

## WONCA Africa Regional Conference: June 6 to 8, 2019

The Besrour Centre continues to plan for the <u>WONCA Africa Regional Conference</u> in Kampala, Uganda.

- Pre-conference: June 4 and 5, 2019
- Conference: June 6 to 8, 2019

A gathering of the Besrour community is being arranged. If you are planning to attend the conference and have not yet shared this with us, please let us know.

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

As the Besrour Centre continues to engage in planning for <u>Family Medicine Forum 2019</u> in Vancouver, Canada, we remind you of the approaching deadlines:

- Call for free-standing papers: April 5, 2019, 11:59 p.m. (ET)
- Call for posters: April 5, 2019, 11:59 p.m. (ET)

#### The Besrour Centre call for posters:

The Besrour Scientific Committee is eager to hear about your research, quality improvement projects, and other programs happening in your community. You are encouraged to send your abstract(s) to <u>besrourcentre@cfpc.ca</u>. Please see the <u>submission guidelines here</u>.

• Besrour Forum call for posters deadline: May 1, 2019

The recipient of the **2019 Best Poster prize** is invited to present their project as an invited speaker at the 2020 Besrour Forum and receives an economy flight and accommodations to attend. This prize will be awarded to the first author of the poster, or to the next-listed author on the poster who is from the Global South if the first author defers.

### Dr. Clayton Dyck to lead new Medical Education and Training Portfolio

Please join us in welcoming Dr. Clayton Dyck as the lead of the Besrour Centre's new Medical Education and Training Portfolio. In response to the needs of our international partners the Besrour Centre combined its Faculty Development and Continuing Professional Development working groups under this one umbrella. Clayton had been the lead of the Besrour Centre Faculty Development Working Group for many years and has been an integral member of the Besrour network since its inception. We are looking forward to welcoming him in this expanded role!

### Working group updates

**Faculty Development Working Group:** The group continues to work on the competency-based training workshop being presented at the WONCA Africa Regional Conference in June 2019.

**Narratives and FM Mapping Working Group**: The group is nearing completion of the Story Booth manuscript for submission to the journal *BMC Family Practice*. Participants are also developing a few other manuscripts, building on themes uncovered in a <u>recent Narrative paper</u> published in *Canadian Family Physician (CFP)*.

**Papers and Research Working Group:** Authors of the Canada-Brazil series continue to make final edits to their manuscript in preparation for submission to the *CFP* Besrour series.

Both the **Research** and **Narratives** working groups recently met to discuss how they might best align their work to generate knowledge in global family medicine.

**Ethics Working Group:** The ethics framework that Dr. Janie Giard and Beatrice Godard developed is being used to create a manuscript for submission to *CFP*.

#### **Besrour Monthly Hubs**

The Besrour Centre recently announced the launch of its first monthly hub, which will be held in early April 2019. The invitation will be sent via a separate email in the coming weeks. For the hubs:

- Content will be relevant to the Besrour Centre's three spheres of activities: education, research, and advocacy/partnerships
- Topics will be selected in advance and led by various Besrour community members
- The initial 20 minutes will be given to presenters to share their initiatives followed by 40 minutes of participant engagement through discussion and Q&A

We welcome you to submit your hub ideas to <u>besrourcentre@cfpc.ca</u>. Points to consider include:

- What topics do you wish to discuss that are relevant to the Besrour Centre's three spheres?
- Whom do you suggest we invite as a guest speaker?
- Do you have something you would like to present to and discuss with the wider Besrour network?

### International events at a glance

The Besrour 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 Besrour colleagues at these events:

- <u>RIFRESS Summit</u>: Rabat, Morocco; March 20 to 23, 2019
- <u>Canadian Conference on Medical Education</u>: Niagara Falls, Canada; April 13 to 16, 2019
- <u>Society of Teachers of Family Medicine</u>: Toronto, Canada; April 27 to May 1, 2019
- <u>Women Deliver 2019 Conference</u>: Vancouver, Canada; June 3 to 6, 2019
- North American Refugee Health Conference: Toronto, Canada; June 14 to 16, 2019

### Research grant related to working in resource-limited settings

The <u>International Association for Medical Education</u> (AMEE) Research Committee invites you to submit a proposal for the AMEE Grant for Medical Educators working in Resource Constrained Settings.

The AMEE Research Committee is mindful of the variable research capacity that is available in the targeted contexts. To assist the winner of this award to achieve the best outcomes and facilitate the greatest impact of the work in their local context but also more broadly, the following will be included for use at the request of the winner:

- A research mentor from the discipline in which the work is envisaged
- Access to the full set of AMEE research guides
- <u>Access to an online</u> version of the Research Essential Skills in Medical Education course offered by AMEE
- The ability to participate in an AMEE conference through the online streaming facility (AMEELive); this will not include the registration or other costs associated with in-person attendance at the conference

The grant is for \$2,000 (no facilities and administration fee)

This amount may be given to a single applicant or divided across several applicants.

Applicants will be notified of the outcome of their submissions in June 2019.