



Influenza vaccination campaign: the FIQ opposes an ASSTSAS initiative

Recently the FIQ sent a letter to all its members, informing them that a “kit for an effective vaccination campaign” produced by the *Association paritaire pour la santé et la sécurité du travail du secteur affaires sociales (ASSTSAS)* was being circulated to the network’s employers and that the FIQ opposed it. The FIQ therefore wants to remind the members that they must not sign any form regarding the refusal of vaccination. The FIQ disagrees with a substantial part of the contents of this kit and with the approach used to develop it. Among other things, the FIQ deplors that the members of the ASSTSAS Board of Directors, of which it is part, had not been invited to study this kit before its distribution. Furthermore, even though the FIQ clearly told the ASSTSAS that it would not support any measure contrary to the principle of voluntary vaccination, this kit contains guidelines that are contrary to this position. A meeting is scheduled for November 4 between the FIQ and the other union associations sitting on the ASSTSAS Board of Directors to discuss what actions to take to prevent such a situation from recurring.

Next meeting of the FIQ Women’s Network

The next meeting of the FIQ Women’s Network will be held on November 11 and 12. This network brings together the reps in charge of the Status of Women Committees at the local level for all local networks, CSSS or institutions. The theme of the Network’s next meeting will be WOMEN AND WARS. Activists have up to November 1, 2008 to confirm their attendance.

Consultation of the members to create a new alliance



FIQ members will be called to general assemblies in mid-November to take a position on the creation of an alliance among the member organizations of the *Secrétariat intersyndical des services publics (SISP)*. The purpose of the alliance is to conduct the next round of negotiations with the government on four matters: remuneration, parental rights, regional disparities and retirement. The SISP member organizations are the APTS, CSQ, FIQ, SFPQ and SPGQ. Watch the union bulletin boards to find out the date, time and place of your general assembly and turn out in large numbers. Our next negotiations are important.

FIQ 2009 planner available soon

The FIQ invites you to obtain the 2009 planner from your local team, starting in mid-November.



This year, the visual and the contents focus on the theme of last June’s Convention, the time when the FIQ decided to commit to social movement unionism. Presented in a practical format, this planner is greatly appreciated by the members. The statements appearing at the top of the pages will inform you about the change of direction the FIQ intends to make in the years ahead to increase its bargaining power. It’s an indispensable tool!



Coming event
12.2.08 to 12.4.08
Federal Council,
Saint-Hyacinthe