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## **Opening of the 9th Convention of the FIQ**

**Registration for the** convention



The delegates of the Federation enthusiastically registered this morning for the 9<sup>th</sup> Convention of the FIQ.



## **Public services International (PSI)**

The PSI is an international labour federation of more than 600 public services unions, present in 140 countries. During this first day of the convention, the delegates had the opportunity to hear Paul Moist, Vice-President of the PSI. He emphasized the need for such organization founded solidarity between the public sector employees throughout the world.



It was under the theme "Dare, Act, Influence, the power to change is within us", that the president of the Federation, Régine Laurent, opened the FIQ Convention. Ms Laurent informed the delegation

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that this 9th Convention marks a change for the Federation which wants to change its practices and turn towards a more offensive approach. To achieve this, the whole organization must demonstrate audacity and creativity.

The Convention is being held in Saint-Hyacinthe from June 6 to 10.

## **Exercising a strong and dynamic union** leadership

In the afternoon, Ms Laroche came to set the tone for the discussions around the theme of this 9<sup>th</sup> Convention of the Federation. With her speech, "Oser porter des projets novateurs : l'efficacité du système de santé passe aussi par l'amélioration de la qualité de vie des professionnelles en soins" (Dare to create innovative projects: the efficiency of the health-care system is also related to the improvement of the quality of life of the healthcare professionals), she certainly captured the



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attention of the delegates who were greatly touched by her motivating words.

In the current context, exercising a strong and dynamic union leadership becomes imperative to counter an everpresent and connected right-wing movement.



Paul Moist, Vice-President of PSI

On the agenda tomorrow

End of the nomination period

**Presentation:** A turbulent environment

Theme 1st part: Daring to try new models

Panel:

A public future in health, is it possible?