



**Note: This is a combined September/October edition of the newsletter.**

## **Besroul Forum/Family Medicine Forum 2019**

### **Family Medicine: Leading for the future of global health**

Register today for the 2019 Besroul Forum, taking place on the first day of Family Medicine Forum (FMF), in Vancouver, British Columbia, Canada.

**Besroul Forum:** October 30, 2019

**FMF:** October 30 to November 2, 2019

Read the [Schedule-at-a-Glance](#) and the [Delegate Prospectus](#) for more information.

To register, go to the [FMF online registration](#) website.

### **2019 Besroul Poster presentations**

The Scientific Committee thanks all who have submitted posters for the Besroul Poster Presentation. We have a total of 18 posters being presented from around the world! We look forward to the inspiring and lively scholarly dialogues during this event. To view the abstracts in advance, please visit the [2019 Besroul Forum Abstract Presentations website](#) or check out the 2019 FMF App.

### **Join us virtually!**

#### **The Besroul Café: Making real-time connections in global family medicine**

**When: October 30, 2019, 11:15 a.m. to 12:15 p.m. (PT)**

In previous conversation we shared our exciting new idea generated at the WONCA Africa Regional Conference in June 2019—the Besroul Café. The Besroul Café is a proposed internet platform that allows monthly/bimonthly real-time discussions between Canadian and international partners on various topics related to education and training in global family medicine, as identified by stakeholders.

Join us as we launch the pilot on Wednesday, October 30, 2019, at the Besroul Forum. If you are not attending the Forum, please join us virtually. An invitation with video conferencing details will be circulated in a separate email.

## Strategic plan

**When: October 31, 2019, 11:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. (PT)**

The Besroul Centre will also be holding a strategic planning session to discuss the future priorities of the Besroul community. To ensure inclusivity in our discussion, we virtual connection for those who wish to participate and will not be attending the Forum in person. An invitation with video conferencing details will be circulated in separate email.

## Growing our Canadian Networks

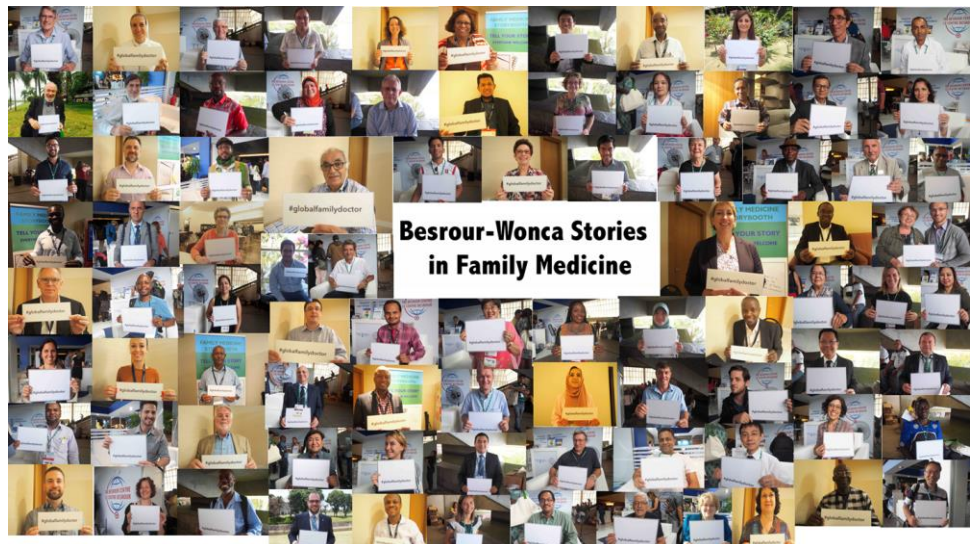
In September, the Besroul Centre held preliminary discussions with a variety of Canadian networks involved in global health and family medicine, including Academics Without Borders, the Canadian Medical Association, and the WHO Collaborating Centre for Knowledge Translation, Technology Assessment for Health Equity at the Bruyere Research Institute, University of Ottawa. We look forward to continued discussions around areas of mutual interest and future collaborations.

## Besroul Working Groups

### Besroul Narratives and FM Mapping

The working group is excited to announce that the manuscript "[A global picture of family medicine: the view from a WONCA Storybooth](#)" has been accepted for publication in *BMC Family Practice*.

Congratulations to authors Vincent Cubaka, Clayton Dyck, Russell Dawe, Baraa Alghalyini, Molly Whalen-Browne, Gabriel Cejas, and Christine Gibson.



### Besroul Research

The group is pleased to confirm the following papers that are scheduled to be published in *Canadian Family Physician (CFP)* in the coming months:

- Framework for ethical international, academic partnerships in family medicine: October 2019
- Besroul Series Papers:
  - Comparative analysis of the quality of primary care between Canada and Brazil from the patient perspective: February 2020

- Telemedicine in the driver's seat: a new role for primary care access in Brazil and Canada: April 2020
- Contrasting current challenges from the Brazilian and Canadian national health systems: December 2019

### Medical Education and Training

For those who expressed an interest in participating in this group, please note our next teleconference is scheduled for Wednesday, October 16, 2019, at 12:00 p.m. (ET). If you have not received the invitation, please contact [vshewell@cfpc.ca](mailto:vshewell@cfpc.ca).

### University of Sherbrooke Receives Grant from Global Affairs Canada

Congratulations to the University of Sherbrooke and our colleagues in Mali, who received a \$19.9M grant from Global Affairs Canada to support family medicine and sexual and reproductive health and rights for women and girls in Mali.



### Toronto International Conference on Quality in Primary Care

Register now for the Toronto International Conference on Quality in Primary Care, taking place November 16, 2019. For more information visit [the conference website](#).

### Articles of Interest

Nigeria marks three years of endemic polio-free, other African countries to follow by early 2020. Read more [here](#).