

## Besrou Forum 2017



**Happy holidays! Joyeuses fêtes! Felices fiestas! Boas festas! những ngày lễ hạnh phúc! 节日快乐!**

As the holiday season approaches we'd like to take this opportunity  
to thank you for your continued partnership.

To partners celebrating the holiday season and the new year, may this time be filled with  
joy, happiness, and success.

We look forward to continued collaboration and advancing our work in 2018.

The Besrou Centre Team

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Thank you to all who travelled from Canada's coasts and from further away to make this year's forum a huge success! The full conference report is currently in progress and we hope to share it in the new year. In the meantime, please see the attached highlights from this year's event. As well, all forum materials can be found in the [Besrou Dropbox](#) folder.

## Faculty Development Working Group

Delegates who participated in the Faculty Development workshop at the Besroul Forum on Wednesday, November 8, 2017, were given the opportunity to:

- Join a faculty development mentorship—Peer network
- Receive assistance with the development of faculty development toolkits
- Collaborate with the College of Family Physicians of Canada's (CFPC) Section of Teachers on scholarly work

If you did not attend the workshop and you are interested in any of the above, please contact us at [besroulcentre@cfpc.ca](mailto:besroulcentre@cfpc.ca).

## Best Poster Award

This year's Best Poster Award goes to **Global Family Medicine Stories: An ongoing thematic analysis**. Congratulations to co-authors: Dr. Vincent Cubaka, University of Rwanda; Dr. Christine Gibson, University of Calgary; Dr. Clayton Dyck, University of Manitoba; Dr. Barra Alghalyini, Alfaisal University (Kingdom of Saudi Arabia); Dr. Molly Whalen-Browne, University of Calgary; Dr. Gabriel Cejas, Universidad de Buenos Aires (Argentina). To view all posters, please visit the [Besroul Dropbox](#) folder.

## Forum evaluation survey

An evaluation survey has been sent to all Forum participants, via separate email. If you have not yet completed, we ask that you complete and return it, as your feedback will help us with next year's planning.

## Articles of interest

David Eidelman, MDCM, Vice-Principal (Health Affairs), Dean of the Faculty of Medicine, McGill University, is pleased to announce the recipient of the [2017 Medicine Alumni Global Community Service Award](#)—Sister Monique Bourget, Hospital Santa Marcelina - Conselho Regional de Medicina do Estado de Sao Paulo.

[The Policy Bite: shared principles of primary care](#). Dr. Ruth Wilson (Canada) and Amanda Howe (UK) write "... 'primary care' and 'primary health care' are often used loosely, and there is a need to define and characterise good primary care. Here are eight principles of primary care, recently endorsed by many primary care and family medicine organizations in North America, for consideration."

Atul Gawande's article in *The New Yorker*, [The Heroism of Incremental Care](#), is an interesting follow-up to the discussions at the Forum about primary care— particularly the role the Besroul community could and should play in global primary care delivery.

*"Primary care... is the medical profession that has the greatest over-all impact, including lower mortality and better health, not to mention lower medical costs."*

## The Network: Towards Unity for Health (TUFH)—Call for abstracts

The Network is inviting the Besrou community to submit abstracts to its annual meeting in Limerick, Ireland, August 16th to 20th, 2018. This annual meeting's theme, [Community Empowerment for Health: A Multi-Sectoral Approach](#), continues to advance collaboration with others outside the traditional health network. The deadline for abstract submission is January 15, 2018.

While the Besrou Centre cannot guarantee funding for Besrou partners to attend at this time, the Besrou Centre is committed to collaborating with and supporting the important work of The Network. If a member of the Besrou community wishes to submit on behalf of the Centre, please let us know!

## Besrou Forum 2017 Mainpro+® credits

This Group Learning program meets the certification criteria of the Quebec College of Family Physicians, a continuing professional development-accrediting organization recognized by the Collège de médecins du Québec, and has been approved for 11 Mainpro+ credits (recognized as Category 1 for non-CFPC members) under the condition that the ethical standards are met.

CFPC members may claim their credits online in the credit reporting area. Non-CFPC members may request participation certificates by contacting [vshewell@cfpc.ca](mailto:vshewell@cfpc.ca).