

## The consultation process for the next round of negotiations continues

Some FIQ members have already attended their general assembly concerning the sectoral priorities of care professionals and intersectoral demands: salaries, retirement, parental leave and regional disparities. General assemblies will be held this week and next week in several institutions. Read your FIQ en Action and watch your union bulletin board.

### Conference on responsible purchasing for a sustainable society

This April 23 and 24, the *Coalition québécoise contre les ateliers de misère* (CQCAM) and the *Centre international de solidarité ouvrière* (CISO) warmly invite you to participate in the second edition of the *Colloque sur les approvisionnements responsables*. This conference on responsible purchasing will be held at the *Pavillon J.-A. de Séve* of the *Université du Québec à Montréal* (UQAM) on April 23 from 9 a.m. to 9 p.m. and on April 24 from 8:30 a.m. to 5 p.m. During these two days, speakers from Asia, Europe, Canada and Quebec will address themes related to respect for human rights through the adoption of responsible purchasing policies.

Workshops will allow discussion experiences in key sectors of society. Don't miss the debate on "Social responsibility of organizations: legislation or voluntary approach?". The debate will stimulate reflection on advances in social responsibility of organizations, its future and the necessity or ineffectiveness of legislation.

Synonymous with action, this conference will offer alternatives and concrete tools that will help you make significant gestures in your environment for sustainable and fairer development in solidarity with workers here and abroad. Visit the *Colloque PAR 2009* website for the complete program, biographies of the guest speakers and information on responsible purchasing policies.

<http://www.ciso.qc.ca/colloquePAR09/>

### Training in the organization of work

To regain control of the organization of work, the FIQ has implemented an action plan for 2009. Training activists throughout Quebec is among the actions that will allow unions to have a good grasp of the current issues and intervene effectively in their work environment. The training will begin in May in Saint-Jérôme, Montreal, Quebec City and Rivière-du-Loup. Other training is already scheduled for June and September.

### National Mental Health Week On gagne à se REconnaître

Over the past six years, the Quebec network of the Canadian Mental Health Association (CMHA) has put the emphasis on stress during each National Mental Health Week. The new campaign, which will extend from 2009 to 2016, is entitled *Être bien dans sa tête, ça regarde tout le monde* (Mental health is everybody's business). For more details on National Mental Health Week - 2009 Edition, visit the website at <http://www.acsm.qc.ca/>

### Occupational Health & Safety Committee

The FIQ's OHS Committee is meeting this week to prepare for OHS Week.

The theme and the accompanying activities will be on the Committee's agenda.

### On the agenda

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Special Federal Council on the negotiations.

The agenda will include a review of the consultations and the presentation of a preliminary draft collective agreement.