

A first in the Lower Saint Lawrence region

More than 500 delegates are in Rimouski on June 4, 5 and 6 for the Federal Council of the FIQ. The members of the Executive Committee of the Federation are taking advantage of this event to do a tour of the institutions in the region to meet the healthcare professionals from La Pocatière, Rivière-du-Loup, Trois-Pistoles, Rimouski and Amqui. A great opportunity to talk with them and get an update on their everyday situation.

White Paper on the creation of autonomy

When the White Paper on "Autonomy for everyone" came out on May 30, the president, Régine Laurent, publicly stated the importance of all the needs of people with loss of autonomy being met and that it must be ensured that no one is left behind. The Federation will do an in-depth analysis of this project and intends to take a good look at the issues raised by the creation of an insurance and an autonomy fund in the health network.

The FIQ wants to participate in the upcoming consultations in order to ensure that what is proposed in the White Paper takes into account the real needs of all people with loss of autonomy and that they are given quality and accessible care.

To see the photos from the tour:
<http://www.flickr.com/photos/FIQsante>

Demonstration at CSSS de Rimouski-Neigette

On June 5, the members of the Executive Committee and the delegates of the Federation were at the CSSS de Rimouski-Neigette to support their colleagues. The demonstration is being held to denounce the plan of budget cuts adopted by the institution's board of directors on May 14, another example of the haphazard management that this will ensure.

New CHUM

The FIQ and Québec solidaire demand an inquiry



Michèle Boisclair, 1st Vice-President of the FIQ, and Amir Khadir, Québec solidaire MP, went to the offices of the Anticorruption Unit on June 3 to demand an inquiry into the granting of contracts for the building of the Centre hospitalier de l'Université de Montréal (CHUM) and its research centre (CRCHUM).

Read the press release on the Federation website.

The FIQ asks the Senate to cancel Bill C-377

On May 30, Michel Mailhot, 6th Vice-President, and Michel Canuel, Union Consultant on the FIQ legal team, appealed Bill C-377 before the Standing Senate Committee on Banking, Trade and Commerce, this bill being An Act to Amend the Income Tax Act. This bill, if passed, will force the labour organizations to publish their financial statements. The FIQ is strongly opposed to this antiunion bill that aims to undermine the bargaining power of unions. The members of the Federation can find out exactly how their union dues are used and the audited financial statements are available and are distributed to the delegates at Federal Councils.

The Federation considers this bill legally invalid, because its purpose is not intended to have income taxes paid on income, but the certification of workers which is under provincial jurisdiction and civil rights. The representatives from the FIQ asked the Senate Committee to reject Bill C-377 or to systematically amend it so that it only covers fiscal matters.

To watch the FIQ present its position to the Senate:
<http://senparlvu.parl.gc.ca/Guide.aspx?viewmode=4&categoryid=-1¤tdate=2013-05-30&languagecode=1097&eventid=8913#>

President's Blog



The President's Blog

"Organizational violence"

The president's most recent blog deals with psychological harassment that many healthcare professionals deal with in their workplace and the difficulty in getting this particular form of violence recognized. Is it possible to erase the problem?

To read the president's blog, go to the website of the Federation.