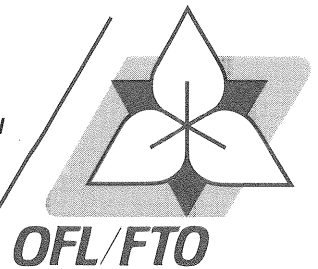


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TO: ALL AFFILIATES

Dear Sisters and Brothers:

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Preliminary Conference Call Bilingual Conference in Ottawa

The Ontario Federation of Labour is organizing a bilingual Conference in Ottawa which will give local unions and representatives tools needed to make sure we are making workplaces work for all members. This Conference will have the same information as the one held in Toronto in November, 2002, and in Thunder Bay in April, 2003.

This Conference on "**Accommodation: Disabilities Rights and Union Responsibilities Getting the Tools You Need**" is planned for the **Crowne Plaza Hotel**, 101 Lyon Street, Ottawa, Ontario, K1R 5T9, Tel: (613) 237-3600, Fax: (613) 237-9114.

**Friday evening, September 26, 2003
Registration & Social**

**Saturday, September 27, 2003
Conference**

The Conference will be of particular interest to local union leaders, union activists, staff representatives, and members with disabilities. The Conference will address such issues as:

What are rights of members and the responsibilities of unions when it comes to accommodations for members with disabilities? How do we look at our workplaces and make changes so that all disabilities are accommodated in advance of requests?

This will be a bilingual Conference with translation in the plenary sessions and workshops in both English and French.

More details and information on this important Conference will be sent out shortly.

In solidarity,

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Executive Vice-President

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