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Farewell and thank you, Dr. Katherine Rouleau

Dr. Katherine Rouleau's duties have ceased as the Director of the Besrou Centre and we wish her well in her future endeavours. We thank Katherine for her deep commitment to the goals and activities of the Besrou Centre. The College of Family Physicians of Canada (CFPC) is in the process of recruiting a new director, whom we hope to introduce in the next few months.

Final call for abstracts:

Besrou Forum/Family Medicine Forum: October 30 to November 2, 2019

Please submit your abstracts for sessions and workshops [here](#). The submission deadline is June 15, 2019.

Thank you to all who submitted abstracts for poster presentations at the 2019 Besrou Forum. The Scientific Committee is currently reviewing these submissions. Please direct any questions to besroucentre@cfpc.ca.

WONCA Africa Regional Conference: June 6 to 8, 2019

The Besrou Centre is participating in the [WONCA Africa Regional Conference](#) in Kampala, Uganda. We are pleased to be part of the pre-conference event that the Primafamed (Africa) Network is hosting. Details about what was discussed at the conference will be shared in an upcoming newsletter.

Working group updates

Faculty Development Working Group: The group is presenting a competency-based training workshop at the WONCA Africa Regional Conference. For those unable to participate in the conference, the presentation will be available following the event.

Papers and Research Working Group: Three papers are near completion: "Contrasting current challenges from the Brazilian and Canadian national health systems," "Telemedicine in the driver's seat: a new role for primary care access in Brazil and Canada," and "Comparative analysis of the quality of primary care between Canada and Brazil from the patient perspective."

The manuscript for "A framework for ethical international academic partnership in family medicine" is now complete and will soon be published in *Canadian Family Physician*.

Advocacy, Community Engagement, and Ethics Working Group: The need for family practice champions to be linked to community engagement globally was flagged as far back as 2013, at the second Besroure conference. It has been raised at each subsequent Besroure Conference. Until now there has been limited capacity within the network to pursue this area of interest. Following a recent call-out, a group of Canadian and international partners held a teleconference to discuss this further. Co-leads have been identified and the next teleconference will be scheduled for late July or early August. The voices of our international partners are important, and if you are interested in joining the next teleconference please contact us at besrourecentre@cfpc.ca.

Message from the CFPC's Section of Residents Council

Each year the Section of Residents identifies a topic relevant to family medicine education for which they develop a Guide for Improvement of Family Medicine Training (GIFT). Input into the document is obtained from program directors, key CFPC academic committees, and, most importantly, family medicine residents from across the country. The *Guide to Quality Improvement Education in Family Medicine Residency* has just been released. You can find the documents online in [English](#) and [French](#).

International events at a glance

The Besroure Centre's schedule for upcoming conference participation is listed below. At some events we will provide sessions and workshops while at others we will attend as delegates. We invite you to consider joining your Besroure colleagues at these events:

- [North American Refugee Health Conference](#): Toronto, Canada; June 14 to 16, 2019
- [Association for Medical Education in Europe](#): Vienna, Austria; August 24 to 28, 2019
- [The Network: Towards Unity for Health 2019](#): Darwin, Australia; September 10 to 13, 2019