

The union denounces the cuts at **CSSS de l'Énergie**



Roberto Bomba, FIQ Treasurer and Johanne Grenier, President of the *SPS de l'Énergie*.
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Le Syndicat des professionnelles en soins de l'Énergie, worried about the job cuts announced by the administration last December, convened a press conference to speak publicly. These cuts mainly affect perinatal services and those for seniors or people with loss of autonomy in a context where there is already a shortage of healthcare professionals and where the rate of absenteeism is high.

To see the report:

<http://ici.radio-canada.ca/regions/mauricie/2014/03/19/003-syndicat-csss-energie.shtml>

There's lots of talk at the licensed practical nurse ad hoc committee!

At the *Hôtel Classique* in Quebec City on March 25, nearly 150 licensed practical nurse union reps met to talk about the context in which they practice their profession. Régine Laurent, President of the FIQ, and Linda Bouchard, Vice-President and Political Officer for the licensed practical nurse ad hoc committee opened the day. Several panelists spoke about their professional reality. The discussions were constructive and made it possible to address topics such as the reports on the



inquiries into the job status and the professional reality of the licensed practical nurses.

The relevancy of the FIQ Special Report on licensed practical nurses was also highlighted, a publication that contributes to the recognition of the profession.

The panelists were:

Isabelle Bouchard, *CHU de Québec*; Guillaume Carette, *CHUS*; Johanne-Sylvie Charron, *CSSS des Basques*; Daniel Gagné, *CSSS du Cœur-de-l'Île*; Erica Kennedy, *Maimonides Geriatric Centre*; Karina Malbran, *CSSS Champlain-Charles-Le Moyne*; Guylaine Morel, *CSSS de Charlevoix* and Geneviève Waters-Gouge, *IUCPQ*.

To consult the special report:

<http://www.fiqsante.qc.ca/publicfiles/documents/fiqdossierspecial-0502-en.pdf>

10th Convention of the FIQ



It's coming up soon! From April 7 to 11, 2014, your union representatives will be deciding the major orientations of the FIQ at its convention. Renewing the practices will be the principle that will guide the FIQ in the years ahead. With a constructive approach, the members of the FIQ could be called

upon to take on the roles of leaders in order to improve their working conditions and to transform their environment.

Follow the debates by reading the daily FIQ Express and the Facebook page.

The FIQ in the media

The election campaign is triggering debates and the FIQ was invited to speak on several occasions to promote the situation of the healthcare professionals and to give the FIQ's vision on organization of services for the healthcare system. Radio, television, Facebook and Twitter, the FIQ representatives are not missing out on any of them so that they can talk about the members' needs.

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