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Please note, this is a combined September/October edition of the Besroure Centre for Global Family Medicine at the College of Family Physicians of Canada newsletter.

The Besroure Centre will distribute additional weekly communications in October about the upcoming 2018 Besroure Forum.

## 2018 Besroure Forum

Please remember to register for the 2018 Besroure Forum—Building on Astana 2018: Global Family Medicine for Healthy Communities—being held in conjunction with the College of Family Physicians of Canada (CFPC)'s Family Medicine Forum (FMF). Visit the [FMF online portal](#) to register. Details are available in our [Delegate Prospectus and Forum Schedule](#).

We encourage you to join us at the pre-forum event on Tuesday, November 13, 2018, for the Alma-Ata 40th Anniversary Dialogue and Dinner. An array of speakers will lead discussions about family medicine's role in providing high-quality primary health care to communities worldwide. The event will be held at the Faculty Club at the University of Toronto. Registration is required for this event.

## Working group updates

**Faculty Development and Continuing Professional Development:** The groups continue to work on the competency-based training workshop and resource kit being presented at the Besroure Forum on Thursday, November 15, 2018. The next teleconference is scheduled for Thursday, October 4, 2018, at 11:00 a.m. for any working group members who wish to participate. The groups also plan to present this workshop at the WONCA Africa Conference in Uganda in June 2019.

The groups continue to collaborate with CFPC experts and the Faculdade Santa Marcelina (FASM) in Brazil to strengthen the competency-based residency curriculum at FASM. The project is expected to be completed in January 2019.

**Besroure Papers and Research:** The Canada-Brazil journal cross-comparison collaboration's first paper is scheduled for publication in the November 2018 edition of *Canadian Family Physician*.

- **Besroure Scientific Committee:** Thank you to everyone who submitted a poster abstract for the 2018 Besroure Forum. The committee has received 24 poster abstracts for presentation at the Forum on Wednesday, November 14, 2018.

**Narratives and FM Mapping:** The Story Booth initiative will be presented as a workshop at the WONCA World Conference in Seoul, Korea, in October 2018.

**Resident Group:** Have you met new residents who would be interested in joining the group? They are welcome to email Dr. Molly Whalen-Browne at [BesroureResidents@cfpc.ca](mailto:BesroureResidents@cfpc.ca).

### Memorial University offering enhanced skills training in the care of underserved populations

The Discipline of Family Medicine at Memorial University of Newfoundland is currently accepting applications for its **Care of Underserved Populations (CUP) Enhanced Skills Program** with a July 1, 2019, start date. This is a 12-month, third-year program for family medicine residents or for practising family physicians who want to pursue additional training. It includes rotations in inner-city health (St. John's), Indigenous health (Labrador), and international health (Nepal). The program has several unique features and can be tailored to learners' specific objectives, depending on their career goals. Applications for the program starting in 2019 are due **October 26, 2018**. For more information please contact Dr. Russell Dawe, CUP Program Director, at [r.dawe@mun.ca](mailto:r.dawe@mun.ca), or:

- Check out the [website](#)
- Read the program [brochure](#)
- Watch the new promotional [video](#)

### Japanese delegation visiting the CFPC

The CFPC will welcome a Japanese delegation from **Min-Iren, the Federation of Democratic Medical Institutions of Japan**, at the National Office on Thursday, September 27, 2018. In a meeting led by the CFPC's Health Policy and Government Relations Department, the Besroure Centre will participate in discussions about social accountability and addressing social determinants of health, including a comparison of Canadian and Japanese experiences in these areas.

### CFPC to host Chinese academic family medicine leaders

The CFPC, through the Besroure Centre, has received a request from academic family physicians in China to allow two physicians to observe a CFPC certification examination and meet with exam experts during an on-site visit in October 2018. The visiting physicians will attend a full-day training session for examiners and the simulated office oral portion of the October exam.

### Global Conference on Primary Health Care

The [Global Conference on Primary Health Care](#), co-hosted by the World Health Organization, UNICEF, and the Government of Kazakhstan, is being held in Astana, Kazakhstan, from October 25 to 26, 2018. The Besroure Centre has submitted an expression of interest to attend the conference. Submissions were also made to host a café session on global family medicine's contributions to primary care in diverse settings and to display an exhibit on the Besroure Story Booth project.

## **Besroure Centre to provide expertise to Argentina's Ministry of Health**

Following an initial teleconference between the Besroure Centre and Argentina's Ministry of Health in July 2018, which the World Bank facilitated, the Besroure Centre received a request to provide a consultation on various aspects of family medicine education and training in Argentina. The Besroure Centre has agreed to do this and is developing a consultation project design and contractual agreement in collaboration with its World Bank and Argentine partners. An on-site consultation is anticipated for late fall 2018.