

The SISP withdraws from the discussions on the reform of the System of Negotiations with the Conseil du trésor

Lina Bonamie, President of the FIQ and spokesperson for the SISP, announced today at a press conference that the *Secrétariat intersyndical des services publics* (SISP) is withdrawing from the discussions started with the representatives of the *Conseil du Trésor* on the reform of the System of Negotiations. So, the leaders of the most important group of union organizations from the Quebec public and parapublic sector stated that, as long as the government representatives are not serious, they would not waste any more of their time. For the time being, nothing demonstrates that the *Conseil du trésor* is truly interested in hearing the union's point of view. The meetings started at the beginning of September and, two months later, the discussions remain superficial. The SISP will re-evaluate the situation following the December 8 provincial election results.

The SISP consists of the CSQ, the FIQ, the SFPQ, the APTS and the SPGQ.



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Our next negotiations, it is important

The consultation of FIQ members continues, on the possibility of creating an alliance between the member organizations of the *Secrétariat intersyndical des services publics* (SISP) for the next round of negotiations with the government on the four following subjects: salary, parental rights, regional disparities and retirement. Keep an eye on the union bulletin boards to find out the date, hour and location of your general assembly and turn out in large numbers. The results of the consultation will be known at the next FIQ Federal Council on December 2, 3 and 4, 2008.



Quebec Action Campaign against violence towards women

This campaign, coordinated by the *Fédération des femmes du Québec*, will start on November 25th, on International Day for the Elimination of Violence against Women, and end on December 6th, National Day of Remembrance and Action on Violence against Women. During this period, the candidates in the current electoral campaign will be asked to commit to doing more to counteract violence against women.

The objective of the campaign is to obtain as many signatures on the statement *Act together for a world free of violence against women* and financial contributions as possible in order that this statement be published on November 25th in as many French and English newspapers as possible. We need \$20,000! You can add yours or your union's signature with a minimum financial contribution of \$10 per individual and \$50 per union. Please write your cheque to the *Fédération des femmes du Québec* indicating « Campaign against violence » and send it **before November 19th** to the *Fédération des Femmes du Québec* at the following address:

Attn Campaign against violence towards women
110 Ste-Thérèse St., Suite 309, Montreal (Quebec) H2Y 1E6

For more information : <<http://www.fiqsante.qc.ca/dossiers/conditionFeminine.php>>

Support the campaign of the Collectif Pour un Québec sans pauvreté

Last October, the FIQ solicited member participation in the campaign *Mission collective : Bâtir un Québec sans pauvreté* by distributing petition cards to all the affiliated unions. The FIQ hopes that the number collected will contribute to reaching the objectives of this campaign which continues until December 1st. In order to submit all the collected signatures at the National Assembly in 2009, the signed cards are to be returned at the next Federal Council. Between now and then, the FIQ asks that each member take a few minutes to sign the petition card in the local union office.

Coming event

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