

FQPPU salutes three professors for their outstanding contribution to the academic community and faculty labour relations

Montréal, October 21, 2011 – To mark its twentieth anniversary, the Fédération québécoise des professeures et professeurs d'université awarded prizes to three professors for their outstanding contributions to academic life and especially, to their support of all professors.

To fulfil its mandate effectively, the FQPPU relies on detailed documentation and in-depth analysis of the university situation. In recognition, it created a special prize for research devoted to universities in Québec. This prize has been awarded to **Michel Umbriaco**, professor at Télé-Université (TÉLUQ), for his exceptional contribution to FQPPU through his research on university finances.

A member of TELUQ for over 35 years as well as founding member, Michel Umbriaco is currently Director of the Education teaching-research department. A research professor, overseeing graduate programs in distance education, he is also the author of numerous works on education, administration, university finances and professional development and training.

FQPPU also created a special prize to reward efforts to establish and maintain the rights of all academic staff. This prize has been awarded to **Malcolm George Baines**, professor at McGill University, for his outstanding contribution to the faculty association there and for his work for academic staff rights.

For over forty years, throughout a long and brilliant career as research professor in immunology, Malcolm G. Baines worked tirelessly within the McGill Association of University Teachers and other associations towards academic freedom and improved working conditions for professors and librarians, notably for non-tenure stream academic staff.

The Guy-Rocher award, created in 2008, is named after its first recipient. It recognizes intellectual and professional contributions to the advancement and strengthening of Quebec universities. The Guy-Rocher prize has been given to **Louis Gill**, professor at Université du Québec à Montréal (UQAM), for his exceptional contributions to the advancement of faculty unions and the professoriate, and his involvement within FQPPU.

After 31 productive years in the Department of Economics at UQAM and continuous involvement in Quebec university labour relations, Louis Gill continues to analyse and investigate the economic, political and social aspects of Québec today. A prolific author, he has made an important contribution towards questions of political economy, and, by the clarity and vigour of his opinions, he has helped educate the general public as well.

FQPPU congratulates all three award recipients and thanks them for their solidarity and their ongoing efforts in support of their colleagues and the university community as a whole.