

Did you know that...

Every week in the month of May, Régine Laurent will address the members of the Federation through a video clip? For more details, consult:

<www.mois-sante.info>.



International Workers' Day



Despite poor weather conditions on May 1st, a few thousand people marched in the streets of Montréal to mark International Workers' Day. Every year, this day is an opportunity to remember the battles waged in Québec and elsewhere in the world to improve the working and living conditions of the people.

This year, the thoughts of the marchers were particularly on the workers at Aveos and Rio Tinto Alma who have shown remarkable determination in their fight to keep their jobs and the quality of them. The marchers were also thinking about the students' fight to have an education that is accessible for everyone. It was the students moreover who created a festive air for this demonstration.

2012 Florence Prize

At the 17th edition of the *Colloque des Conseils des infirmières et infirmiers du Québec* and the *Commissions infirmières régionales (CII - CIR)*, the *Ordre des infirmières et infirmiers du Québec (OIIQ)* handed out its annual Florence prize.



Photo: Elizabeth Delage

Régine Laurent had the pleasure of giving the Florence prize, Newcomer category, to Simon Grenier-Michaud, a nurse clinician and instructor. The Newcomer category of the Florence prize recognizes the exceptional contribution of a young nurse with less than 10 years of experience who demonstrates in her studies, her work, her community or professional commitment having a positive influence on her peers.

Nurses against the tuition fee hike

The FIQ wants to recognize the precious assistance given by the *groupe Infirmières contre la hausse* to the many injured at the demonstration in Victoriaville on May 4. Thank you for your generosity and your composure!



Photo: Édouard Plante-Fréchette, La Presse

Jennie Skene Bursary



Photo: Courtesy of the *Département des relations industrielles* at the *Université Laval*

Since 1989, the goal of the Excellence Awards Programme of the *Département des relations industrielles* at the *Université Laval* has been financially assisting its most outstanding Master's and Doctorate students and encouraging them to pursue their studies.

This year, the recipient of the Jennie Skene Bursary is Marie-Esther Paradis.

Temporary measures adopted by the OIIQ

Considering the circumstances surrounding the student movement, the OIIQ has adopted temporary measures that apply to the 2012 summer externs. The Order has decided to: "(...) maintain the status of extern beyond the limits stipulated in the *Règlement sur les activités professionnelles pouvant être exercées par des personnes autres que des infirmières et infirmiers* (Regulation on the professional activities that can be performed by people other than nurses), thus allowing a student duly registered in a study programme that provides a diploma recognized as giving access to a permit from the *Ordre*, who has successfully completed the first two years of the college programme, at least 34 credits of the university programme at the *Université de Montréal* and at least 60 credits of another university programme, to practice as an extern during the summer of 2012." (our translation)

"This means that the students who would have qualified for the status of Candidate for admission to the practice of the nursing profession (CPNP) and who, because of the strike, could not receive their diploma, can exceptionally, for the summer of 2012, practice as an extern if they meet the previously stated eligibility requirements". (our translation)

Note: All the quotes are taken from the Order's website <www.oiiq.org>.