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Greetings, Besroul colleagues,

A new year has begun, and it's the perfect time for new beginnings, new ideas, and new challenges. You have all played a crucial role in the past year's prosperity, and we gratefully look forward to what the new year brings as we strive to improve family medicine globally!

Working groups summary:

Thank you to Besroul colleagues who have expressed their interest in participating in specific working groups. Your working group lead will contact you shortly. Working plans for 2016 are being finalized by the leads and soon

will be shared with the respective group participants.

Final reminders for submissions:

- FMF 2016 submissions deadline: February 11, 2016
 - *Education for Primary Care Journal* (WONCA Edition) deadline: March 20, 2016
- The September 2016 edition of the "Education for Primary Care" Journal will be publishing a special issue focused on WONCA 2016. This provides an opportunity to disseminate the work that is being done in teaching and education, as well as innovations, programs and curriculum development. Anyone interested is asked to contact Dr. Allyn Walsh walsha@mcmaster.ca

Besroul Conference 2016:

Thank you to members who have shown an interest in participating on the conference planning committee; we'll be in contact shortly. In the meantime, we anticipate the confirmation of our venue within the next month and look forward to providing you with further details.

MAINPRO® M1 credit application:

Members who would like to claim their Besroul conference 2015 credits online may do so under the Mainpro accredited programs and events category. You do not need to submit your certificate; however, please keep documents for your records in the event you are asked to participate in a credit audit.

Besroul strategic planning:

As the Besroul Centre continues to evolve, so does our strategic plan. We thank Cecil Canteenwalla and Dr Clayton Dyck for volunteering their expertise and time on this most important document. Once final, this document will be shared on the IGLOO site.

Capacity-building workshops: In March, Dr Clayton, from the University of Manitoba will once again be visiting our Besroul Centre partners at the Shantou University Medical College in Shantou, China, to provide a version of the Besroul Capacity Building Workshop. We continue to have these workshops recognized for accreditation by the College of Family Physicians of Canada. This workshop will also be facilitated by the University of Calgary's Dr Christine Gibson at the University of Gondar, Ethiopia, in the next month. Congratulations and a wish for continued success to our Besroul partners!