

## Debates belonging to the delegates of the FIQ



In order to get away from the ceremonial discussions and allow for an exchange of ideas, this year the FIQ proposed an “open forum”, inspired by the social forums where the topics are proposed by the participants and where the right to speak is given to everyone. This formula gave the delegates the chance to address, in the form of

workshops, more than thirty topics such as the political role of the FIQ, prostitution, working conditions of pregnant women, the use of the internet for mobilization, the place of licensed practical nurses and the respiratory therapists, nurse-patient ratios. Stenographers transcribed the discussions and the summaries will be available in the coming weeks and will be put on FIQ en direct – militantes.



## A zebra passes through



Alexandre Jardin agreed to meet with the delegates unexpectedly to talk to them about Bleu Blanc Zèbre, an initiative that promotes moving on to the act of smiling versus depressing promises. “Actions as citizens” he says, the only word of unrest against the bleak economic outlook and the lack of sharing in French society. Alexandre Jardin invited us to take over control of our destiny. You want to join the Zebras? You have to: act, move on to action and

obtain results; want to concretely involve the citizens in this action; be happy! A unique and much appreciated visit.

<http://bleublanczebre.fr/>

## Web 2.0 and union perspective

A much appreciated luncheon meeting, allowed the delegates to exchange on the use of Web 2.0 and to make them aware of the wise and strategic practices for the Web and the social media in the scope of their union activities.

## Report from the standing and statutory committees

The Youth, Status of Women, Occupational Health and Safety, Education-Animation, Evaluation of Publications and Election Committees presented their activities report to the delegation. Note the five networks, the lunches and the 5 à 7's that have contributed in mobilizing the young members of the FIQ and enabling them to have discussions. The feminist reflection of the members of the FIQ took place through four networks, participation in the Estates General for feminist action and analysis and the annual meetings of the Intersyndicale des femmes. The members of the OHS Committee chose and developed the OHS themes every year, as well as the tools for the members during OHS Week. The members of the Education-Animation Committee mad a big splash at the Federal Councils. They also contributed to the development of the new sociopolitical training session. The Election Committee brilliantly carried off the change to an electronic vote for the delegates.

### On the programme tomorrow

- Elections to the standing and statutory committees and the Executive Committee
- Presentation of the Convention thematic: Vision.Progress. Action.
- Amendments to the Constitution and Bylaws.
- Génial en herbe