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## **Part One: A fresh hopeful voice from Quebec: AIMS brings Mario Dumont to Atlantic Canada**



AIMS is bringing one of the most interesting people on the Québec political scene to Atlantic Canada.

The first event is in Halifax on September 20<sup>th</sup> at the Casino Nova Scotia Hotel and the second is in Moncton on the 21<sup>st</sup> at the Université de Moncton.

As leader of the *Action démocratique du Québec (ADQ)*, Mario Dumont proposes the "autonomist option", a new constitutional orientation which aims to unite all Québeckers, thus overcoming the sterile and divisive debates of the past. He also challenges the current health care system and calls for greater openness to and involvement by the private sector, thus creating a mixed public-private health system such as those prevailing in European countries.

Mr. Dumont espouses a political philosophy quite at odds with the conventional wisdom of the province's political class. He is also working hard to forge good working relations with people in all parts of the country, including Atlantic Canada.

For more information contact [aims@aims.ca](mailto:aims@aims.ca) or call 446-3332.

To access the registration form for the Halifax event, [click here](#).  
To access the registration form for the Moncton event, [click here](#).

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## Part Two: Mario Dumont: A politician with a vision.

In the volatile world of Québec politics, he has staying power. Mario Dumont is one of the most interesting people on the Québec political scene today.

The ADQ, which Dumont founded, has become a real force in Québec politics, and has at various times been the most popular party in the province. Dumont himself enjoys a strong following, while espousing a political philosophy quite at odds with the conventional wisdom of the province's political class.

AIMS brings this new class of Québec politician to Atlantic Canada as guest speaker at two luncheons, one in Halifax on September 20<sup>th</sup> and the other in Moncton on the 21<sup>st</sup>. Register now to hear a new side of Quebec politics.

To read Mr. Dumont's biography, [click here](#).

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## Part Three: The Autonomous Option: The ADQ proposal for Quebec's future.

For more than forty years, the political debate on Québec's future has split Québec's population between separation and the *status quo*. As leader of the *Action démocratique du Québec* (ADQ), Mario Dumont proposes the "autonomist option", a new constitutional orientation, which aims to unite all Québeckers and overcome the divisive factions of the past.

Rejecting the path of referendums that lead to separation, the ADQ's new autonomist political agenda articulates itself around three major points: to promote Québec's identity here and abroad, to strengthen Québec's powers, and to exert better control over its natural resources.

AIMS is bringing ADQ Leader Mario Dumont to Atlantic Canada for two luncheons, one in Halifax on September 20<sup>th</sup> and the other in Moncton on September 21<sup>st</sup>. This is your opportunity to hear first-hand about the "autonomous option" from the freshest voice in Québec politics, ADQ Leader Mario Dumont.

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## Part Four: Mario Dumont on why a public-private health care system can work.

The decision by the Supreme Court of Canada to strike down portions of the Québec Health Insurance Act has been the catalyst for one of the most intensive debates on Canada's health care system in years. From coast to coast people are taking sides in the public versus private debate. The debate began in Québec where a court case,

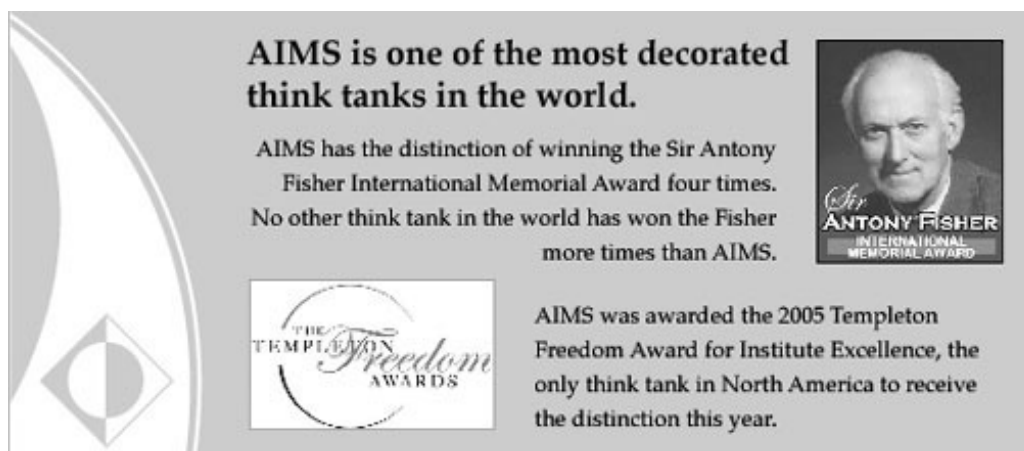
triggered by a long waiting list, started the legal challenge.

*Action démocratique du Québec* (ADQ) Leader Mario Dumont challenges the current health care system and calls for the addition of and contribution from the private sector, thus creating a mixed health care system such as those prevalent in many European countries.

“It would appear that the waiting game is the common denominator for many Canadians trying to access the health care system. Waiting for emergency services, waiting for surgery, waiting to see a doctor: everything now appears to revolve around the incapacity of our current health care system to provide timely basic services. As a result, some people see their general health deteriorate; others die while waiting for services that couldn’t be provided in a timely fashion. In spite of all this, the Canada Health Act maintains a deadlock preventing any significant reform to occur in an area of competency which is in the provincial realm,” says Mr. Dumont.

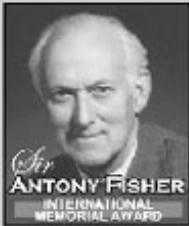
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