

## A Common Front for the next negotiations

The labour organizations representing the majority of the workers in the public and parapublic sectors, joining 475,000 workers, have joined together in a historic common front in order to negotiate salaries, retirement, parental rights and regional disparities. The representatives of these organizations: the *Secrétariat intersyndical des services publics* (SISP), of which the FIQ is a member, the *Confédération des syndicats nationaux* (CSN) and the *Fédération des travailleurs et travailleuses du Québec* (FTQ), signed a Common Front Operating Protocol on May 11<sup>th</sup>, in order to negotiate the intersectorial matters with the government as well as a non-raiding agreement.

In order to give the negotiations the best chance of success, the Common Front wants to start the work quickly and to concentrate on several major issues which can be settled satisfactorily in the shortest delay possible. It has asked the government to seize this opportunity to find solutions with the Common Front for the problems that public services are currently experiencing.



## There will be summer premiums

Minister Bolduc confirmed to Lina Bonamie, President of the FIQ, at their meeting on May 8, that there would be summer premiums for care professionals. This is great news. The Minister has accepted, as demanded by the FIQ, to suspend his government's decision to abolish these premiums while waiting to set up more structured measures which would bring about improvement in the working conditions of these professionals.

In the coming weeks, the Federation will collaborate with the Minister of Health and Social Services in order to develop some criteria which will surround these summer premiums. The professionals can breathe a little easier and the Quebec public will receive the quality services that they have the right to receive.

## Bâtir un Québec sans pauvreté

A large gathering of thousands of people will take place tomorrow, May 14<sup>th</sup>, in front of the National Assembly, to mark the submission of the petition for *MISSION COLLECTIVE : bâtir un Québec sans pauvreté*.

Nearly 100,000 people and more than 1,000 organizations from throughout Quebec, through their signatures, are questioning the Members of Parliament on Parliament Hill in order that they act appropriately with regards to eradicating poverty in Quebec.

Participants will be leaving parc de l'Esplanade at 11:30 a.m. in order to carry out their symbolic actions prior to submitting the petitions to the Members of Parliament from the four political parties who will duly deliver them to the National Assembly.



## May 1<sup>st</sup> in Quebec City



In order to denounce the Conservative government's attitude during this period of economic crisis, the FIQ joined the organizations of the *Table intersyndicale de Québec Chaudière-Appalaches* (CSN, FTQ, CSD, CSQ, SFPQ, SPGQ) for this large gathering.

## On the agenda

**05.14**

"Healthcare: public or on the market? Who are the physicians working for?"

Seminar organized by the *Médecins québécois pour le régime public* (MGRP), in Montreal

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