

**Maintenance of the Commission de l'équité salariale**

A victory for women!



The Coalition en faveur de l'équité salariale, which includes the FIQ, is delighted at the decision by Michelle Courchesne, President of the Conseil du trésor, to drop all the sections of Bill 130 concerning the abolition of the Commission de l'équité salariale (CÉS) and its transfer to the Commission des normes du travail (CNT).

Since the announcement of the abolition of the CÉS on March 31, 2010, the Coalition en faveur de l'équité salariale has challenged the government on the importance of maintaining a structured independent commission that recognizes the value of women's work. All these collective efforts have finally prevailed.

Read the press release on the FFQ website.

www.ffq.qc.ca

**Looking at 20 years of feminist action and analysis**

(Regards sur 20 ans d'actions et d'analyses féministes)

This coming May 27 and 28



This May 27 and 28, two days of discussion and reflection on the future of feminism will be held in Montreal. A public evening on May 27 will bring together feminist panelists, including Régine Laurent, President of the FIQ. Participatory democratic workshops will be held on May 28.

This event marks the launch of the États généraux (the Estates General), which will be punctuated by several meetings and consultations, culminating in a major women's forum in fall 2013.

For more information and to register, visit the FFQ website.

www.ffq.qc.ca

**Symposium organized by the Université féministe d'été**

Régine Laurent as a guest-speaker

For its ninth edition, the Université féministe d'été is organizing a week of



discussion with feminists working for gender equality at the local, regional or international level, in various domains, specialty fields and disciplines at the Université Laval from May 22 to 28, 2011. Régine Laurent, President of the FIQ, will give a speech on labour battles and the recognition of women's work at the closing of the seminar.

Go to the following website to register for the seminar:

http://www.fss.ulaval.ca/universitefeministedete/

**Saying no to PPP!**

New section on the SISP website



On the theme "PPP, non merci! Un autre choix s'impose: les services publics de qualité" (PPP, no thank you! Another choice is necessary: quality public

services), the members of the Groupe de travail sur Infrastructure Québec have developed Web content to inform the members and the public about the issues related to public-private partnerships (PPP) and the agency (Infrastructure Québec) set up by the government to advise it on this issue.

This working group was established in January 2010 by the labour partners of the Secrétariat intersyndical des services publics (SISP).



Visitors to this new section of the website will be able to understand what is involved in a project carried out in PPP mode and the dangers that lie in wait for Quebec with the privatization of public infrastructures. An interactive map of the projects carried out by Infrastructure Québec is also available in this section.

To consult this new section, go to the SISP website.

www.sisp.qc.net

**Abolition of positions at CSSS de Manicouagan**

The FIQ and the Syndicat local du CSSS de Manicouagan strongly denounced



the abolition of two evening shift operating room respiratory therapist positions at a rally held in front of Hôpital Le Royer on May 9. The employer is carrying out this improvised restructuring to the detriment of the quality of care, access to services and the institution's healthcare professionals.

Read the press release on the FIQ website.

www.fiqsante.qc.ca