

Regional Consensus-building and Action Table for Montreal

On April 1, in Montreal, local and regional unions affiliated to the Federation launched the Regional Consensus-building and Action Table (RCAT). Essentially designed to be a regional structure for mobilisation, education and action, this Table will enable the unions in the region to exchange on the various issues that concern care professionals. Given the current political context, it has become essential to mobilise, develop regional solidarity, promote exchange of information and develop public awareness of the various problems in the health-care network.

Such consensus-building and action tables have already been set up in the Eastern Townships, Saguenay-Lac-Saint-Jean, Montérégie and Lanaudière.

Public Services International in Panama

From March 30 to April 1, 2008, Lina Bonamie, President of the Federation, attended the meetings of the Inter-American Regional Women's Committee and the Inter-American Regional Executive Committee held in Panama.

More information in the next edition of FIQ Express, on line on April 16.

May 1, International Workers' Day

On May 3, a large Quebec-wide demonstration will be held in Montreal to celebrate International Workers' Day.

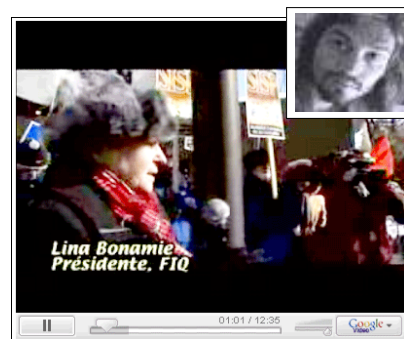
On the theme "Together for Health", the rally will begin at noon in La Fontaine Park, corner of Sherbrooke and Parc-La Fontaine. Buses will bring demonstrators from several regions of Quebec.

Contact your local team; they will soon have all the required information.



The struggle against the privatisation of the health system: public resistance is organising!

This short 12-minute film presents the struggle which certain unions, community groups and citizens are currently waging against the privatisation of the health-care system in Quebec.



Title: La lutte contre la privatisation du système de santé ou « le combat du recommencement »!

Production: Santiago Bertolino

Length: 12 minutes

Like the FIQ, Mr. Bertolino is a member of the *Coalition Solidarité Santé*.

There is a link to this video on our website:

<www.fiqsante.qc.ca>.

The Head office on the move

Construction work on the FIQ's new headquarters is moving along. However, the move of the Montreal office, which was scheduled for the end of April, is postponed to August.

The building is located at:
1234, Papineau Avenue, Montreal (Quebec) H2K 0A4.