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BESROUR CENTRE LAUNCH

The College of Family Physicians of Canada cordially invites you to attend the official launch of **The Besrou Centre**. Join us as we celebrate with food, drink, and artistic performances, along with over 80 Besrou partners from around the globe, on Wednesday, November 11, 2015, from 5:00 pm to 6:00 pm at Daniels Spectrum, Regent Park, 585 Dundas St East, Toronto.

BESROUR CONFERENCE PRELIMINARY AGENDA Please see attached.

BESROUR CONFERENCE REGISTRATION

All Besrou delegates must be registered for the Besrou Conference. If you have not submitted an RSVP form, please contact us immediately.

ACCOMMODATION

If you have not yet made your accommodation arrangements, please visit <http://fmf.cfpc.ca/> as soon as possible as hotels are quickly booking up. The preferred Besrou conference hotel is the Strathcona Hotel.

FMF REGISTRATION

Thursday's breakfast and keynote speaker, and Friday's breakfast, keynote speaker, and lunch will be taking place at FMF, at the Metro Toronto Convention Centre. Delegates must be registered with FMF in order to access these meals, by visiting <http://fmf.cfpc.ca/>.

If you have any enquiries regarding registration or accommodation, please contact vshewell@cfpc.ca

SUMAC CREEK HEALTH CENTRE VISIT

The Sumac Creek Health Centre is St Michael's Hospital's most recent Family Health Team site, and is situated in the heart of Regent Park where The Besrou Centre will be hosting the Welcome Reception. A tour is being arranged on Wednesday, November 11th 4:00 pm – 5:00 pm, just prior to the Welcome Reception at Daniels Spectrum. If you wish to participate in this tour, please contact vshewell@cfpc.ca by Oct 23, 2015.



BESROUR WORKING GROUP WORKSHOPS

Besroul Conference participants are encouraged to structure time into their day on Friday, November 13th to meet with their respective Besroul Centre Working Group. In addition, all Besroul participants are invited to attend both the Ethics and Narratives consultative workshops. Please see attached for more details.

MAINPRO-M1 APPLICATION

For active members of CFPC, the Besroul Centre is applying for Mainpro-M1 credits for participation in the Besroul Conference. Stay tuned for more details.

LAST CALL FOR POSTER DISPLAYS

Thank you to all who have submitted their ideas. As we move toward the concrete generation of evidence to support family medicine around the globe, we continue to invite Besroul delegates to submit posters for the upcoming conference. The intent is to capture the depth and diversity of scholarship that is emanating from our partners, both in terms of pure clinical and health systems research but also quality improvement and medical education initiatives. Anyone still wishing to submit should contact vshewell@cfpc.ca. A full abstract will be due by October 16, 2015, for peer review, but final posters will not be due until the conference.

This is an excellent opportunity to showcase your work, ask questions of your peers, get feedback, and perhaps strike new partnerships. We hope to be able to give most if not all interested participants the opportunity to present a piece of their work in poster format on strengthening family medicine, in all its forms, in their particular contexts.

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Remember to tweet us your thoughts and pictures on the Besroul Conference using the handle [@CFPCBesroul](https://twitter.com/CFPCBesroul)

THE BESROUR CENTRE

CALL-OUT FOR 'TESTIMONIALS'

The Besroul Centre, alongside the global community, is engaged in efforts to provide access to family medicine to the world's population. By providing a platform of mutual learning and framework for action, the Besroul Centre is a place for Besroul partners to engage in activities that advance family medicine globally. Thank you all for weaving the fabric of the Besroul 'family'. We hope to share our story more broadly in the future, and would like to begin by capturing testimonials from our network. **Please let us know what the Besroul Centre means to you.** To help get you started we've included a few questions below, but please feel free to write whatever you'd like in your language of choice.



1. Why did you choose to engage with the Besroul Centre?
2. How do you benefit from working with the Besroul Centre?
3. What is your favourite part about being a Besroul partner?
4. What do you envision the impact of the Besroul Centre to be in 5 years? 10 years?

If interested, please send your comments to omichaelides@cfpc.ca by October 23, 2015. Thank you!

WORKING GROUP UPDATES

The five Besroul working groups are currently preparing for the Besroul Conference 2015. On Thursday, November 12th, time has been dedicated for each working group to present to the Besroul Conference delegates their respective work over the past year, as well as next steps. These discussions are intended to provide an opportunity to reflect on the excellent work accomplished to date, and how Besroul partners may connect and focus their learning in the upcoming year, particularly with a focus on the generation of evidence and its translation into policy. Each working group has been tasked with a 5-minute presentation and a 10-minute working group–focused discussion.

WONCA WORLD CONFERENCE OF FAMILY DOCTORS 2016

The WONCA World Conference of Family Doctors is being held November 2–6, 2016, in Rio de Janeiro. A call-out to Besroul partners has been made to see how the Besroul Centre could be featured at this conference. Thank you to all who have already submitted feedback! We encourage you to get in touch with us before **October 16, 2016** (omichaelides@cfpc.ca), should you have more suggestions and/or wish to be involved in presenting. We will be consolidating feedback and preparing Besroul submissions in time for the WONCA deadline of November 1, 2015.

PRIMARY HEALTH CARE PERFORMANCE INITIATIVE (PHCPI)

As many of you already know, the Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation, World Bank Group, and WHO launched a collaboration to strengthen primary health care – the PHCPI – on September 26, 2015. For more details on this important global health initiative, please visit the PHCPI website at: <http://phcperformanceinitiative.org/>