



Besrou Forum 2019 delegates in Vancouver, Canada

**Happy holidays! Joyeuses fêtes! Felices fiestas! Boas festas! những ngày lễ hạnh phúc! 节日快乐!**

To our Besrou partners celebrating the holiday season and the new year, we share our warmest thoughts and best wishes for joy, happiness, and success. We thank you for your continued partnership and look forward to our ongoing collaboration and the advancement of our work in 2020!

## 2019 Besrou Forum

We extend our heartfelt gratitude to many of our Canadian and international partners who travelled from near and far, and to those who joined us virtually, to make this year's Forum a great success! A full conference report is in progress and we will share it with our partners in the new year. If you attended, kindly provide us with feedback by visiting the [evaluation survey](#).

You can find all forum materials in the [Besrou Dropbox](#) folder.

## 2019 Best Poster Awards

### Best Poster and Delegates' Choice Awards

**Identifying Primary Health Care Research Priorities in Underserved Regions of Sao Paulo, Brazil** Congratulations to co-authors: Amanda Marcinowska, Tibor Schuster, Yves Bergevin, Isabelle Vedel, McGill University, and Alex Cassenote, Santa Marcelina Primary Healthcare Network, Sao Paolo, Brazil.

### Best Poster Award—Second Place

**Anxiety and Depression Among Elderly Admitted to Emergency Department of AL Rabta Teaching Hospital**

Congratulations to co-authors: Maram Mosbah, Dorra Azouzi, Khadija Zaouech, Kamel Majed, Faculty of Medicine of Tunis, El Manar University, Tunisia.

Thank you to all presenters! To view posters, please visit [Besroul Dropbox](#).

## Sino-Canadian Forum for Excellence in Residency Education

The inaugural Sino-Canadian Forum for Excellence in Residency Education (SCFERE) was held in Shanghai, China, in November. The conference was organized by the Chinese Medical Association, Royal College of Physicians and Surgeons of Canada (Royal College), and Shanghai Medical Association.

The Besroul Centre coordinated a team of CFPC subject matter experts to join Royal College colleagues at the conference where Canadian delegates delivered content on residency education to Chinese physician leaders and educators. The CFPC was impressed by the engagement of our Chinese colleagues and now has a deeper understanding of the family medicine needs in China. We are also looking forward to a continued working relationship with our Royal College colleagues.



## Farewell to Ophelia Michaelides

As many will know, Ophelia Michaelides has resigned from her position as Manager of the Besroul Centre for Global Family Medicine. Although we are very sad to see her leave, we are happy that she is taking a great next step in her career as manager at a new global health centre at the University of Toronto.

In her five years at the College, Ophelia has been a valued colleague as part of the Besroul Centre team. She has provided great oversight to the Centre as we take firm steps to integrate fully into the College's structures.

We want to thank Ophelia for her dedication, great work, and, most of all, her belief that the College and the Centre can be a force for good in the world. We wish her continued success in her career and personally. À bientôt Ophelie.

## Stakeholders' Valuation of Retention Strategies to Increase Access to Health Workers in Remote and Rural Areas

In 2010 the World Health Organization (WHO) produced a guideline containing global policy recommendations: [Increasing access to health workers in remote and rural areas through improved retention](#). This was in response to requests from global leaders, civil society, and WHO Member States, to provide norms and standards on the most effective ways to increase access to health workers in remote and rural areas through improved retention.

Based on research and feedback from countries that have been using the recommendations, the current global landscape and new evidence on the situation of health workers' retention has created a timely opportunity to update the guideline's recommendations under the tutelage of the WHO's Health Workforce Department.

The WHO is conducting a survey to assess the perception of stakeholders to the proposed guideline's outcomes of interest, as well as the acceptability and feasibility of the interventions to increase access to health workers in remote and rural areas of health care settings. The aim is to ensure that guideline development is underpinned by evidence about the feasibility and acceptability of the policy options under consideration. Your participation in the survey (available in [English](#), [French](#), and [Spanish](#)) is greatly appreciated.

### Partner Profile—A PhD Research Proposal

Dr. Innocent Besigye, MBChB, MMed, Lecturer, Department of Family Medicine, School of Medicine, College of Health Sciences, Makerere University, Uganda

**Title:** Adaptation of the Primary Care Assessment Tool (PCAT) and evaluation of its ability to identify effective interventions for improving primary care performance in a Ugandan District health system

The study will be conducted in Tororo District Eastern Uganda using multi-stage mixed methods. Study I will be on adaptation of the PCAT, which will involve a Delphi study, followed by forward and back-translation as well as piloting the draft tool. Study II will be a cross-sectional descriptive study using the adapted PCAT to measure the performance of primary care in a district health system. Study III will involve designing an appropriate intervention in collaboration with stakeholders. The intervention will be implemented for six months. The evaluation of the intervention implementation will be based on outcomes that will include acceptability, appropriateness, adoption, feasibility, fidelity, coverage, cost, and sustainability using the implementation science approach.

For more information or questions, contact [ibesigye@gmail.com](mailto:ibesigye@gmail.com).



## W. Victor Johnston Award

Congratulations to [Dr. Bob Woollard](#), our Besroure Centre colleague at the University of British Columbia, recipient of this year's award! This award recognizes a renowned Canadian or international family medicine leader for continuous and enduring contributions to the specialty of family medicine in Canada or abroad.

## Conferences and Events

### PEGASUS IV

April 24 to 26, 2020

Balsillie School of International Affairs

Waterloo, Ontario

PEGASUS is a three-day conference that aims to advance awareness and understanding of peace, global health, and sustainability. Visit the website regularly for session and registration updates.

### WONCA 2020: 23rd WONCA World Conference of Family Doctors

November 25 to 29, 2020

Abu Dhabi National Exhibition Centre

The Besroure Centre, in collaboration with a number of partners, has submitted three abstracts. If you are planning on attending, please let us know. Registration is now [open](#)!

## Articles and Items of Interest

- United Nations Special Rapporteur report: [Right of everyone to the enjoyment of the highest attainable standard of physical and mental health](#)
- *British Medical Journal (BMJ)* op-ed, Pūras D: [Empowering primary care is only way to achieve universal health coverage](#)
- *Health and Human Rights Journal* blog post, Pūras D: [Rights-Based Education Could Help Resolve Global Health Inequities](#)
- WHO Health topic, Boelen C: [The Five-Star Doctor: An asset to health care reform?](#)
- *Canadian Family Physician (CFP)* blog post, Ponka D: [Like father, like son](#)
- Godard B, Giard J, Ponka D, Rouleau K. [Framework for ethical international academic partnerships in family medicine—The Besroure Papers: a series on the state of family medicine in Canada and Brazil](#). *CFP*. 2019; 56(10):705-710.