

REQUEST FOR FINANCIAL SUPPORT



COCAL GATINEAU (QUEBEC) 2024

Gatineau, January 19th, 2024

Dear colleagues,

Comrades,

In the 1990s, a successful conference organized to discuss the erosion of working conditions for non-permanent higher education teaching staff led to the creation of COCAL, the Coalition of Contingent Academic Labour, as we know it today. Since then, COCAL organizes an international conference every two years to offer a forum for mobilization and important discussion and exchange of ideas concerning the daily challenges faced by contract academic staff. These conferences bring together higher education teachers from across North America, including those who work in colleges and universities, in public or private institutions, or in continuing education, whether for- or not-for-profit. Delegates also come from all teaching disciplines and who belong to unions, associations, union federations, or groups seeking unionization.

The fifteenth international COCAL conference will be held at the Université du Québec en Outaouais (UQO) from August 8th to 10th, 2024, in Gatineau Québec, Canada. The conference will be hosted by the Fédération Nationale des Enseignantes et des Enseignants du Québec (FNEEQ-CSN) and the Syndicat des chargées et chargés de cours de l'UQO (SCCC-UQO), with the support of the Canadian Association of University Teachers (CAUT) and the Concordia University Part-time Faculty Association (CUPFA).

In order to help cover the substantial costs associated with a conference of this nature, which will welcome between 150 and 200 participants from all over North America, we are asking for contributions from local and national unions, associations, and union federations. The COCAL conferences in Querétaro, Edmonton, San Jose, Boston, Montreal and Chicago were only successful thanks to your generous support in the past.

It is with great enthusiasm that we would like to add Gatineau to this list. We therefore invite you to support COCAL XV 2024 by using the following link:

<https://www.zeffy.com/en-CA/donation-form/770c626c-c6be-4f5c-856e-4464d9204a3e>.



(To access the English version, please click on EN at the top right of the page.)

Zeffy is a secure website which offers not-for-profit organizations a free platform to collect donations or organize events. Your donations will be directly deposited into a bank account dedicated to COCAL 2024 and managed by FNEEQ-CSN.

If you prefer to make your donation other than via the Zeffy website, please contact Michaël Poirier, responsible for the FNEEQ-CSN accounting, at Michael.Poirier@csn.qc.ca.

Your contribution is essential to ensure that this major event takes place and that it runs smoothly and for that we thank you. The need is great, whether for interpretation services in French, English and Spanish, informational publications for participants, meals, or transportation. A significant portion of the donations will also go to cover the entire cost of attendance for participating teachers who would not otherwise have the means to attend.

Do not hesitate to contact us at cocal2024gatineau@gmail.com if you have any questions regarding COCAL International or its 15th international conference.

In solidarity,

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Glynnis Lleb
President
COCAL international

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'Christine Gauthier'.

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