

Mobilisation against the closure of the CHSLD Jacques-Viger

The Charest government wants to make a lot of room for the private sector in the health-care network. The decision to close the *CHSLD Jacques-Viger* in Montreal is another good example of State disinvolvement. Mobilisation against this decision began and several actions have already been organized. On October 9, during a press conference, the spokespersons for the FIQ and the CSN jointly denounced the decision to reduce the number of beds in CHSLDs. Lina Bonamie, President of the FIQ and Régine Laurent, President of the AIM, were present.



From left to right: Denis Tremblay, President of the Syndicat des travailleuses et travailleurs du CSSS Jeanne-Mance (CSN), Louis Roy, Vice-President of the CSN, Lina Bonamie and Régine Laurent.

Task force on the funding of the health-care system

Last October 9, Lina Bonamie, President of the FIQ, met Claude Castonguay appointed to chair this task force with the mandate to present recommendations on the funding of health care. She took the opportunity to express the Federation's concerns with regard to the privatisation of the health-care sector and its determination to preserve Quebec public services.

Idola Saint-Jean Prize

At the opening evening of the conference "Québécoises toujours debouttes!" organized by the *Fédération des femmes du Québec* on September 28 last, the Idola Saint-Jean Prize was awarded to the *Intersyndicale des femmes*, of which the FIQ is a member.



PSI World Congress: Lise Martel, Treasurer of the FIQ, accompanied by four union representatives of health-care organisations (from left to right) from Guinea, Niger, Mali and Senegal.

Public Services International (PSI)

The 28th World Congress of the PSI was held from September 24 to 28, in Vienna, under the theme "Quality public services for all." The Federation and the other organisations belonging to the *Secrétariat intersyndical des services publics* presented a workshop on the "Non-partisan political campaign for public services" which they launched in winter 2007. Four members of the FIQ Executive Committee were present. For more on this, consult the next issue of *FIQ Actualités*.

<www.psi100.org>

Quebec table on the workforce planning project for the health and social services network

On September 27, the FIQ took part in this consensus-building table where it argued that it was urgent to find solutions and take action to face up to the situation of workforce shortage. A Quebec workforce planning project will be presented to the MSSS authorities by March 31 coming.

Bouchard-Taylor Commission

The inquiry on the place of religion in the public space aroused keen interest among FIQ members and the response rate was 25%. The compilation of the questionnaires and responses received is under way, and the results which will enrich the FIQ's positions will be analyzed during the fall.

In addition to finalizing its work with the *Commission des droits de la personne et des droits de la jeunesse* (CDPDJ), the FIQ closely follows the hearings of the *Consultation Commission on Accommodation Practices Related to Cultural Differences* (CCPARDC), co-chaired by the sociologist and historian Gérard Bouchard and the philosopher Charles Taylor.

<www.accommodements.qc.ca>

Coming

Annual OHS Week

The Federation invites you to send photographs and information on the activities in your institution by email, to: <info@fiqsante.qc.ca>

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Mobilisation: the Davos meeting of health care at the *Manoir Saint-Sauveur*

This annual meeting brings together high-ranking political leaders and directors in the field of health of industrialized countries, from both the public and private sectors, to exchange on strategies for the privatisation of health care.

The FIQ invites you to denounce this meeting held behind closed doors: the voice of the population must be heard! This demonstration is one of a series of actions which the Federation will stage in the coming months on the issue of the privatisation of health.

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