

Thanks to the choice of Quebecers in the federal elections, the Harper government will remain a minority government

The FIQ, who was not alone in promoting a strategical vote in order to prevent the election of a majority conservative government, realizes that the citizens of Quebec got the message. The Conservative Party had to make gains in Quebec in order to have a majority, and this was not the case. Without presenting an exhaustive summary of these elections, the FIQ has concluded that the Quebec people do not share the neoliberal and right wing values of Stephen Harper's party.



FIQ Participation at the Americas Social Forum (ASF)

The FIQ took part in a youth delegation formed by the *Association québécoise des organismes de coopération internationale* (AQOCI) to participate in the third ASF which was held in Guatemala October 7 to 12, 2008. This participation allowed the participants to better understand the social problems present in Latin America, particularly: the food crisis, the situation of women and indigenous people, the presence of mining industries and the multiplicity of union and social movements. It has been an opportunity to gather information tools, exchange and create ties with the southern players in order to pursue a development of north-south solidarity.

Return of Parliament in Quebec

Within the context of the Quebec National Assembly returning to work, union leaders from the *Secrétariat intersyndical des services publics* (SISP) will take part in a press conference on Monday October 20 in Quebec. The SISP will take advantage of this opportunity to present its recommendations and expectations for the next few months to the Charest government.



Organisation internationale de la francophonie on equality of women in french-speaking countries

At the meeting held in Quebec on September 12, 2008, women's groups, associations and NGO's for the defense of women's rights made a public announcement. Follow the link to know more.

<http://www.etudesfeministes.fss.ulaval.ca/ChaireClaire-Bonenfant/actualites/rencontre_declaration.html>

Coming event

10.20.08 to 10.22.08

A Special Federal Council will be held in Saint-Hyacinthe on October 20, 21 and 22, 2008. The main points on the agenda are: group insurance - results of the call for tenders, the statement on the Quebec and local negotiations, SISP-Negotiations, vaccination campaign against influenza.