

# 30 YEARS OF FeCRIS

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# INTRODUCTION



- A continuous commitment to the defense of human rights
- Key Points:
  - 8 Presidents
  - 23 conferences held in 10 countries



# FOUNDATION OF FECRIS IN 1994

- **Location:** Paris, France
- **Founders:**
  - Madeleine Lassere (France)
  - Lady Daphne Vane (UK)
  - Maria Rosa Boladeras (Spain)
  - Hildegarde Nussbaum (Germany)
- **Initial Associations (1994):** 6 associations



# EVOLUTION OF FECRIS

- **Associations:**

- **Historic peak:** Over 50 associations, including 4 non-European
- **Currently:** 30 associations



# MISSION AND GOALS

- Defend individuals against actions contrary to fundamental rights
- Legal framework:
  - European Convention on Human Rights and the Citizen
  - Universal Declaration of Human Rights



# 1999 COMMON DECLARATION

- **Common Declaration of the Associations – 1999**
- **Commitments:**
  - Unwavering commitment to fundamental freedoms
  - Particular respect for Articles 9, 10, and 11 of the European Convention on Human Rights
- **Requests to States:**
  - Guarantee the expression of these freedoms
  - Protect individuals against any form of dehumanizing manipulation



# MEETING OF EUROPEAN LAWYERS – 2001

- Awareness-raising with European authorities, ministers, parliamentarians, institutions
- Participants: 23 jurists from 9 countries
- Objectives:
  - Compare judicial systems
  - Defend victims through a common judicial policy

*Full report available on the FECRIS website:  
[www.fecris.org/conférences](http://www.fecris.org/conférences)*



# STATUS AT THE COUNCIL OF EUROPE – 2005

- International Recognition
- Granted participatory status at the Council of Europe



# CONSULTATIVE STATUS AT THE UN – 2009

- Global Presence
- Consultative status with the UN, ECOSOC
- Representatives in New York, Vienna, and Geneva
- One representative at the OSCE, Warsaw



# REPRESENTATION AT THE FRA – 2010

- Commitment to the FRA
- Defense of Human Rights and Fundamental Freedoms, as provided by the European Convention on Human Rights (Rome, 1950)



# 24TH ANNUAL SYMPOSIUM

- Diversity of topics covered:
  - Human rights & Children's rights
- Education
- Women in sects
- Health
- Victims
- Sexual abuse
- Social networks



# REPRESENTATION ABROAD

- Host countries: 12
- Countries represented: Since 2001, 60% of EU countries and more than 7 non-EU countries (USA, Canada, Ukraine, Tunisia, Yugoslavia, Belarus, Russia)



# SUCSESSES & CHALLENGES

