

## Meeting of the FIQ affiliated unions



Following the work in the *intersyndicale*, everything leads us to believe that there will be a common front. The FIQ affiliated unions met on February 26 to share the information on this possibility and discuss how this affects care professionals in Quebec.

The discussions will be continued with the delegates at the next Federal Council during the week of March 23<sup>rd</sup>.

### Gag order lawsuits

A gathering is being organized this *Thursday, March 5 at 11 :00 a.m. in front of the Montreal Courthouse* (1 Notre-Dame East, métro Place D'Armes) to pressure the Charest government to adopt an effective law that will restrict gag order lawsuits. The FIQ supports this step. Gag order lawsuits are legal proceedings started by companies or institutions who are against individuals or pressure groups. They want to neutralize or censure them when they publicly criticize the company's actions.

For those who are interested and mobilized a group is leaving from the FIQ - Montreal office at 10:30 a.m.

## Commission on the Status of Women at the UNO



The 53<sup>rd</sup> session of the UNO's Commission on the Status of Women (CSW) is currently being held in New York under the theme "The equal sharing of responsibilities between women and men, including caregiving in the context of HIV/AIDS". More than 500 non-government organizations (NGO) are registered at this meeting. The FIQ delegated three people, Michèle Boisclair, 1<sup>st</sup> Vice-President, Michèle Poirier and Martine Eloy, status of women consultants, who participate in the Commission's work and will share the ongoing debates through the FIQ's web site. To follow our delegates, go to the following internet address:

<[http://www.fiqsante.qc.ca/dossiers/en\\_ccf-onu\\_0903.php](http://www.fiqsante.qc.ca/dossiers/en_ccf-onu_0903.php)>

### Économie autrement, a web site to visit

The web site, *Économie autrement* is dedicated to critical economic analysis. It aims to make available varied analyses that come from economic and social theories different from those that make up the prevailing standards. It suggests scientific caution to the current neoliberal policies. The site's objective is to propose, for day-to-day problems or basic economic questions, arguments other than those we normally hear around us. Because other types of economics could encourage original ideas or paths of action to change the world we currently live in. It proposes a new light on today's economic questions, particularly those debated in Quebec.

The site also wants to reach people and groups who work to create a more equal and integral society, and who think that a better mastery of economic spiels is a crucial pathway to achieve this. The published texts should be able to be used to equip the public with arguments and alternative proposals. In short, as much for those who want to manage the economy as for those who want to increase their bank of knowledge in this field, this site is a publication tool of different ways of thinking and acting in economics.

Look up the site at :  
<<http://www.economieautrement.org>>

### International Women's Day : March 8, 2009 United, mobilized and moving forward !

The *Coalition régionale de Québec* of the World March of Women is inviting women to celebrate to celebrate International Women's Day on March 8th. It will be an opportunity to gather women together and mobilize the public around the issues of poverty and violence that women still suffer here and elsewhere.

The gathering will start at 10 :30 a.m. at Centre Lucien Borne (100 chemin Ste-Foy, Quebec City) where the history of women's struggles, *Moulin à Images* will be presented, as well as the world actions foreseen for 2010 in conjunction with the World March of Women, followed by a festive march and an exhibition at the Bibliothèque Gabrielle-Roy.

For more information, call 418 622-2620.

