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Working group updates

- **Narratives and Family Medicine Mapping Working Group:** The working group has completed the transcriptions for the Storybooth and is in the first phase of coding. A team of four—with representatives from Argentina, Rwanda, and Canada—is working on the thematic analysis of the Storybooth. Bob Woollard, working group co-lead, is working on the first draft of the analysis for the institutional stories. The group is anticipating input from our partners in Rwanda, Uganda, and Haiti about their impressions of our analysis.

Working group co-lead Christine Gibson facilitated the Harvesting and Hearing Narratives workshop at the World Summit on Social Accountability in Tunisia. To view the presentation, visit the Dropbox folder [World Summit on Social Accountability](#).

- **Advocacy, Community Engagement, and Ethics Working Group:** The Ethics subcommittee working group lead Janie Giard facilitated an ethical framework workshop at the World Summit on Social Accountability in Tunisia.

The workshop:

- Identified the values and ethical principles on which a socially responsible and sustainable partnership must be based
- Identified ways to put these values and principles into practice
- Established the basis for drafting an ethical framework

To view the presentation, visit the Dropbox folder [World Summit on Social Accountability](#).

- **Continuing Medical Education Working Group:** The working group will be meeting on Monday, May 15th, to discuss and explore ways to assist international partners with developing and/or improving CPD systems for physicians. If you are interested in participating, please contact Besrourecentre@cfpc.ca for more information.
- **Besroure Papers and Research Working Group:** The research subcommittee is planning a roll out of activities. The first priority is delivering a research workshop at the Besroure Conference 2017, as well as creating a peer review committee for poster presentations at the conference. Dr. Russell Dawe will be heading the peer review committee. Please get in touch early if you would like to submit a poster; further details will follow.

The working group is exploring avenues for a journal collaboration with Brazil partners about various themes, which will include contributions from both the Canadian and Brazilian academic communities. The goal of this collaboration is to produce a special issue to describe, highlight, compare, and contrast successes and challenges of efforts to strengthen primary health care in both countries.

External conferences

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

Congratulations to our Tunisian partners for a wildly successful summit in Hammamet, Tunisia!

Over the course of conference, individuals and institution representatives from around the world reflected on and deliberated over how best to harness our collective engagement towards a healthier and more just society. Using the themes of leadership, partnership, competency, and accreditation, delegates explored how educational institutions could and should work together to achieve quality, relevant, and equitable health systems. To achieve these goals, conference participants committed to an action plan, which is embodied by the Tunis Declaration—a statement of the delegates' collective commitment to enhancing health and social justice. The final version of the Declaration will be circulated to our community and posted on our website when it is available.



It was a pleasure and an honour for the Besroure Centre to engage in this enriching and necessary process. The conference proved to be a fruitful relationship-building opportunity for the Besroure Centre, and attested to the Besroure Centre's growing profile as an emerging leader in global family medicine capacity building. The Besroure Centre had the opportunity to engage and connect with various global institutions to explore its potential contributions to the global health workforce (and the role of family medicine), its contributions to strengthening generalism around primary care, and its role in promoting robust family medicine in La Francophonie, among others.

Potential collaborations

As the Besroure Centre continues to build strong links with global partners for strengthening global family medicine, we invite our network to engage with their WONCA Regional partners:

- Africa
- Asia Pacific
- East Mediterranean
- Europe
- Iberoamericana-CIMF
- North America
- South Asia

For more information about the regions, visit WONCA's [Regions and Member Organizations](#) web site. In the coming months, the Besroure Centre newsletter will feature WONCA leaders to acquaint our community with other like-minded global colleagues and experts. Stay tuned!

Articles of interest

Penm J, MacKinnon NJ, Strakowski SM, Ying J, Doty MM. Minding the Gap: Factors Associated With Primary Care Coordination of Adults in 11 Countries. *Ann Fam Med* 2017;15(2):113-119. Available from: www.annfammed.org/content/15/2/113. Accessed April 2017