



**65th CSN Convention
Montreal – 2017**

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INFORMATION

CONVENTION SCHEDULE

Convention begins

**MONDAY, JUNE 5, 2017, AT 1:00 P.M.,
IN THE PLENARY HALL, ROOM 517,
OF THE PALAIS DES CONGRÈS IN MONTRÉAL**

Convention ends

FRIDAY, JUNE 9, 2017, AT 1:00 P.M.

SESSIONS

Please pay careful attention to the starting times for morning sessions, because they don't all begin at the same time. On Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday, we will begin at 8:30 a.m., while Friday will begin at 9:00 a.m. That way you can set your alarm clock for later and sleep in a bit after the solidarity evening!

Meeting hours

MONDAY, JUNE 5	1:00 P.M. TO 6:00 P.M.
TUESDAY, JUNE 6	8:30 A.M. TO 6:00 P.M.
WEDNESDAY, JUNE 7	8:30 A.M. TO 6:00 P.M.
THURSDAY, JUNE 8	8:30 A.M. TO 6:00 P.M.
FRIDAY, JUNE 9	9:00 A.M. TO 1:00 P.M.

ACTIVITIES

Convention activities will all take place on Level 5 of the convention centre. If you need help finding your way around during the week, please feel free to ask the CSN staffers who are acting as marshalls for the 65th Convention. You can't miss them – they're everywhere and wear red vests with *Service d'ordre* written on the back. You can also go to the reception and information stand in the main lobby on Level 5, right beside the escalators. Staff there will be pleased to answer your questions.

SALE OF THE SOLIDARITY ITEM

Don't forget to drop by the strikers' stands at the top of the escalators near the plenary hall, as well as the checkroom for document bags (521a). You can meet workers from unions involved in labour disputes and deliver your messages of solidarity. You can also support them financially by purchasing the 65th Convention solidarity item. You will have a souvenir of your participation and you will have made an important gesture of solidarity with our comrades who are on strike or locked out.

PLENARY SESSIONS AND CONVENTION SERVICES

PLENARY HALL (517)

(ACROSS FROM THE ESCALATORS)

This is the plenary hall where all our days will begin. Close to here, you have various services to help you with various matters and point you in the right direction as needed. Feel free to call on us, and we'll do our best to assist you.

RECEPTION AND INFORMATION

(LEVEL 5 LOBBY, BESIDE THE ESCALATORS)

The reception and information stand is located in the main lobby on Level 5 to welcome you, point you in the right direction and provide information about convention proceedings. We'll answer your questions or direct you to the people who can. This is also the place to pick up lost items.

MESSAGE CENTRE

(LEVEL 5 LOBBY, BESIDE THE ESCALATORS)

People who want to reach you while you are at the convention can do so by dialing 514 598-2288 or sending an e-mail to congres2017@csn.qc.ca.

Phone and e-mail messages for convention delegates will not be delivered to them in person. They will be posted on a bulletin board near the reception and information stand. You are therefore invited to check the board regularly.

LEVEL 5, WEST SIDE

(AS YOU ARRIVE AT THE TOP OF THE ESCALATORS, THE WEST IS ON YOUR RIGHT)

CONVENTION REGISTRATION (516a)

REGISTRATION HOURS

Monday, June 5, 8:00 a.m. to 6:30 p.m.

Tuesday, June 6, 8:00 a.m. to 6:30 p.m.

Wednesday, June 7, 8:00 a.m. to 12:30 p.m., and 2:30 p.m. to 6:00 p.m.

Thursday, June 8, 8:00 a.m. to 12:30 p.m., and 2:30 p.m. to 6:00 p.m.

Friday, June 9, 8:00 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.

Please note that on Monday, June 5th, staffers and pensioners should register in **room 521a**.

A delegate who has to be replaced must go to the registration room and turn in their badge and document bag for the person replacing them.

Official registration closes at 6:30 p.m. on Tuesday, June 6.

Anyone who wants to register for the convention after the close of official registration will be registered as a visitor. Furthermore, no changes in delegations can be made after the close of official registrations.

For any questions about registration, the close of official registration or changes to your delegation, please go to **room 516a**, where members of the registration team are ready to help.

ASSISTANCE TO UNIONS (516a)

If your union is eligible for financial assistance from the CSN to participate in the convention, please meet with the comrades in charge of assistance to unions. They are available during registration hours in the Registration room, and will be happy to assist you.

INTRODUCTORY SESSION FOR NEW DELEGATES AND STAFFERS (512)

If you are participating in a CSN convention for the first time, you can attend an introductory session that will help you understand the content of the Convention as well as practical aspects and general procedures. Instructors will be pleased to welcome you and introduce you to activists who can guide you through proceedings all week long.

This session will be given on Monday, June 5, from 10:00 to 11:30 a.m. Unions should register their delegates by May 15, 2017. If you are not registered but want to attend, please go to the reception and information stand in the lobby of Level 5. We will see whether it's possible to add you to one of the groups that are already organized.

INTERNATIONAL SEMINAR OFF-CONVENTION ACTIVITY (512gh)

An innovation this year is a seminar on the theme of "How can right-wing populists be defeated?" The questions we will examine include "How can this trend be reversed?" and "What role can union organizations play?" Come and discuss these issues with comrades from various countries on Monday, June 5, from 10:00 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. (registration mandatory).

GENERAL SECRETARIAT OF THE 65TH CONVENTION (514a)

The General Convention Secretariat makes the following services available to you: photocopying, sending faxes, and typing short texts for plenary sessions.

The General Secretariat of the 65th Convention is also where you have to turn in certain documents or make certain requests:

- **CANDIDACY FORMS**, duly completed, must be handed in to the General Secretary of the CSN no later than noon on Wednesday, June 7. Submitting them to the General Secretariat of the 65th Convention (**Room 514a**) is considered to be handing them in to the General Secretary.
- **QUESTIONS OF PRIVILEGE** must be submitted in writing to the General Convention Secretariat no later than noon on Wednesday, June 7th.
- **REQUESTS TO HAVE MESSAGES READ OUT** in plenary sessions must reach the General Convention Secretariat at least one hour before a break.
- **RESERVATIONS OF MEETING ROOMS** at the convention centre during the week must be made on site at the General Secretariat 24 hours before the event.

FOR ENGLISH-SPEAKING DELEGATES

Simultaneous translation will be offered in the plenary hall and at theme workshops on Tuesday. Receivers for interpretation are available for English-speaking delegates at the entrance to the **plenary hall (517)**. To borrow a receiver, you must provide a piece of ID that will be returned to you when you bring back the device. As well, English-speaking delegates are free to speak in English during plenary sessions if they wish and their remarks will be translated by the interpreters who will be present with us.

VOTING STATIONS

Voting stations with private voting booths are set up near the plenary hall. On Monday, June 5 and Tuesday, June 6, voting stations are located in **room 518abc**; on Wednesday, Thursday and Friday, votes will take place in **room 516bcd**.

LEVEL 5, EAST SIDE

(AS YOU ARRIVE AT THE TOP OF THE ESCALATORS,
THE EAST IS ON YOUR LEFT)

CONVENTION REGISTRATION FOR STAFFERS AND PENSIONERS (521a)

REGISTRATION HOURS

Monday, June 5, 8:00 a.m. to 6:30 p.m.

CHECKROOM FOR CONVENTION DOCUMENT BAGS (521a)

Please note that strikers have generously agreed to look after the checkroom for convention document bags during the convention. This means you can leave your document bag in the evening and pick it up the next morning. Come and encourage them!

CHILD CARE (525)

In order to encourage the participation of everyone, the CSN has made arrangements for balancing family obligations and union activism. Delegates who have registered their children will therefore be able to use free child care for children between the ages of 2 and 5. The child care schedule will reflect the convention schedule.

CHILD CARE SCHEDULE

Monday, June 5, 8:00 a.m. to 6:30 p.m.

Tuesday, June 6, 8:00 a.m. to 6:30 p.m.

Wednesday, June 7, 8:00 a.m. to 6:30 p.m.

Thursday, June 8, 8:00 a.m. to 6:30 p.m.

Friday, June 9, 8:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.

REST AREA

There is a rest area with tables and chairs where you can take a break or charge your electronic devices. Snacks and drinks can also be purchased there.

WORKSHOPS

**THE NUMBERS OF YOUR THEME AND REGULAR WORKSHOPS
ARE PRINTED ON YOUR ID BADGE.**

Delegates pre-registered by unions that returned their credentials before May 28, 2017 have priority for the choice of a theme workshop and the language of the workshop. If you are not pre-registered and want to participate in one of the theme workshops or the English-language regular workshop, please speak to members of the registration team (516a), who will try to accommodate you, depending on room capacity.

THEME WORKSHOPS

Block 1 – Ensuring lifelong income security

1. A reform of the *Labour Standards Act*: Why? For whom?
2. Minimum guaranteed income, or minimum wage and income security programs?

Block 2 – Developing the economy and creating good-quality jobs

3. The 4th industrial revolution: the end of waged employment? (simultaneous translation)
4. What future does the manufacturing sector have? What is the place of regional development?

Block 3 – Fighting climate change

5. Ending dependence on fossil fuels. What can Québec do in the Canadian context? How to ensure a just transition? (simultaneous translation)
6. Climate change: what is the impact and what are the challenges for Québec regions?

Block 4 – Consolidating public services

7. Does Québec have too much debt? How can we fund public services and fight privatization?

Block 5 – Strengthening democracy

8. Our electoral system needs to be changed. What is the CSN's choice?
9. In the era of social media, what is the future for traditional media and democracy?

THE ROLE OF REGULAR WORKSHOPS

In workshops, you can discuss the resolutions being debated in smaller groups. CSN activists will chair the workshops and act as secretaries for them. They will be accompanied by members of the CSN Executive Committee and their assistants, who will act as resource people.

Note that the Rules of Order apply to workshop discussions. If you are not familiar with them, the workshop chair will be able to guide you so that you can take an active part in the debate. Please feel free to ask for their assistance.

Resolutions that are adopted, defeated, amended, tabled, etc., are sent to the Workshop Resolutions Committee.

More information about workshops, the role of the Workshop Resolutions Committee and proceedings in plenary sessions is available in the document on *General Procedures* for the 65th Convention.

THE 65TH CONVENTION QUOTIDIEN AND WEB SITE

Do you have an original idea, or information to share with the team preparing the daily convention newsletter and posting to the 65th Convention web site? Please go to see them in [room 513bcde](#).

AN ENVIRONMENTALLY FRIENDLY CONVENTION

The convention service has taken various steps to make the 65th Convention a model environmentally responsible event. Affiliated organizations have been invited to contribute practically to achieving this objective, notably by encouraging carpooling and the use of public transit.

All week long, you will be invited to take other tangible steps to minimize the amount of waste sent to landfill sites, reduce the use of materials and offset the greenhouse gas emissions produced. Contrary to previous conventions, we will not be distributing water bottles to delegates at this convention. Please **plan to bring your own**.

You will be asked to sort your waste. Recycling units (for glass, plastic, metal and paper) have been placed at various locations in the convention centre. If you have any questions about how to use these units or any other topic related to environmental and socially responsible measures, members of the green squad will be happy to answer them. You can find squad members at tables located inside the entrances to the plenary hall (517).

You are also invited to fill out a questionnaire included in your documents. This will be used to calculate greenhouse gas emissions by participants in the 65th Convention and to take various steps to offset the convention's environmental footprint.

STANDS

You will also have an opportunity to meet with CSN activists who will be holding stands on a daily rotation of topics. As well, you can visit stands presenting the CSN's collective tools, the SSQ and other organizations.

The stands are located at various places in the lobby on Level 5.

LUNCH TALKS

On Tuesday and Wednesday, the CSN's confederal committees are organizing lunch talks for discussions with delegates.

These will take place at the Holiday Inn Hotel across the street from the convention centre, at 99 Viger ouest. Places are limited. To attend, you will have to pick up tickets during the convention, at a place to be announced in messages during the plenary session.

Tuesday, June 6, from 12:30 to 2:30 p.m.

- **GETTING RID OF MASKS** (LGBT)
- **RESOLUTELY FEMINIST: ISSUES, PRACTICES AND CHALLENGES IN OUR FIGHT FOR EQUALITY** (Status of Women)
- **ME, RACIST? WHAT A LAUGH!** (Intercultural Relations)

Wednesday, June 7, 12:30 to 2:30 p.m.

- **UNION AND SOCIAL QUIZ: THE BATTLE OF THE GENERATIONS** (Youth)
- **ROBOTIZATION OF WORK AND HEALTH AND SAFETY** (Health and safety)
- **ANTICOSTI – YES TO UNESCO, NO TO FOSSIL FUELS** (Environment and Sustainable Development)
- **TAKING UP THE CHALLENGE OF RENEWING THE LABOUR MOVEMENT** (International guests)

DOCUMENTS

No documents, leaflets or newspapers may be distributed or posted without prior authorization from the General Secretary of the CSN. If a request for authorization has not been made before the start of the 65th Convention, it should be submitted to the General Convention Secretariat (514a).

Documents that have been distributed will be collected at the end of each plenary session. They will then be available from members of the green squad. You will find the documents at tables located at the entrances to the plenary hall (517).

THE SOLIDARITY EVENING – SOMETHING NEW!

This year, the solidarity evening will take place outside the convention centre, and it will begin earlier.

You are all invited to the evening, starting at 6:30 p.m. on Thursday, June 8, at New City Gas, 950 Ottawa St., just a 15-minute walk away from the convention centre. After four days of intensive work, don't miss this opportunity for a bit of relaxation.

Don't forget your badge – it's your ticket for the evening. Without it, you won't be able to get in.

MOVING AROUND THE CONVENTION SITE

The marshalls see to it that people move about smoothly on the convention site. You are kindly asked to obey their instructions to circulate when asked to do so, refrain from blocking access and above all wear your delegate's badge at all times. Without the badge, you will not be allowed into either the plenary hall or your workshop. Your cooperation is appreciated.

PARA-MEDICAL ASSISTANCE AND FIRST AID

If needed, para-medical assistance can be obtained quickly by contacting a CSN convention marshall or a member of the convention centre's security service.

IMPORTANT: Don't dial 9-1-1.

It's the Palais des congrès security service that will take care of contacting emergency services.

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