

OPIQ convention in Rimouski



This year the *Ordre professionnel des inhalothérapeutes du Québec* convention will be held in Rimouski on September 23 and 24. Representatives from the FIQ will attend in order to hold a kiosk and give out the “Élaine Trottier” and the “Place à la relève” prizes to deserving respiratory therapists.

Régine Laurent up for the title of Femmes de l'année (Women of the Year) Châtelaine!

A few weeks ago, Châtelaine magazine asked its readers to submit the names of inspiring women deserving to be honoured. The name of Régine Laurent, President of the FIQ, was proposed by one of its readers and she is among the 25 finalists in five set categories. The panel will announce the winners in its November issue.

While awaiting the announcement of the five grand winners, internet surfers can vote to elect *LA femme de l'année Châtelaine* (Chatelaine's Woman of the Year) among these 25 exceptional women. You can vote up to noon October 10, 2011 at <<http://blogues.chatelaine.com/vote-femmes-de-annee/>>.

Developing regional solidarity



From left to right - Luc Séguin (FIQ), Nancy Moss, Lynda Groulx and Mylène Lavigueur (CSSS de St-Jérôme), Louise Gilardeau (SRPSQ), Patricia Conrath (Résidence Riviera), Alain Paquette (spokesperson for the TRAC, CSSS du Lac-des-Deux-Montagnes), Roberto Bomba (Political Officer for the TRAC, FIQ Treasurer), Johanne Landry (spokesperson for the TRAC) and Sylvie Dumoulin (CSSS d'Antoine-Labelle)

On September 14, Roberto Bomba, Treasurer of the Federation and Political Officer for the Regional Action and Consensus Building Table (TRAC-FIQ) of Laval and the Laurentians, attended the inauguration of the new building for the *Maison D'hébergement Jeunesse La Parenthèse*, a youth home. The mission of this organization is to offer lodging for adolescents experiencing family or individual difficulties.

The TRAC has been giving financial support to *La Parenthèse* for two years so that it can continue its valuable work with young people.

The public on the institutions' boards of directors

Elections will be held on November 1, 2011 to elect the public's representatives on the boards of directors of public institutions in the health and social services network.

The Federation is encouraging its members to run for a position or to vote in their respective regions.

For further details, visit <www.msss.gouv.qc.ca/reseau/elections-sante-2011.php>.

Did you know that...

In certain cases, when the Federation presents a brief to a parliamentary commission you can watch the presentation live on the website of the National Assembly? This was the case on September 15 when the FIQ tabled its

brief “*Servir l'âge d'or sur un plateau d'argent*” on proposed Bill 16. However, a video clip of all presentations is stored at <www.assnat.qc.ca>.