

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

The Besrour Centre encourages you to submit your abstracts for the Family Medicine Forum 2019 to the Besrourcentre@cfpc.ca:

Workshops:Deadline June 15, 2019Posters:Deadline June 1, 2019 (extended)

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

The Besrour community will be gathering at the <u>WONCA Africa Regional Conference</u> in Kampala, Uganda. Besrour Centre delegates are welcome to participate in the pre-conference taking place on June 4 and 5, 2019. If you are attending and have not shared this with us, please drop us an email so we may include you in our planning details.

A number of Besrour partners will be providing workshops and presentations during the Conference, including two Besrour partners whom will be giving keynote addresses, including Dr. Christine Gibson and Dr. David Ponka who has been invited to present on '*Developing Family Medicine Globally: The Besrour Centre at the College of Family Physicians of Canada*' scheduled for June 7<sup>th</sup>, 2019.

#### The Besrour Centre welcomes El Salvador to our community

**El Salvador:** The Besrour Centre extends a warm welcome to our newest partners, Dr Jose Villeda (currently practicing in Carman, Manitoba) and colleagues from the Asociacion de Medicina Familiar de El Salvador – Drs. Samuel Henriquez, Victor Campos and Gustavo Cuellar. The Besrour Centre is looking forward to hearing more about the development of family medicine in El Salvador and to working together as a community to improve global family medicine. Welcome!

# The Pontificia Universidad Católica de Chile

The Pontificia Universidad Católica de Chile and the CFPC have been in discussions regarding a Memorandum of Understanding. The document is now pending signatures, and we look forward to our future collaborations.

#### Sociedad Peruana de Medicina Familiar y Comunitaria

The Besrour Centre has been approached by the Peruvian Society of Family and Community Medicine to explore possible areas of collaboration. The Society will be providing the Besrour Centre with more background information on their health system and family medicine programs and a list of topics for further discussion. We look forward to continued discussions.

# **Global Family Medicine Education Symposium**

On Monday April 29<sup>th</sup>, 2019, the Society of Teachers of Family Medicine (STFM) Conference held a Global Family Medicine Education Symposium as an opportunity to learn from and interact with family medicine educators around the globe and to discuss key issues impacting family medicine education internationally. This event was co-hosted by the STFM Global Health Educators Collaborative, the University of Toronto Department of Family & Community Medicine and the Besrour Centre. Besrour partners from Brazil (Dr. Thiago Trindade) and Kenya (Dr. Patrick Chege) were key facilitators during the very successful event!

#### Working group update

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

# 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:

- Women Deliver 2019 Conference: Vancouver, Canada; June 3 to 6, 2019
- 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: Darwin, Australia; September 10 to 13, 2019