

Negotiations for the care professionals

The FIQ delegates unanimously rejected the management offers and adopt a plan of action for the sectorial negotiations

At the Special Federal Council held January 19 and 20, the delegates adopted a plan of action that will implant the FIQ demands in the minds of members. The Federation also took this opportunity to launch its mobilization and action campaign, under the theme, "To stay healthy, a change is needed".

A visual display and material with the slogan (armband, scarf, tuque) has been created to tie in with this campaign and a theme song was composed by the FIQ Information and Support Team.

A special guest had been invited for the occasion. Dan Bigras came to sing the song for the delegates, to the great surprise of everyone.

Check the section *Info Négociation* on the web site of the Federation for all the details!



Earthquake in Haiti

The FIQ launches a challenge to its affiliated unions

The FIQ appealed to all its affiliated unions at the Federal Council on January 19 and 20 in order to collect donations to help the people of Haiti. The challenge: to collect \$58,000 which will represent one dollar per member of the FIQ. To this amount is added the donation of \$10,000 made by the Federation last week. The FIQ hopes to give a minimum of \$70,000 to organizations such as Oxfam - Québec and the Red Cross.

For care professionals who want to be hands on

For those who wish to provide hands on help, the Federation suggests that they contact the following humanitarian organizations: Doctors without borders, The Canadian Red Cross, Doctors of the world. These organizations, with their expertise in the humanitarian field, are able to provide professionals with a structured framework that will enable them to effectively intervene on site without compromising their safety. The FIQ has the safety of its members at heart. That is why the referral is to recognized, structured, safe and trusted organizations.

Solidarity with Haiti

In order to keep informed of the measures taken by the Federation to come to the aid of the Haitian population, the members are asked to regularly check the *Solidarité Haïti*, section which is accessible through the home page of the FIQ web site.



Bill 67 - Creation of the INESSS

Tabling of the brief and the document on private healthcare employment agencies

On January 20th, The Fédération interprofessionnelle de la santé du Québec - FIQ presented its brief on Bill 67 before the Health and Social Services Parliamentary Commission. More information is available in the *press release* on this subject.

Before the end of the Parliamentary Commission, Michèle Boisclair, Vice President of the FIQ, was questioned by the official opposition about the use of independent labour having an impact on the quality of care that the patients receive. Ms Boisclair took advantage of the opportunity to inform the parliamentarians of the existence of a document produced by the Federation, "Private healthcare employment agencies: the need to act" and informed them of the harmful effects of the private agencies being in the health system, in particular on the level of the quality of care. In reaction to these words, the Commission Chairperson asked the FIQ for a copy of this document, which Ms Boisclair was eager to do.

Mobilization Calendar

January

Massive posting of negotiation material (posters on the union bulletin boards in the workplaces)

February

Start to wear the stickers on the priorities of negotiations