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## Working group updates

- **Narratives Working Group:** The process of translating stories from the Besrou Storybooth, originating at WONCA Brazil, is almost complete. The team will soon be preparing to work on the thematic analysis, led by Dr. Vincent Cubaka, our international colleague in Rwanda. Dr. Bob Woollard, along with a small group of international colleagues, will be spearheading the thematic paper from an institutional perspective.

Looking ahead to the World Summit on Social Accountability, April 8th to 12th, 2017, Dr. Christine Gibson will be presenting for the Narrative Towards Social Accountability—“Harvesting and Hearing: Narratives for Authentic Collaboration and Learning.”

- **Faculty Development Working Group:** The group is in the final stages of writing up their focus group paper, which will feed into developing the next set of activities. An invitation will be extended to interested Besrou colleagues to join the working group at the next planning meeting scheduled for late spring.
- **Advocacy Working Group:** The Ethics Subcommittee Working Group led by Dr. Janie Giard, with the assistance of Dr. Beatrice Godard, continues to work on the ethical framework, with a workshop planned at the World Summit on Social Accountability in April. The group will be circulating information to the Besrou community for feedback in anticipation of the workshop. Anyone interested participating in a more in-depth role is encouraged to contact Dr. Giard at [Janie.Giard@fmed.ulaval.ca](mailto:Janie.Giard@fmed.ulaval.ca).

## External conferences

### World Summit on Social Accountability, Hammamet, Tunisia, April 8 to 12, 2017

As previously communicated, the Besrou Centre is pleased to be participating at this summit in Tunisia, thanks to the generosity of Dr. Sadok Besrou. We look forward to sharing results of this collaboration upon our return. If you are attending, be sure to check out the following sessions given by members of the Besrou collective.

#### Pre-conference workshops:

- Série CSCOM-U. Sélection des Centres de Santé Communautaire Destinés à Devenir des Lieux de Formation Clinique Ancrés dans la Communauté Devenant Ainsi des Lieux Concrets de Responsabilité Sociale pour les Institutions d'Enseignement en Santé (French language workshop)  
Presenter: Dr. François Couturier (University of Sherbrooke)
- Atelier Éthique: Vers un Partenariat Socialement Responsable (French language workshop)  
Presenter: Dr. Janie Giard (Université Laval)

#### Mini workshop during the conference:

- Harvesting and Hearing: Use of Narratives for Authentic Collaboration and Learning  
Presenter: Dr. Christine Gibson (University of Calgary)

**Exhibit space:**

The Besrou Centre has purchased exhibit space and we look forward to the increased visibility. Visit the conference program [website](#) for more information.

**Family Medicine Global Health Workshop, Houston, Texas, October 5 to 7, 2017**

The American Academy of Family Physicians will be hosting their [Family Medicine Global Health Workshop](#) in Houston, Texas, October 5 to 7, 2017. This year's theme is **Global Family Medicine: Learn it here. Apply it everywhere**. Practising physicians, faculty, residents, and students with interests or experience in international and/or global health activities are encouraged to [submit abstracts](#) for workshop and poster presentations. Presentations related to the following topics are of particular interest:

- Core and emerging global health and clinical issues
- Global expansion of family medicine
- Designing, administering, and improving global health programs
- Research-related topics about the strengths of family medicine
- GLOCAL: Local global health
- Health equity and social determinants of health

The submission deadline is May 15, 2017.

Dr. Katherine Rouleau has been invited to speak about the social determinants of health, as a plenary speaker.

**Current collaborations****Chinese Medical Doctor Association**

The Besrou Centre is honoured to be welcomed back as participants at the Chinese Medical Doctor Association's (CMDA) 2017 Annual General Meeting, which will be held in Nanjing City, China, April 20 to 21, 2017. Dr Ric Almond, CFPC Director of Accreditation, assisted by Dr. Brian Wang, President, Chinese Canadian Medical Society, and Board Director, World Association of Chinese Doctors, will be speaking about Canadian accreditation standards. Dr. Katherine Rouleau will also be attending to further explore points of collaboration between the CMDA and CFPC.

**Zhejiang International Center of Medical and Health Cooperation**

The Besrou Centre and the CFPC are delighted to welcome a delegation from the Zhejiang Health and Family Planning Commission (province of Eastern China), on May 25th, 2017. We look forward to sharing an overview on the Canadian health care system and insight into the Canadian medical education system.

**Toronto International Program**

The Besrou Centre will be hosting to a group of international delegates enrolled in Toronto International Program: Strengthening Family Medicine and Primary Care, offered by the University of Toronto, May 1 to 12, 2017. The intent of their visit to the CFPC is to learn general information on the Canadian health care system, family medicine, and the role of the College with respect to accreditation and education.