

## Protective reassignment for the pregnant or breast-feeding worker: The FIQ launches its 3<sup>rd</sup> edition of the Logbook

The most recent edition of the protective reassignment logbook for pregnant or breast-feeding care professionals will be available as of mid-February from your local union team. Completely revised and updated, this new edition contains numerous useful information on a worker's rights and recourse in matters of protective reassignment, assignments and compensation. An essential measure of prevention that is frequently used by pregnant or breast-feeding care professionals, protective reassignment is a right won through a big struggle by Quebec women and workers. Get yourself a copy, for your health or that of your unborn or breast-feeding child!



A pdf version of the Logbook is also available on line:  
<[www.fiqsante.qc.ca/documents\\_publications/eng\\_doc\\_specifique.php?docId=170](http://www.fiqsante.qc.ca/documents_publications/eng_doc_specifique.php?docId=170)>



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## March 8, 2009 International Women's Day

This year, the *Intersyndicale des femmes*, of which the FIQ is a member, is asking groups and individuals to reflect on the effects of right-wing policies for women and to re-affirm that a setback is out of the question. The slogan retained is *United, Mobilized and Moving Forward*. The injustices suffered by women are not too far in the distant past and the gains are still vulnerable.

Leaflets, posters and pins are now available.

<[www.fiqsante.qc.ca/dossiers/conditionFeminine.php](http://www.fiqsante.qc.ca/dossiers/conditionFeminine.php)>

## Françoise David of the Québec solidaire filed a complaint with the CRTC

Several groups in the Quebec women's movement, including the FIQ, have denounced the defamation campaign against Françoise David which can currently be heard on radio station 93.3 FM, in Quebec City. Through a contest, "Déchirer Françoise David", Sylvain Bouchard, an announcer, tore up a game of "Guitar Hero" with a group of adolescents, shouting out against the fact that Mrs. David is mentioned in a school textbook published by *La Pensée* for the course *Ethique et culture religieuse*. Françoise David then decided to file a complaint with the Canadian Radio-television and Telecommunications Commission (CRTC) against the Quebec City radio announcer who stated she is a "soviet leader" as well as against the radio station which employs him. She is also asking that Michèle Courchesne, Minister of Education, take a stand on the issue.

## World Social Forum: January 26 to February 1, 2009

The FIQ delegated two members of the executive committee, Michelle Boisclair, Vice-President and Suzanne Lavoie, Secretary, as representatives at the World Social Forum. More than 1000,000 people, and 5,680 participating organizations were in the heart of the Amazon for the 9<sup>th</sup> edition of the World Social Forum held in Belém, Brazil. Civil society organized in social movements, native people, NGO's, unions and religious groups from more than 150 countries on all continents met to celebrate a large alterglobalization meeting. The main themes were the economic crisis, climate changes and alternatives to models of development.



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## Coming events

### Medical arbitration training sessions

March 10 in Rivière-du-Loup  
March 11 in Estrie

### March 23 to 27, 2009

Federal Council and Extraordinary Federal Council on negotiations, in St-Hyacinthe