves Scelles, Laurence Dell’Aitante and Jean-Sébastien Mallet.
Alejandra Scelles represented the Foundation at the “Youth Forum” which followed and then met Pope Francis.
At the invitation of the Papal Academy of Social Sciences, Yves Charpenel participated at the 20th plenary session titled: “Issues beyond criminalization” with a keynote address on the evaluation of the French law on the deportation of victims of human. These debates, following Pope Francis’ initiative entitled “End Slavery” and several work sessions that took place in 2013, resulted in the drafting of recommendations.
External Communications

Articles published on the Scelles Foundation website


✓ From sexual violence to hell: the case of Madame Nicole (written in collaboration with Maryse Maligne, research professor in psychotherapy), March 2nd, 2015

✓ 212 members of parliament sign the pledge for the abolition of prostitution, March 4th 2015

✓ Stéphane Jacquot, the new General Secretary of the Scelles Foundation, March 29th 2015

✓ The fight against the system of prostitution, the Senate moving in the right direction, or not?, March 30th 2015

✓ The fight against the system of prostitution: The Senate slows down inevitable process, April 1, 2015

✓ CNCDH, national reporter on the fight against human trafficking and exploitation, April 12th, 2015

✓ Terrorism and sexual exploitation, May 26th 2015

✓ Parliamentarians put abolitionist movement back on track, June 23rd, 2015

✓ Nathalie Kosciusko-Morizet: “Put a stop to the hypocrisy! Ramp up the control of massage parlors today.” July 2nd 2015

✓ The gender inequalities in the Senate, an obstacle against the sanction against the clients, October 12th 2015

✓ Legislation against the system of prostitution: a continuous effort, November 19th 2015

✓ Book: Prison, the choice of the reasonable, November 27th 2015

The Scelles Foundation in the media

Every year, we create a press book made up of interviews done by members of the Foundation and any articles that quote the organization. In 2015, 219 articles cited the Scelles Foundation, in local, national and international press. It is good to note that we continue to benefit from strong media coverage following the event related to recent legislation that strengthened the fight against the system of prostitution and news in 2015.

Yves Charpenel has been invited to speak on multiple occasion on various television and radio shows (BFMTV, France5, TF1, France2, France3, Radio Notre Dame) and France Culture with Frédéric Boisard.
Since its creation, the Scelles Foundation has resided in the same building, 14 rue Mondétour, bequeathed by Jean and Jeanne Scelles with the full support of the Scelles family. State-approved, the budget is under the responsibility of two experienced accountants who volunteer their time, Jacques Kulas and Margarita Echaniz, and under the control of the cabinet ACA-NEXIA INTERNATIONAL.

Allocation of Income and Expenditures 2015

**Income**

432 792 €

- Financial products 44%
- Exceptional products / Financial management 1%
- Annual Donations 2%
- Rents 53%

**Expenditures**

520 058 €

- Other purchases and external expenses 34%
- Dues and taxes 2%
- Wages and expenses 35%
- Financial expenses 11%
- Depreciation 8%

The rents and the financial products noted above are the result of the donation and legacy made by the Scelles family. Furthermore, a decision was made by the Board of Directors to continue to heavily promote fundraising at national and international levels. In the end, the Foundation’s general ledger indicated total donations amounting to 7,420 €.
Partners, donators, support and loyalty

Because they share our values, our commitments, and their decision to join us long term in our fight against human trafficking, we want to thank our partners, associations, individuals, and institutions for their material and substantial support, their attention needed to monitor our projects and for their invaluable loyalty that they have shown us throughout 2015.
It is in the context of partnerships on tangible projects that the Foundation can consider new financial support. Without taking part in a commercial approach to collect, which is out of place for the Foundation, it is preferable to enlist new supporters who engage with us in tangible operations such as the Global Report, the Scelles Foundation Awards or the awareness brochure “Far from clichés”.

Other than the biannual appeals to our generous current donors, it is by arousing commitments on our actions that we can expand our list of donors. In the manner of the terms and conditions of public institutional grants like the ‘Conseil regional d’Île de France’, a financial collaboration is envisioned, with a strong emphasis of traceability and information, with the added benefit to the partners in terms of image on a societal level.

The 4th edition of the Global Report on prostitution will be released Q1 of 2016 under the title “PROSTITUTION- exploitation, prosecution, represions” simultaneously in French by the Economica Editions (paper version) and English in an electronic version that can be viewed (html) or downloaded (PDF) from our website.

12 themes will be developed under the general term of “Vulnerability” that will amplify the phenomenon of prostitution: cybervulnerability, persecution (terrorism, minorities…) vulnerability of minors… and a precise analysis of the state of the phenomenon and its’ evolution in 38 countries that will allow one to determine the actual effectiveness of legislation that has been put into place.

Publicity both in France and abroad will take place in order to promote the book. The book will also be distributed to a list of experts, a list previously determined by the direction of the Foundation.
The edition of the Scelles Foundation Awards 2015-2016 was initiated in November with the moot court competition. The first semester of 2016 will hold the following competitions between our partnering schools: slam poetry, reporting, defense speech and finally visuals. Educational follow-up work will be conducted, which will include the reason for this competition as a way to present the Foundation in the concerning establishments, Ecole national supérieure Louis Lumière, l’Ecole nationale de la magistrature, l’Ecole supérieure de journalism de Lille, two high schools in Paris. The students and the young professionals will benefit from this educational follow-up conducted by their professor and François Vignaud, who is in charge of the Awards at the Foundation.

The 14-person jury will be made of representatives of different profession and engagements, they will be regularly kept up to date with the progression of the work, conscious of the importance of their vote to decide the winner of each category. The partnership with the City of Paris and its’ network of 70 libraries will permit the launch of the contest and open the vote to the public by means of the internet.

In the end, we will have two winners in each discipline: The Jury-choice Award and the Public-choice Award. To close the event, the awards ceremony will take place on June 2016 at the Palais de Justice in Paris, hosted by the President of the Bar and the Dauphine, Dominique Attias, in the Bar library.

**New CRIDES website**

The redesign of the site is still in progress but is expected to release at the end of 2016. Its’ new interface provides access to all information without prior registration: 4 specialized databases (studies and reports – books – videos/stories – tools and practices) as well as new tabs (the Foundation’s notebooks – thematic articles). The English version of the site is also being developed.
Strengthening national, regional and international partnerships
We will continue to grow our partnerships in France by advocating to vote for legislation that fights against the prostitution system, in Europe by our participation at the European platform of civil society and the Brussel’s Call, and on an international scale, by our participation at the next CSW 60 in New York and meetings organized by the Pontifical Academy, and our collaboration with CAP International.
Lastly, at the instigation of Philippe Scelles, a weekly meeting will be set up to reflect on strategies to put in place in order to promote abolitionism around the world.

Fundraising in the USA
In order to ensure the financial sustainability of the Foundation, it will be entrusted to Jean-Sébastien Mallet the mission to initiate fundraising from potential US donors likely to support the fight against sexual exploitation. He will responsible for putting together a cost sheet of projects that can be funded, to put in place an effective method of fundraising and to identify helpful donors in the USA.

Visibility of the Scelles Foundation
The board of directors decided to continue the efforts to further develop the visibility of the Foundation by recruiting, on a one-year contract, Laurence Dell’Aitante in order to professionalize the communication tools and to accompany the main activities of the Foundation. In particular, she will be tasked with the mission of assisting the officials of the Foundation’s hubs in their objectives of spreading values supported by their projects.

Structure of the Scelles Foundation
The various brainstorming meetings throughout 2015 have permitted the drafting of a plan of action by Yves Charpenel, approved by the board of directors (BD) at the end of 2015. This plan of action, which is in line with the plans of actions that preceded it, has as a mission to establish a roadmap for 2016 and will be further developed through an activity calendar.
The necessity of a clear and coherent internal governance caused the BD to reflect for 2016 on a restructuring of the services of the Foundation around creation of hubs of activity, whose overall coordination will be entrusted to Sandra Ayad starting in January 2016.

Articles of Amendment
This update is still in progress. It will allow to bring into compliance the position of the Scelles Foundation through new texts, to take into consideration the changes made to the structure of the board of directors, to explicitly allow the creation of civil parties and make the Foundation eligible for trainings, in particular for future laws.
HOW TO SUPPORT US?

Volunteers, you are always welcome to join us!

Want a way to exercise your social and ethical responsibility? Come share your talents at the Scelles Foundation. We are looking for volunteers who are specialized in different fields: administrative, human resources, project management, fundraising, translation...

Become one of our partners!

Do you stand for the defense of human rights and the fundamental principles of dignity and equality? Become a partner of the Scelles Foundation by relaying our work through your own personal network, by supporting with a financial and/or material aide (advertising space, impressions…) our projects of information and awareness, research, and transfer of expertise.

Donate

We need your help to fight this battle. Your donations will help finance our research, our awareness and public informational campaigns, our youth prevention acts… The Scelles Foundation, state-approved by the decree on December 22nd, 1994, therefore the law grants you important tax reductions

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