

**Annual Health and Safety week
 From October 19 to October 25, 2008**

Within the context of the Occupational Health and Safety week of 2008, the FIQ has developed an information brochure on presenting a review of the sources of potential dangers associated with speed at work. This brochure, entitled *Speed Hurts*, is aimed at reminding health professionals that they do not have to suffer the repercussions of staff shortages in the institutions, and this to the detriment of their physical and psychological health. It is also a practical tool which can be kept since there is an address book at the end. Watch for the activities planned in your institution or contact your local union. In addition, a crossword puzzle, presented on a placemat, as well as a case of band-aids have been produced. Act fast, as quantities are limited!



The tools created for the OHS week are available on the FIQ web site at this address: <http://www.fiqsante.qc.ca/dossiers/eng_ohs.php>.

**Demonstration at
 Santa Cabrini Hospital**

The nursing and cardio-respiratory professionals at Santa Cabrini Hospital demonstrated in front of their institution to denounce the newest action taken by their employer. Contrary to the majority of health institutions, recourse to overtime was practically inexistent at this hospital. The new position of the employer is to no longer offer overtime to nursing professionals who have offered availability to support their colleagues even if they were on vacation or statutory holidays. This action significantly reduces the number of volunteers wanting to work overtime which, by this very fact, causes the employer to impose the overtime: a real setback for the health professionals.



Appearing in the photo, the union spokespersons ; Daniel Gilbert, 2nd Vice President of the FIQ, Régine H. Laurent, President AIM and Mireille Chaumin, local union president, surrounded by representatives of the UHCP and health professionals from Santa Cabrini Hospital.

I'll be there on October 5th!

Defending fundamental rights requires a no to conservative policies

A large coalition composed of social, cultural and union groups, representing thousands of members, is inviting the public to come and demonstrate for the defence of fundamental rights on October 5th. The grand march will take place on Sunday, October 5th. The gathering is set for 12:30 at Dorchester Square, at the corner of Peel and René-Levesque Boul. The march will be followed by a spectacle of engaging speeches.



**No more C-484!
 Don't play with women's rights**

Approximately 8,000 people participated in the demonstration last Sunday. The militants reported proud and mobilized. In addition Prime Minister Harper felt obligated to put out statements more firm than ever, on the fact that his government would not vote for a bill that would open the debate on abortion!! This statement does not affect the vigilance that must be maintained but just the same gives some weight to us when we mobilize!

Say NO to
 conservative
 policies!

**Sunday, October 5, 2008
 gathering at 12:30**

Square Dorchester in Montreal
 (metro Peel, corner of
 Peel and René-Lévesque Boul.)

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