



## WONCA Africa Regional Conference: June 6 to 8, 2019

WONCA has invited the Besroul Centre to participate at its [Africa Regional Conference](#) in Kampala, Uganda, from June 6 to 8, 2019. The Besroul Centre is honoured to have the opportunity to attend this important event and support our African colleagues. If you are planning to attend the conference, please share this information to help us as we plan a gathering of the Besroul community for this event.

A few reminders:

- Pre-conference: June 4 and 5, 2019
- Conference: June 6 to 8, 2019
- Consider becoming a WONCA Direct Member, which entitles you to a [discounted delegate rate](#)

Please [read this message](#) from the conference's Scientific Committee chair, Dr. Innocent Besigye of Makerere University in Kampala, Uganda.

## Connect with WONCA East Mediterranean Region

WONCA's East Mediterranean Region president, Dr. Jinan Usta, encourages partners in this part of the world to get in touch with their regional WONCA team by contacting her at [Ju00@aub.edu.lb](mailto:Ju00@aub.edu.lb).

## Besroul Forum/Family Medicine Forum: October 30 to November 2, 2019

The Besroul Centre remains engaged with Family Medicine Forum (FMF) and will be participating at [FMF 2019](#) in Vancouver, Canada. The Besroul Forum will be held on one day (TBD), giving delegates the opportunity to attend FMF throughout the rest of the week. Details of the Besroul Forum program are being developed.

FMF deadlines:

- Call for sessions and workshops: February 9, 2019, 11:59 p.m. (ET)
- Call for free-standing papers: April 5, 2019, 11:59 p.m. (ET)
- Call for posters: April 5, 2019, 11:59 p.m. (ET)

The Besroul Centre's call for posters will be announced soon.

## 2018 Besroure Forum abstracts available online

Visit our [Resources & Links page](#) to view all the abstracts presented at the 2018 Besroure Forum. Thank you to all our presenters for making this event a huge success!

## New: Besroure Monthly Hubs

Over the past several years the Besroure network has expressed the need for a dynamic platform to facilitate year-round collaboration in all aspects of Besroure community initiatives. To fulfill the growing need for fluid exchange within our community, the Besroure Centre will soon launch the first of its Monthly Hubs. These one-hour virtual forums will include predetermined topics led by various Besroure community members. Our first will be held at the end of March; details will be sent shortly in a separate email.

Please let us know if there is an initiative or topic you'd like to share with the network. Contact [vshewell@cfpc.ca](mailto:vshewell@cfpc.ca).

## The Besroure Centre Learner Group welcomes a new lead

Please join us in welcoming our new Besroure Centre Learner Group lead, Dr. Bernard Ho, a first-year family medicine resident at the University of Toronto. Dr. Ho's enthusiasm and eagerness are most evident and we welcome residents to connect with him at [BesroureLearners@cfpc.ca](mailto:BesroureLearners@cfpc.ca).

We thank Dr. Molly Whalen-Browne for the successful launch of this working group three years ago and her commitment to this group's success.

## Strengthening our NOSM connections

The Besroure Centre extends a warm welcome to our newest partner, Dr. Alex Anawati, the Global Health Coordinator at the Northern Ontario School of Medicine in Canada. Dr. Anawati attended the Besroure Forum at FMF 2018 and expressed a keen interest in the activities of the Besroure Centre. Please join us in welcoming Dr. Anawati as our community continues to grow.

## Ariadne Labs Research Consortium

As a collaborating member of WONCA's current research initiative with Ariadne Labs regarding health care organization, models of care, and primary health care financing, the Besroure Centre has been invited to attend a kick-off meeting to discuss the creation of the Ariadne Labs Research Consortium. This initial meeting will take place in Cape Town, South Africa, at the end of February. We are pleased that Dr. David Ponka, the Besroure Papers Working Group lead, has agreed to accept the invitation on behalf of the Besroure Centre.

## Besroure Centre working with Argentina's Ministry of Health

The Besroure Centre continues to provide consultative services on various aspects of family medicine to the Argentinian Ministry of Health. Two subject matter experts in family medicine education and training are assisting the Besroure Centre in its ongoing discussions: Dr. Nancy Fowler, the College of Family Physicians of Canada (CFPC)'s Executive Director, Academic Family Medicine; and Dr. Louise Nasmith, formerly a professor in the Department of Family Practice at the University of British Columbia and a past president of the CFPC. An on-site consultation is being scheduled for mid-March 2019.

## Brazil-Canada-Portugal journal series to examine the impact of the Alma-Ata Declaration

The Besroure Centre has been invited to participate in a thematic series of articles for the journal *Ciência & Saúde Coletiva*. The series will reflect on the 40 years after the Alma-Ata Declaration in the Americas and the Ibero-American region.

## International events

The Besroure Centre's six-month schedule of conference participation is listed below. At some events we will provide sessions and workshops while at others we will attend as delegates. We invite you to consider joining your Besroure colleagues at these events:

- [Consortium of Universities for Global Health](#): Chicago, United States; March 8 to 10, 2019
- [RIFRESS Summit](#): Rabat, Morocco; March 20 to 23, 2019
  - RIFRESS (the Francophone International Network for Social Responsibility in Health) is pleased to remind you of its international conference taking place in Rabat, Morocco. Please find information about the scientific program, registration, accommodations, and the social program [here](#). The Besroure Centre looks forward to seeing you there.
- [Canadian Conference on Medical Education](#): Niagara Falls, Canada; April 13 to 16, 2019
- [Society of Teachers of Family Medicine](#): Toronto, Canada; April 27 to May 1, 2019
- [Women Deliver 2019 Conference](#): Vancouver, Canada; June 3 to 6, 2019

## The CFPC's Section of Teachers celebrates excellence in family medicine training

As the CFPC continues its year-long celebration of excellence in family medicine teaching to mark the Section of Teachers' 40th anniversary, the CFPC invites you to share your stories, reflections, opinions, and advice on the past, present, and future of family medicine teaching through the [Canadian Family Physician blog](#).

Blog submissions may be sent in English or French to [education@cfpc.ca](mailto:education@cfpc.ca). These blogs will be published monthly in 2019. Please include:

- A photo of yourself, if possible
- A short biography (one or two sentences only)
- A declaration of any conflicts of interest related to your submission