



### The president of the FIQ re-elected

The President of the FIQ, Lina Bonamie, was re-elected by acclamation. For more information on the other union representatives elected to the standing and statutory committees, consult <www.fiqsante.qc.ca>.



### Outlook for the Youth Committee



After having presented their report, the members of the Youth Committee proposed to the delegation that the committee's mandate be adapted to respond to the evolution of the Federation and its future needs. The delegates thus decided to expand the committee's mandate by adding "to encourage the union involvement of young care professionals and to deepen their understanding of social and political issues." Delegates also agreed to create a youth network in order to offer a forum for discussion for a large number of young people. The first meeting of the network will be held in 2009.

### Judicial debates: Crisis in the union movement and new avenues

Three panellists, David Camfield, Professor of Labour Studies at the University of Manitoba, Benedicto Martinez Orozco, member of the *Frente auténtico del trabajo*, Mexico, and Alain Acquart, member of the *Fédération nationale SUD Santé-Sociaux*, France, were invited to share their understanding and experience regarding social movement unionism. Delegates had many questions to raise in view of gaining a better understanding of the crisis of the union movement and trying to identify solutions. Mister Martinez and Mister Acquart, both engaged in social change unionism, gave numerous examples of struggles which they have waged and explained their union practice. As for Mister Camfield, he clearly stated that unionism is condemned to decline if union organisations do not change their current practice.



### Fight against poverty

During this second day of the convention, delegates received the visit of another guest speaker, Marie-Anne Paradis-Pelletier, project officer for the *Collectif pour un Québec sans pauvreté*. Motivated by the desire to eliminate poverty, the *Collectif* works to make the struggle against poverty a social and governmental priority, in a non-partisan way. Madam Paradis-Pelletier took advantage of this opportunity to speak to delegates about the campaign conducted by the *Collectif*, entitled "*Mission collective: Bâtir un Québec sans pauvreté*" (collective mission: building a poverty-free Quebec). The FIQ, like 250 other organisations, already gave its support for this campaign designed to show to the National Assembly the determination of all to make Quebec a society free of poverty and to call upon it to fight poverty here, right away.

#### On the agenda tomorrow:

*Secrétariat intersyndical des services publics* – Negotiations

Code of conduct during a raiding period

Presentation of candidates running for election