

Massive cuts at CSSS Haut-Richelieu-Rouville: The SPSHRR mobilizes

The institution's management recently announced the abolition of nearly 80 licensed practical nurse positions at CSSS Haut-Richelieu-Rouville, a measure that is part of the \$5.5-million budget cut plan this CSSS intends to implement. Sylvie Jovin, President of the *Syndicat des professionnelles de la santé du CSSS Haut-Richelieu/Rouville*, and Daniel Gilbert, Vice-President of the FIQ, held a press conference last Tuesday to inform the public about the consequences



of these cuts for the accessibility of health care and services in the region, and to denounce the major impacts on their members' work.

Mobilized more than ever, the SPSHRR held a silent demonstration yesterday (Wednesday) in front of the hospital, all dressed in black, to illustrate their mourning for the care they can no longer provide to the public, due to their institution's context of mismanagement.

Infection Control Handbook

A new version is available



The Infection Control Handbook, a reference document for many, has been revised and updated. You can download the brand-new 5th version online at the following address: <http://www.fiqsante.qc.ca/publicfiles/documents/5th-infection14a-b.pdf>

It is also possible to order a copy at a cost of \$3 for FIQ members and at a cost of \$6 for non-members, by sending an email to info@fiqsante.qc.ca.

Montreal Pride 2014 :

The FIQ participated in the famous parade

On August 17, several members of the FIQ Executive participated in the Gay Pride parade to emphasize the importance the FIQ attached to the defence of Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual and Transgender (LGBT) people.

From left to right:
 Nancy Bédard, 4th Vice-President of the FIQ,
 Régine Laurent,
 President of the FIQ,
 Daniel Gilbert, 2nd Vice-President of the FIQ
 and Marie-Claude Ouellet, Executive Secretary of the FIQ.



The FIQ attends the Peoples' Social Forum in Ottawa

The Peoples' Social Forum, held last August 21 to 24 in Ottawa, brought together over 5000 participants, who took part in a wide range of activities and workshops on the issues at the heart of the progressive movement in Quebec. The FIQ led a workshop on the theme of "The commodification of public health services in Quebec: there are alternatives!"



From left to right: Line Larocque, 1st Vice-President of the FIQ, Marie-Claude Ouellet, Executive secretary of the FIQ and Claude Boucher, 3rd Vice-President of the FIQ.

Our organization seized the opportunity to share our vision with the citizens present on the evolution of the health care system in Quebec and the solutions we consider the most promising, both for the public and for the healthcare professionals who work to provide them with care every day.