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[@CFPCBesrou](#)**2016 Besrou Conference**

During the 2016 Besrou Conference, we will explore the theme **How family medicine and our collective efforts can help to achieve SDG3** through a lens of social accountability. The values informing the social accountability framework are relevance, quality, cost effectiveness, and equity. As Besrou partners, we recognize our various roles in achieving these values. We look forward to engaging in rich conversations and activities at our annual conference that reflect these values and contribute to global health ambitions to ensure healthy lives and promote well-being for all.

In order to harness our collective wisdom and ensure we engage in rich and collaborative discussion, a survey was circulated to all Besrou conference delegates soliciting direct input into the conference program in order to reflect the key issues faced by our partners in education and training, research, and the overall direction of the Besrou Centre. A preliminary schedule-at-a-glance is attached.

Registration:

- **Reminder:** The 2016 WONCA World Conference requires separate registration. Besrou Conference registration does not entitle participation at WONCA. The deadline for the final discounted WONCA registration rate is October 14, 2016, after which an increased on-site rate will apply. The Besrou Centre will register the WG leads and sponsored international delegates.
- Besrou delegates are reminded to submit the registration forms included in the Delegate Prospectus. If you have not received the package, please contact vshewell@cfpc.ca.

Visa applications:

Anyone who has not yet started the visa application—ensure you apply for the **tourist visa** and not the business visa, as this will help avoid potential delays.

Officials of the Ministry of External Relations of Brazil are on strike in Brazil and 17 other countries. We encourage you to be aware of any changes at your local office. We will share information as it becomes available.

- **Canadian Consulates:** While some jurisdictions will accept new applications (note that processing times will likely be slower in these jurisdictions), others will not. The Embassy of Brazil in Ottawa will accept new applications if submitted in person only, by the applicant only. Please see the attached listing and contact your own jurisdiction for further information.
- **Consulates outside of Canada:** Some countries are on strike, while others are not. Please check your own local jurisdiction to learn more.

We invite you to share your experiences and any tips you may have. We will continue to communicate any helpful information to your Besrou colleagues as it becomes available.

Working Group updates

- The **Faculty Development Working Group** continues to prepare and develop the faculty development workshop scheduled for Friday, November 4th at the 2016 Besroul Conference.
- The **Narratives and Family Medicine Papers Working Group** continues to prepare for the family medicine story booth that will be running during the WONCA World Conference in Rio. This project aims to discover personal stories from different residency programs worldwide, and to find themes of what made the programs successful. The group is searching for family medicine residents who want to participate in this exciting project, whether or not they're in Rio. If you know a resident who needs a research project, please pass along this invitation.

The group currently has two articles in the queue for publication in *Canadian Family Physician*: Approaching a global definition of family medicine; Narratives in Family Medicine: a global perspective.

- The **Advocacy, Community Engagement, and Ethics Working Group** is discussing itinerary and preparatory materials for their workshop, Towards a socially responsible partnership, which is being held during the 2016 Besroul Conference on Friday, November 4th.
- The **Continuing Medical Education Working Group** continues to explore ways in which to contribute to the 2016 Besroul Conference's session on education. Feedback received from Besroul delegates in response to the Conference survey will also be an important factor in determining the session content and layout.
- The **Besroul Papers and Research Working Group** met with health indicator expert, Dr Ian McDowell, University of Ottawa, to explore ways to measure robust family medicine globally. A methodology for identifying criteria for primary care is currently under development.

General activities

The Besroul Centre held a teleconference with representatives of the World Bank Group (WBG), World Health Organization (WHO), and Results for Development (R4D), to discuss the evolution of the Primary Health Care Performance Initiative (PHCPI) framework and family medicine's contribution to primary health care systems. An engagement session with the organizations for Besroul conference delegates is under development.

The Besroul Centre and CFPC Government Relations team met with Health Canada/Public Health Agency of Canada to discuss collaboration with China and the Chinese Medical Doctor's Association. Health Canada is interested in knowing more about family medicine's contribution to Canada's overall health priorities and how it may contribute to Canada's bilateral collaborations.

Current collaborations

China: Upon the request of the Chinese Medical Doctor Association (CMDA), the Besroul Centre is working with the CFPC Accreditation team to arrange for 2 members of the CMDA to observe an accreditation site visit in 2016. This will be an important learning opportunity for the CMDA and the first activity of its kind in the history of the Besroul Centre process.

Kingdom of Saudi Arabia: A delegation from the Saudi Commission for Health Specialties will be visiting the CFPC in early October 2016. The purpose of this visit is to learn more about the role of family physicians in Canada, the accreditation of family medicine programs in Canada, and the Canadian certification examination process. There are also discussions planned about how the Royal College of Physicians and Surgeons of Canada, as well as the CFPC, may collaborate with the Saudi Commission. Further details to follow.

External conferences

An invitation was extended to Katherine Rouleau by Global Affairs Canada to attend the Fifth Replenishment Conference of the Global Fund to fight AIDS, Tuberculosis, and Malaria. The conference was held in Montreal on September 16–17, 2016. The Conference seeks to mobilize US\$13 billion over a 3-year period (2017–2019)

in order to achieve and expand global health ambitions and SDG targets by 2030. Family medicine has an important role to play in achieving SDG3 and strengthening health systems globally.

The annual meeting of The Network: TUFH (Towards Unity For Health) is being held April 8–12, 2017, in Hammamet, Tunisia. See the attached flyer for more information about The World Summit on Social Accountability.