

A first Youth Network for care professionals

The young care professionals of the Federation now have their place for discussion and exchanges. The first Youth Network will be held on October 22 and 23 at the Hôtel Sacacomie, in St-Alexis-des-Monts. Under the theme "Generation FIQ", this meeting will enable the creation of a basis for an active and dynamic network, in the image of the generation of today and tomorrow. This activity is intended for union representatives aged 30 and less. Registration is open until September 30, 2009. Do not hesitate to contact your local team in order to participate!



Quebec Social Forum

The second edition of the Quebec Social Forum will be held in Montreal from October 8 to 12, 2009, with the theme "A New Quebec is on its Way!". The FIQ, as well as the Secrétariat intersyndical des services publics (SISP), will attend this important event and will also lead a workshop.

For more details: <www.fsq2009.org>

Infection Control Handbook



4th edition revised

The Occupational Health and Safety Sector of the Federation is working on an update of the Infection Control Handbook which will include a new index card on the *Influenza Pandemic A (H1N1) 2009*. This practical information tool on the main infectious diseases and the type of precautions recommended by the authorities on this subject is greatly appreciated by the members as well as professors and students because it facilitates the appropriate preventive measures for each illness. Given the importance of applying universal precautions, particularly in the current context of the Influenza Pandemic A (H1N1), the Federation hopes that this 4th edition will help care professionals protect their health. The new edition will be available this fall. Check the FIQ web site for all the details.

A violence-free workplace, a priority!



The Federation will promote Occupational Health and Safety Week from October 18 to 24, 2009. This year, the theme chosen is physical and verbal abuse towards care professionals from users, families and visitors. Considering that this abuse is totally abnormal, the slogan "A Violence-Free Workplace, a priority!" aims to send a clear message to members and all people concerned with this major occupational health and safety problem, including the employer.

Check the activities scheduled in your institution or consult your local team to obtain the available tools.

On the agenda

09.16-17.09

Special Federal Council in Montreal. The delegates will clarify some points concerning one of the four priorities of negotiations, that of arrangement of work time.

09.29.09 to 10.01.09

Special Federal Council in Laval. The delegates will decide on the draft collective agreement to table with the management party. There will also be the election of one member of the Election Committee and three members of the FIQ Regional Information and Support Team.