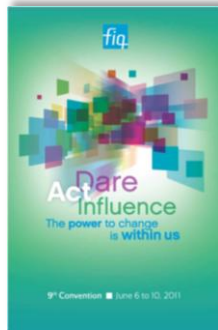


Rewarding conferences and panel discussions

By visiting the FIQ website, you can watch or rewatch the conferences and panel discussions attended by the delegates at the 9th Congress of the FIQ, which was held from June 6 to 10.

To watch the videos:

www.fiqsante.qc.ca/congres2011/conferences.php



Régine Laurent on Dutrizac

On July 11, FIQ President Régine Laurent appeared on the Montreal 98.5 FM radio show “Dutrizac l’après-midi”. Ms. Laurent was asked about the permanent crisis in the healthcare system and the possible solutions.

To listen to the interview:

www.985fm.ca/audioplayer.php?mp3=106111

Critical care premium and overlap

Follow the steps taken by the FIQ, the CPNSSS agreed to analyze the request for recognition of the following centres of activities as part of critical care: hemodynamics, the wakeup room, the intermediate care unit, and ÉVAQ (Évacuation aéromédicale au Québec), as well of the operating room for the “respiratory therapist” job title. A meeting should be held around the middle of August.

The FIQ is also continuing its representations concerning recognition of overlap for licensed practical nurses. Discussions are scheduled in September at the national parity committee formed in accordance with the new collective agreement.

The FIQ supports the Winnipeg strikes

During the Congress of the Canadian Federation of Nurses Unions (CFNU), held in Winnipeg from June 13 to 17, FIQ Executive Committee members and union reps had the opportunity to show their solidarity for the Air Canada and Canada Post workers, who were respectively on strike and locked out at that time.

The CFNU Congress adopted a number of recommendations on nurses’ fatigue, care models, the role of the nurse and long-term care.

For more information on the CFNU:

www.nursesunions.ca



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FIQ mission in Haiti

“Santinèl: pi bon pou nou rekonstwi”

From June 21 to 27, a pilot training session was held on this theme – which means “Sentinels for better rebuilding” – for the nurses of the Syndicat du Personnel Infirmier (SPI) in Port-au-Prince, Haiti. In collaboration with Oxfam-Québec, the FIQ, accompanied by the FTQ and the CSN, wanted to respond to the need for psychological support identified by the Haitian unions after the January 12, 2010 earthquake.



This training, greatly appreciated by the nurses, made it possible to deal with health and trauma problems in order to detect the difficulties experienced by the SPI’s members and develop an open and preventive approach within their network of delegates. In view of the

SPI’s clear interest, the FIQ soon will evaluate the possibility of delivering the content of this training on a larger scale to all SPI members.



Front centre, Karine Crépeau, responsible for International Solidarity at the FIQ, accompanied by the participants and trainers.

Summer period

The next edition of FIQ Express will be posted online in mid-August.

It will once again be published every second Wednesday starting in September.

Have a good summer!