

## SABSA – Cause for celebration!

On July 19, 2016, Minister Gaétan Barrette announced a partnership agreement between the *CIUSSS de la Capitale-Nationale* and the *Clinique de solidarité SABSA* (Solidarity Cooperative for the SABSA low threshold services clinic). “We are very glad that Minister Gaétan Barrette has finally understood the importance of strong and diverse front-line care. Thanks to this partnership, the SABSA Clinic will be able to continue to offer safe health care to a population that is vulnerable and marginalized, as well as all those living in the neighbourhood,” stated Daniel Gilbert, FIQ Vice-President.

This agreement also signifies that the Minister acknowledges that the contribution and expertise of healthcare professionals constitute a solution for the public healthcare network. “The Health Minister’s decision marks the beginning of a response to the challenges of the public healthcare system. We await what lies ahead by remaining mobilized in order to defend front-line care in its entirety. This is accomplished namely through the adequate financing and preservation of CLSCs in the health and social services network,” added Daniel Gilbert.

## The FIQ at the World Social Forum

The World Social Forum (WSF), which took place last week in Montréal, was a great success. 35,000 people from 125 different countries took part in 1250 self-managed activities and large conferences. As well as having a kiosk, the FIQ organized a workshop called “Quebec’s healthcare system: state of affairs and potential solutions”. The Federation also participated in and collaborated with many other activities, including the workshop titled “*Concilier pour la vie*” (Life Balance) organized by the *Coalition famille-travail-études* (Coalition for family-work-study balance).



## International Symposium on Safe Health Care: Many Have Already Signed Up!



The Federation is organizing an International Symposium on Safe Health Care on October 26, 2016, at the Laval Convention Centre. The programme as well as the registration form are now available online.

Please take note that a block of rooms has been reserved for members of the FIQ. You can contact the Sheraton Laval Hotel directly to make a reservation.

All information is available on our website at [fiqsante.qc.ca](http://fiqsante.qc.ca).

This event is not to be missed!

## The FIQ at Montreal's 2016 Pride Parade!



On August 14, the FIQ took part in Montreal’s Pride Parade in order to show its solidarity and to reiterate the importance of continuing the fight against discrimination based on sexual orientation.

