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2015 PRESS KIT THE MAISON DES JOURNALISTES

Since 2002, the Maison des journalistes (MDJ) has promoted freedom of the press and expression by welcoming and sponsoring professional journalists who fled their country, and who now live exiled in France.



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MDJ'S MISSION

PRINCIPAL GOALS

Utopia became a reality when The maison des journalistes was created to achieve its goals. It began when the president of MDJ, the journalist and producer Christian Auboyneau started to take care of journalists exiled to France and help them to secure their status as political refugees. The MDJ also gives journalists the opportunity to express themselves, in particular through its online journal www.loeildelexile.com. The director of The maison des journalistes, Darline Cothière, describes MDJ's principal objectives in the following way:

« THE MAISON DES JOURNALISTES REPRESENTS A KIND OF BAROMETER FOR THE STATE OF FREEDOM OF THE PRESS AROUND THE WORLD. IN THIS UNIQUE PLACE, MEN AND WOMEN OF MANY DIFFERENT NATIONALITIES, CULTURES, AND LIFE TRAJECTORIES LIVE AND WORK TOGETHER. IN ADDITION TO THIS DIVERSITY, ALL OF THE JOURNALISTS SHARE COMMON EXPERIENCES OF EXILE AND REPRESSION. LA MAISON DES JOURNALISTES HELPS THEM TO REBUILD THEIR LIVES AND TO CONTINUE TO PURSUE THEIR WORK IN THE NAME OF FREEDOM OF THE PRESS.»

The accomplishments of the maison des journalistes — the magnitude of which has no equivalent around the world — have already been recognized by several awards: the Crédit Coopératif Prize in 2005, the Augustin Merello Prize in 2008, the Nonio Prize in 2008, and the Ilaria Alpi Prize in 2010 and 2013. MDJ's stature has grown to an international level where it engages with the media and academics worldwide. MDJ also allows students to supplement their research by meeting and interviewing exiled journalists.



MDJ'S HISTORY

Journalist, Danièle Ohayon, started the initiative to create The maison des journalistes, which opened its first office in Bobigny in 2002. With help and support from the city of Paris, in 2003 MDJ moved its headquarters to the 15th district of Paris into a factory building that had been refurbished with office space and housing for the journalists. Settled in its new location, the maison des journalistes began to welcome and provide

support to professional journalists who had had to flee their countries. Since its creation, more than 300 men and women have found aid and refuge at MDJ. In addition to the previously listed goals, MDJ hopes to share with the public (especially with schools) the importance of freedom of the press and expression, as well as create the opportunity for an exchange with the journalists from whom there is so much to learn. In order to continue to develop its program, MDJ is financially supported through government subsidies, media sponsorships, the European Union (Asylum Migration Integration Fund), the City of Paris, businesses patrons and donations from individuals.

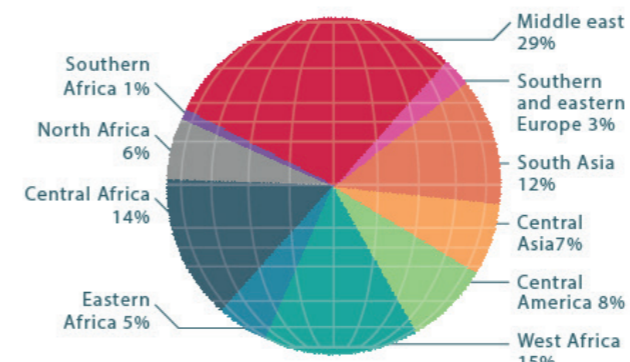


Danièle OHAYON
Journalist (Past : Radio France)

Philippe SPINAU
Movie Director

WELCOMING AND SUPPORTING EXILED JOURNALISTS AT MDJ

Geographic origins of exiled journalists sheltered at the Maison des journalistes



ACCOMODATION

The maison des journalistes welcomes for an average of six months those who seek asylum and refuge. There are 14 bedrooms and other necessary accommodations. The bedrooms and shared living spaces are

located at MDJ's headquarters in the 5th arrondissement (district) of Paris. More than 300 journalists have benefited from this program, which has helped them to adjust to Paris and start their life anew.

WELCOMING AND SUPPORTING EXILED JOURNALISTS AT MDJ

At the maison des journalistes, a team of specialists assist exiled journalists (both those who live at MDJ as well as those who don't) with administrative, social, and legal support. In addition, the journalists resident at MDJ are offered workshops and training in cultural activities (including



Digital security training workshop with John Gaynard



Our journalists in Mediapart's drafting conference



French courses led by Professor William Tournier

INTEGRATION INTO THE JOB MARKET

Frequently, it is impossible for the journalists to return to their country. They must, therefore, find their place in French society. In order to help jour-

nalists make this transition, MDJ helps put them in contact with organizations and employers which could potentially hire them.

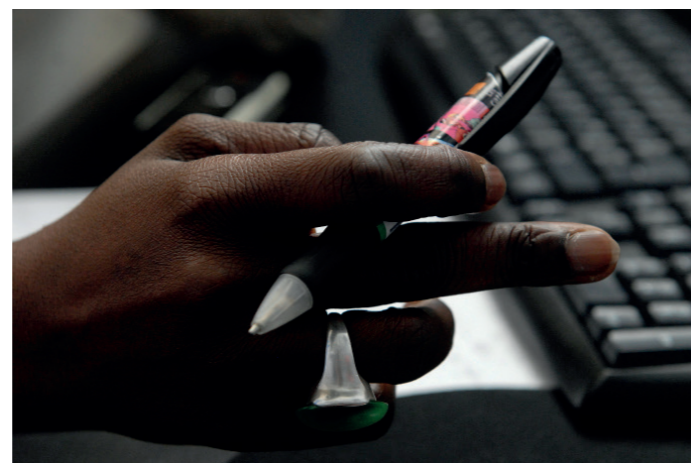
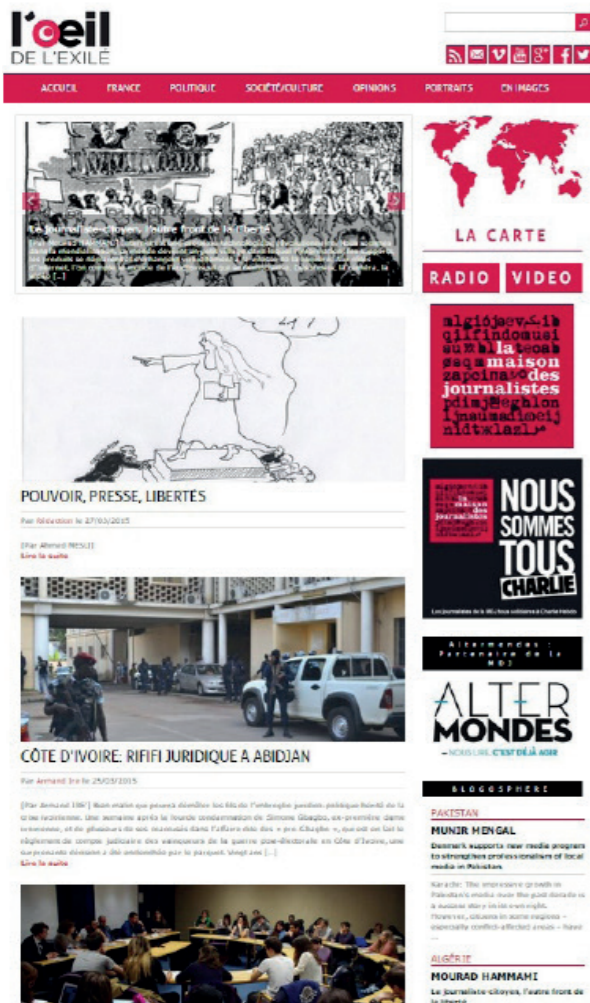


Iraqi journalist Halgourd Samad now newspaper seller

MDJ OFFERS AN INDEPENDANT MEDIA FOR EXILED JOURNALISTS

MDJ created an online publication totally dedicated to journalists who have been exiled from their countries. Through this publication, the journalists are able to freely express their points of view and concerns regarding current events.

The online journal, l'Oeil de l'Exilé (www.loeildelexile.org), is a space for news and free speech. The journalists often write about subjects and events that directly concern them. They call on their personal experiences and daily observations to write articles that provide the public with well researched and original information. As part of a partnership that has been agreed, Altermondes magazine regularly publishes articles written by journalists from the l'Oeil de l'Exilé.



MDJ PROGRAMS TO RAISE AWARENESS

Promotion of freedom of the press and expression is another significant component of MDJ's mission. Several MDJ initiatives promote these rights through direct contact with the public at high schools and universities.

RENVOYÉ SPÉCIAL : JOURNALISTS LED CONFERENCES AT HIGH SCHOOLS



Since 2006, journalists have participated in "Renvoyé Spécial" conferences, where they meet with high school students to share their expertise as journalists and their experiences as political refugees. The "Renvoyé Spécial" conferences are made possible by a partnership with the Centre de Liaison de l'Enseignement et des Médias d'Information (CLEMI, a branch of the department of the French National Education system) and the support of Presstalis (an organization centered around distribution of the press).



Alep point zéro



Photo exhibition from 5 May to 15 September 2015 organized by the MDJ with the support of the City of Paris

PRESSE 19 : A NEW EDUCATIONAL PROGRAM FOR UNIVERSITIES AND PROFESSIONAL ORGANIZATIONS



In November 2014, The maison des journalistes started the program "Presse 19," in reference to Article 19 of the Universal Declaration of Human Rights (1948), which declared the following fundamental right: "Everyone has the right to freedom of opinion and expression; this right includes freedom to hold opinions without interference and to seek, receive and impart information and ideas through any media and regardless of frontiers." "Presse 19" was created by The maison des journalistes together with other European organizations as an educational project directed towards universities and professional organizations.



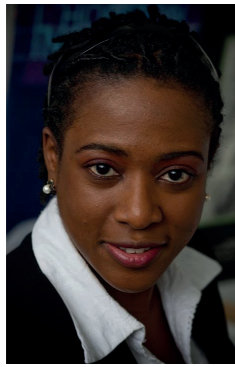
CULTURAL PROGRAMS

La Maison des journalistes is also dedicated to organizing cultural events such as conferences, debates, and performances, which address questions and issues surrounding freedom of expression. Through these events, MDJ offers a creative and constructive approach for professional journalists, and invites them to participate.

THE WOMEN AND MEN INVOLVED

PERMANENT STAFF

In addition to many volunteers who are committed to supporting MDJ's programs, MDJ is run by a team of permanent staff :



Darline COTHIERE
Director



Frédéric ROY
Social action officer



Lisa Viola ROSSI
Project officer
Communication



Saida HUSEYNOVA
Project officer
Fundraising



Manuel DOS SANTOS
Guardian

MDJ'S OFFICE

As an association, the MDJ has a board consisting mainly of media professionals.



Christian AUBOYNEAU
President
Journalist, producer
(Au fil de l'eau)



Albéric DE GOUVILLE
Vice president
Journalist, editor in chief
France 24



Danièle BERGERE
Treasurer
Schoolteacher
(Education nationale)



Prisca ORSONNEAU
Secretary
Lawyer
(Bareau de Paris)



Stéphane BIJOUX
Deputy Chief of the diversity
in information (France Télé-
vision)



Stéphane BRIBARD
Director of external
communication (Presstalis)



Claire FOURNIER
Journalist, producer,
columnist
(1-Télé)



Fabrice DROUELLE
Announcer
(France Inter)



Katty COHEN
Journalist
(Ex : Les Echos)



Soro SOLO
Journaliste, former resident
of the MDJ, announcer of
l'Afrique enchantée (France
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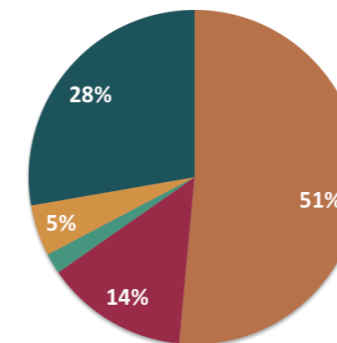


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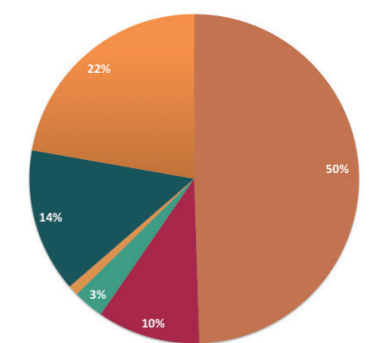
2014 FINANCIAL RESULTS

EXPENSES



- Accommodation
- Training : journalistic, cultural and educational activities
- Communication and european development
- Accounting - FER management - bank charges
- Administrative and various fees

INCOME



- Media
- Municipality of Paris
- Events for the MDJ's benefit
- Donations and memberships
- FAMI grants
- Other partners : Scam, Manpower, CPJ, caffè dei giornalisti de Turin

TO GIVE A DONATION TO MDJ

INVOLVED IN A CROSS-FIGHT THAT TAKES TIME AND RESOURCES, THE MDJ NEEDS YOUR HELP

The maison des journalistes lives from fraternal solidarity of sponsors media, EU Funding, the city of Paris and sponsors partners support.

TODAY THE ASSOCIATION IS CALLING FOR ALL THOSE FOR WHOM FREEDOM OF THE PRESS IS IMPORTANT.
THIS SOLIDARITY CONCERNS YOU, HELP US!

Donate to the association, together with the form below
(also downloadable on the website of The maison des journalistes).

NOTE: donations to the MDJ qualify for a tax reduction of 66%. Upon receipt of the check, a tax receipt is sent to the donor.



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