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COMMITTEE ON RESEARCHERS

The Committee on Researchers is back in service. Researchers work in the shadows, but their presence, particularly in programming, is essential. They are those who search for topics and for people to interview, who pre-interview and assist the facilitators. The committee, made up of Caroline Morin, Elise Thivierge and Jean-Ann Bouchard, also has a member of the executive committee, David Savoie, who is also responsible for communications and mobilization.

This committee produced a questionnaire that was sent to all researchers just before the summer break. You are a researcher and you have not completed it? What are you waiting for? Your answers will help the committee in its work. Researchers are also invited to a meeting on October 30th in the Telecom Hall. We hope to see you there in huge numbers!

Federal elections: what are the parties saying?

As you may have noticed, it's federal election time. The political "junkies" follow the battles between the party leaders, the declarations, the controversies. At the SCRC, we are following with greater interest what has been said - or not - about the funding provided to the public broadcaster.

What do the parties say? The Liberal Party of Canada is committed to maintaining funding for the public broadcaster, but according to the Friends of Canadian Broadcasting movement, the Liberal platform leaves many questions unanswered. The LPC does not commit to increasing the funding to CBC/Radio-Canada or the renewal of the reinvestment voted in 2016. This would bring Radio-Canada, after 2021, back to the funding levels of the Harper era. On the Conservative Party side, the platform must be unveiled on October 11th, so the funding issue remains a hypothesis. Chief Andrew Scheer, however, in an interview earlier this year, indicated that he wants to review the mandate and position of CBC/Radio-Canada, particularly with respect to private advertising. The New Democratic Party wants to increase funding for CBC / Radio-Canada, without specifying any amount, to "help repair the damage caused by decades of budget cuts," according to the party's platform. Among the Greens, they want to increase funding for the public broadcaster by \$315 million a year, until contributions per capita are equal to those of the BBC. And a clear position for the People's Party of Canada: Maxime Bernier wants to eliminate CBC funding.

HEALTH AND SAFETY WEEK

From October 14th to 21st, there will be the North American Occupational Safety and Health Week (NAOSH). What does it mean, health and safety at work? In part, it prevents workplace violence - physical and psychological - because that's what a healthy workplace is. Workload and work climate are also included. Moreover, these two topics will be at the heart of the work of the joint committee, which will begin its efforts very soon in the context of Article 69 of the collective agreement. Another problem identified at Radio-Canada: cases of tinnitus, presbycusis and other hearing problems, due to the use of headphones. The basic instruction: always decrease the volume of your headphones to a minimum and increase it gradually, according to your needs.

In the meantime, the NAOSH Committee is preparing a Practical Guide to Occupational Safety and Health. And finally, we're organizing, Thursday, October 17th, at noon in the Telecom Hall, a conference with Natacha Laprise, specialist on overworking who has already studied our current working conditions. Come meet her and ask her your questions!