

Good Health Month to all indomitable healthcare professionals!



The FIQ treats Health Month as the opportunity to recognize the outstanding work and indomitability of its members – licensed practical

nurses, nurses, respiratory therapists and perfusionists. “The healthcare professionals are indomitable with their

employer and with the government: in providing safe, quality care, as advocates for the patients and in fighting for their conditions of practice.” explains Régine Laurent, President of the FIQ.

Visit the Health Month website at www.mois-sante.info and watch the video clip specially produced for the occasion.

COMING UP IN MAY :

- ◆ FIQ Executive Committee tour of Quebec health institutions
- ◆ Campaign promoting the professions of nurse, licensed practical nurse, respiratory therapist and perfusionist (lab coats identified with the members’ job title)
- ◆ Free accredited training offered to FIQ members on patient advocacy – the defence and promotion of patients’ rights and interests

A Prix Florence for Isabelle Têtu, of Coop SABSA

This May 5, during the Soirée Florence, Isabelle Têtu, nurse practitioner specializing in frontline care and co-founder of *Coopérative de solidarité SABSA*, was presented a Prix Florence in the Disease Prevention category. This recognized her outstanding contribution, through her commitment, her actions and the quality of her achievements, to improvement of practices in providing better care to the population. The FIQ proudly congratulates her!

Meeting with Philippe Couillard and Gaétan Barrette



From left to right: the deputy Caroline Simard, the Prime Minister Philippe Couillard and union representatives, Pierre-Olivier Bradet and Patricia Lajoie

Taking advantage of their presence in the region, on the occasion of the groundbreaking for the future *Hôpital de Baie-Saint-Paul*, representatives of the *Fédération interprofessionnelle de la santé du Québec – FIQ*, more specifically the *Syndicat des professionnelles en soins de Québec (SPSQ)*, met with Premier Philippe Couillard and the Minister of Health and Social Services, Gaétan Barrette. This meeting was the opportunity to discuss the negotiations currently under way and to raise the thorny issue of Bill 10 and its impacts on health institutions. “A new hospital is good news, but if the budget doesn’t allow adequate services to patients and there aren’t enough staff to ensure the quality, safety and continuity of care, this can’t work,” argued Pierre-Olivier Bradet, President of the SPSQ local team at *CIUSSS de la Capitale-Nationale (CSSS de Charlevoix)*.

Manitoba Nurses Union: 40 years of unionism by nurses!

Last April 28, Roberto Bomba, Treasurer of the FIQ, participated in the activities marking the 40th anniversary of the Manitoba Nurses Union. Congratulations for 40 years of unionism by nurses!



International Workers’ Day

The FIQ marks the contribution of workers to the advancement of Quebec society

“Over the years, by their solidarity, Quebec workers have transformed and modernized Quebec. This May Day should be a day of celebration and pride in what we have been able to accomplish collectively. Together, through major battles and demands, we have advanced the rights and gains of all Quebec workers. But this day should also remind us that we must always be vigilant to preserve these gains and continue to advance our rights. Especially in these times of generalized austerity. Because the plan Philippe Couillard’s government is proposing to us is a backward-moving plan. We must not let them get away with this. We must mobilize and show solidarity in the face of these attacks on social justice and on the workers. Let’s be proud and strong!” Régine Laurent, President of the FIQ, declared.