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## Working group updates

**Narratives Working Group:** The Storybooth project team continues to work on its thematic analysis and is exploring ways to disseminate its findings effectively and creatively to a wider audience.

**Advocacy Working Group – Ethics Subcommittee:** As it works toward the development of the Besrou Centre Ethics Framework, the subcommittee is reviewing feedback participants provided at a workshop held at the World Summit on Social Accountability in Tunisia in April 2017. Following this review, materials will be circulated to the wider Besrou community for additional support. Anyone wishing to contribute to this important endeavour is asked to contact [besroucentre@cfpc.ca](mailto:besroucentre@cfpc.ca).

**Continuing Medical Education Working Group:** Under the leadership of Dr. Jamie Meuser, the working group is creating a generic manual to assist international partners whose health systems either do not have or are in the preliminary stages of implementing a continuing professional development (CPD) system for physicians. The development of last year's CPD manual for Tunisia and the extensive and positive feedback our Tunisian partners have provided will be instrumental in directing our next steps.

**Besrou Papers and Research Working Group:** Our Brazilian colleagues have approached us to partner with them on a Brazil–Canada journal on primary health care experiences. We have had a series of meetings and now have a terms of reference document in place. Many discussions are under way with respect to approaching potential authors from both countries; identifying potential literature reviews, articles, and themes; defining approaches to journal co-publications; establishing time frames; etc. We will provide updates as this project develops.

### Scientific Committee – Call for Abstracts

We are looking forward to the Besrou Global Health Conference in Montreal, tentatively scheduled for November 7<sup>th</sup>, 2017. Last year a number of participants expressed interest in creating an opportunity at the Conference for participants to showcase their research, quality improvement, and medical education projects. A number of working groups and individuals among us are diligently collaborating around innovative work in family medicine, which deserves to be presented! Whether your project is complete or perhaps still in progress, we encourage you to make your submission. Not only can Besrou Colleagues learn from your work, but this will also add to your CV. Please consider submitting an abstract (**due July 1, 2017**) for a poster presentation at the Besrou Conference in 2017. See attachment for more details.

## 2016 Besroul Conference report

We are pleased to provide the full report of the 2016 Besroul Conference at [http://www.cfpc.ca/Annual\\_Besroul\\_Conference/](http://www.cfpc.ca/Annual_Besroul_Conference/)

### External conferences

#### World Health Summit Regional Meeting, Montreal, May 8 to 9, 2017



involving Indigenous peoples in Canada.

The North America Regional Meeting of the World Health Summit was a good opportunity for the Besroul Centre to reconnect and network with many key Canadian and international partners on areas of collaboration focused on leveraging Canadian family medicine expertise to benefit the international community. The conference had informative sessions on the United Nations' Sustainable Development Goals and health, and on community and educational engagement

#### Chinese Medical Doctor Association annual conference, Nanjing, China, April 20 to 21, 2017

The Chinese Medical Doctor Association (CMDA) invited the CFPC and the Besroul Centre to its annual conference to make a presentation on the accreditation of family medicine training programs in the Canadian context. This year's conference had 2,400 physicians in attendance. The CFPC delegation included Dr. Ric Almond (the CFPC's Director, Accreditation, and the presenter at this conference), Dr. Brian Wang (President of the Chinese Canadian Medical Society BC and the Chinese-Canadian lead for the CFPC-CMDA relationship), and Dr. Katherine Rouleau (Director of the Besroul Centre). The visit to Nanjing included two key activities: a presentation on accreditation and an opportunity to discuss the establishment of a memorandum of understanding between the CFPC and the CMDA.

Discussions between the Besroul Centre and the CMDA were productive and identified several potential areas of collaboration, particularly around certification, research, and the regular exchange of knowledge through conferences. Both parties continue to be committed to collaborating with and learning from each other.



**Dr. Ric Almond, the CFPC's Director of Accreditation, presenting at the CMDA's 2017 annual conference.**

### Article of interest

#### WONCA Africa Montegut Scholar reports on Rio

In 2016 the American Board of Family Medicine Foundation (ABFM-F) awarded Dr. Kenneth Yakubu, a family physician in Nigeria, the 2016 Montegut Scholarship for Africa. The scholarship allowed Dr. Yakubu to attend the 2016 WONCA World Conference in Rio de Janeiro, Brazil. Dr. Yakubu has written an excellent report that is available on [the WONCA website](#). Dr. Yakubu writes, "Through the Montegut Scholarship award for Africa, I was offered the opportunity to be part of an enriching experience, one I will remember for a very long while. Indeed, I feel blessed. Thank you, ABFM-F." Congratulations to our Besroul partner!