

## Think tank on health care

On July 16, the FIQ and the Canadian Federation of Nurses Unions (CFNU) jointly organized a day of reflection in Quebec City, attended by over 75 experts from different regions of Canada. The purpose of this meeting was to establish the key considerations to submit to the Premiers, who were meeting the same week in Quebec City at the Council of the Federation, to remind them that health care remains a priority for Canadians.



The FIQ delegation

For more information:

< [http://www.fiqsante.qc.ca/communiqués/communiqués\\_details\\_080718\\_fiq-cfnu.php](http://www.fiqsante.qc.ca/communiqués/communiqués_details_080718_fiq-cfnu.php) >

## September 28 : Canada-wide demonstration against Bill C-484



Bill C-484, The Unborn Victims of Crime Act, which opens the door to the recriminalization of abortion turning the clock back 20 years on women's rights, has generated strong opposition by many organizations, including the *Fédération du Québec pour le planning des naissances*, the *Fédération des femmes du Québec*, as well as the Quebec Bar and the *Fédération des médecins spécialistes du Québec*. In an opinion addressed to the Chair of the Standing Committee on Justice and Human Rights, the Quebec Bar clearly explains the dangers of this bill. You can consult this opinion (in French) at <[www.fiqsante.qc.ca/documents\\_publications/documents/barreauQc\\_avis\\_c-484\\_080530.pdf](http://www.fiqsante.qc.ca/documents_publications/documents/barreauQc_avis_c-484_080530.pdf)>. Reserve this date in your agenda and don't forget to visit the FIQ website regularly for more information on this day of action.

## RREGOP: New provision

Since May 7, 2008, the spouse of a participant or a retiree may waive his or her spousal rights to the benefit of the heirs. Visit the CARRA website for more details. The notice of waiver or revocation form is available at:

<[www.carra.gouv.qc.ca/ang/formulaire/pdf/161ai.pdf](http://www.carra.gouv.qc.ca/ang/formulaire/pdf/161ai.pdf)>

## Annual Occupational Health & Safety Week

"Speed hurts" has been chosen as the theme for Occupational Health and Safety Week 2008 by the OHS Sector and the FIQ OHS Committee. Several factors, such as the staff shortage, excessive workload, the high absenteeism rate and the increase in compulsory overtime mean that care professionals have to speed up the pace of work, thus increasing the risk of being victim of a work accident. The FIQ has produced a poster to promote Annual Health and Safety Week, October 19 to 25.



## Local negotiations

### Report as of July 16, 2008

- 129 agreements made
- 12 mediations requested
- 3 negotiations in progress

### Head office move

To finalize construction of the FIQ's new headquarters and to have functional offices, the move of the Montreal office, originally scheduled for August 8, has been postponed to August 22.

The building will be located at:  
1234, Papineau Avenue,  
Montreal (Quebec) H2K 0A4

### Summer period

The next edition of *FIQ Express* will be released on Wednesday, August 20.