

## Critical situation in the Emergency Room at the Lakeshore General Hospital

On August 17, the UCHP and the FIQ organized a solidarity picnic for the healthcare professionals working in the Emergency Room of the Lakeshore General Hospital. This gathering aimed to denounce the employer's short-



sighted and inadequate management that has persisted for too long and consequently undermined the healthcare professionals' conditions of practice and threatened the quality of care for the public.



Read the release on the website of the Federation under the tab "Salle de presse".

### President's Blog

### The FIQ doesn't get any commitments from the PLQ

Only a few days before the vote, the *Parti libéral du Québec* (PLQ), contrary to the leaders of the *Parti Québécois* (PQ) and *Québec solidaire* (QS) who agreed to meet the president of the Federation, chose instead to delegate the outgoing minister in charge of Health and Social Services, Dr. Yves Bolduc. The meeting was not constructive and there was no commitment from the government.



Go to the website of the Federation to read and comment on the president's words!

## Invitation launched by the FIQ to the main political party leaders The *Parti Québécois* and *Québec solidaire* were present

As we approach the end of this electoral campaign, it is time to take stock. At the beginning of August, the FIQ invited each one of the leaders of the main political parties to come meet with them. The Federation welcomed the attentive ear of Pauline Marois and Dr. Amit Khadir who agreed to meet the president, Régine Laurent, to discuss the future of the public healthcare network, the concerns of the healthcare professionals and the possible paths for solutions.

The meeting with the *Parti Québécois* leader took place on August 21 and the one with the co-spokesperson of *Québec solidaire* on August 24. Ms Laurent qualified the meetings as "cordial, direct and they seemed to be listening".

It is understandable that *Option nationale* and the *Parti vert du Québec*, having fewer resources to carry out all the work required by an electoral campaign, could not accept the invitation by the FIQ. It is harder to understand for the Liberal Part and the *Coalition Avenir Québec*.

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## The SISP denounces the bad faith of the CFIB



Following the publication of the Public sector pensions: a runaway train? report on August 22 by the Canadian Federation of Independent Business (CFIB), the *Secrétariat intersyndical des services publics* (SISP) wanted to set the record straight.

Contrary to what the CFIB claims, the Government and Public Employees Pension Plan (RREGOP), which covers nearly 95% of Québec government employees, is not in financial difficulty. The long term financial health of the plan is assured in a more than satisfactory manner and is not in danger of leading Québec to bankruptcy. Moreover, the last negotiations in the public and parapublic sectors which ended in July 2010, ensured the long term funding of RREGOP.

Claiming that the debt linked to RREGOP is out of control is completely false. When talking about the pension plan, it is not the debt that is in question, but rather the liability, that is the amount representing the government's commitment to all the employees and retirees.

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## Montreal Pride Celebrations, the FIQ participates in the parade

Once again this year, the Federation participated in the famous parade that took place on August 19 as part of Montreal Pride Celebrations. The FIQ took that opportunity to emphasize the importance of continuing the fight against discrimination based on sexual orientation.

Marie-Claude Ouellet, Daniel Gilbert and Roberto Bomba, members of the FIQ Executive Committee attended the parade. Representatives from the affiliated unions were also present.

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