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## Mark your calendars!

The next College of Family Physicians of Canada (CFPC) Family Medicine Form (FMF) will take place November 8–11, 2017, at the Palais des congrès, in Montreal, Canada.

Anyone wishing to make a submission for FMF 2017, please note the deadlines:

Call for **Sessions and Workshops:** **February 6, 2017**, 11:59 pm (ET)

Call for **Free-Standing Papers:** **April 8, 2017**, 11:59 pm (ET)

Call for **Posters:** **April 8, 2017**, 11:59 pm (ET)

Submit your abstract at <http://fmf.cfpc.ca/abstracts/>

The 2017 Besroul Conference will be held in tandem with the FMF in Montreal, and the dates will be confirmed shortly.

## 2016 Conference participation credit

CFPC members who attended the 2016 Besroul Conference are reminded to claim participation credits by submitting them online at [www.cfpc.ca/login](http://www.cfpc.ca/login)

- The 2016 Besroul Conference Group Learning program has been certified by the CFPC for up to 16.75 Mainpro+® credits. When submitting, use session ID# 185815-001.
- The 21st WONCA World Conference of Family Doctors Group Learning program has been certified by the CFPC for up to 33.5 Mainpro+ credits.

Besroul colleagues who wish to receive an electronic copy of their participation certificate can contact Vera Shewell, Global Health Administrative Coordinator, at [vshewell@cfpc.ca](mailto:vshewell@cfpc.ca)

## Delegates wishing to participate in areas of interest

As a follow-up to the 2016 Besroul Conference, this serves as a second reminder to anyone wishing to participate in a specific area of interest. You can sign up using the attached form and returning it to [vshewell@cfpc.ca](mailto:vshewell@cfpc.ca)

## Working group updates

### Faculty Development Working Group

Co-leads Lynda Redwood-Campbell and Clayton Dyck hosted a successful workshop at the conference in Rio, entitled (wait for it, it's a mouthful) **Global perspectives and local contexts: Moving forward in faculty development for your new family medicine program**. Through a combination of didactic and small group work, the session introduced an overview of faculty development concepts, provided examples/resources and lessons learned from the working group's recent activities, and provided attendees with an opportunity to share and develop their own faculty development strategies. The Working Group is heading into the home stretch with the focus group analysis conducted over the past year. Data analysis is nearly complete, with the anticipation of writing up the findings in the next 1–2 months.

### Narratives and FM Mapping Working Group

The Besroul Storybooth at WONCA Brazil was a resounding success, with 132 stories from 55 countries. The team, led by Christine Gibson, is now working on transcriptions, which will soon be analyzed for themes. Next steps will be further work on the Storybooth narratives: video production, working with WONCA and the Besroul Center to distribute, and presenting at the World Summit on Social Accountability in Tunisia.



Also successful was the Pentagonam Partners, led by Bob Woollard, and how important it is to hear the stories emerging from all partners when establishing health systems. The Brazilian colleagues participated, using their engagement model as an example.

The group hopes to soon publish the thematic analysis in *Canadian Family Physician* as a follow-up to the first piece about the process of gathering institutional narratives, and will be working on that this year as well.

## Current collaborations

### Chinese Medical Doctor's Association

As part of the Besroul Centre's ongoing collaboration with China, a representative from the Chinese Medical Doctor's Association (CMDA) attended a Canadian residency training program accreditation visit as an observer. The visit was an important learning opportunity for the CMDA and an opportunity for the CFPC to engage in thoughtful discussion about its accreditation process. We were delighted to have had the opportunity to exchange knowledge with the CMDA about the Canadian accreditation process.

### Pudong delegation

The Besroul Centre had the pleasure of hosting a group from the Pudong region of China. Participants were general practitioners working in community health centres or district hospital in Shanghai, many of whom also specialized in traditional Chinese medicine. The group was here as part of the University of Toronto's

International Program, which included their visit to the CFPC. The presentation was an overview of the Canadian health care system and the CFPC's education and accreditation.

### **Anhui delegation**

The Besrouer Centre recently welcomed 20 delegates from the Anhui Provincial Commission of Health and Family Planning in China. The purpose of their visit was to learn more about standards for accreditation of medical education programs, the development of quality health human resources, and improvement in the quality of residency programs and medical education.

### **External conferences**

World Summit on Social Accountability: Improving the Impact of Educational Institutions on People's Health

The Network: Towards Unity for Health (TUFH)

April 8–12, 2017

Hammamet, Tunisia

As a conference partner, the Besrouer Centre will be represented at this event. Several submissions on behalf of Besrouer working groups have been made. We are very interested in knowing which of our Besrouer partners will also be attending this conference.

[www.worldsummitonsocialaccountability.com](http://www.worldsummitonsocialaccountability.com)

### **Articles published**

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