

Agenda for the 2016 Cochrane Annual General Meeting

Incorporating a special session on:
Responding to Cochrane's challenges
through the *Strategy to 2020*

Tuesday, 25th October, 16:00-18:30
Grand Hilton, Seoul
Republic of Korea

24th Cochrane Colloquium

This meeting represents the joint annual
meeting of Cochrane (the charity) and the
Collaboration Trading Company Limited (the
charity's trading subsidiary)

Chair: Lisa Bero, Steering Group Co-Chair



Cochrane is in a period of significant organizational change. It is almost three years since we launched the [Strategy to 2020](#) with the aim of putting our evidence at the heart of health decision-making all over the world. In that time, we have made major investments in improving the technology used to produce Cochrane Reviews, radically increased the support provided to translation teams globally, and started work on a realignment of our organizational structure and governance. These changes, and many more in addition, affect all Cochrane Groups, their staff and contributors.

This year there's a new approach to informing the community about the latest news related to these strategic plans. Preceding the formal Annual General Meeting there will be a series of presentations highlighting the key developments, led by the CEO, Editor in Chief, and members of the Cochrane community. The whole session is expected to go from 16:00-18:30 local time in Seoul. Everyone attending the Colloquium is invited to attend.

1. Welcome and Introduction

2. Responding to Cochrane Groups challenges through the *Strategy to 2020*

Members of the Cochrane community talk about how they are implementing the *Strategy to 2020* in their local contexts.

3. Editor in Chief's report

David Tovey, Editor in Chief of the Cochrane Library, presents on publishing performance in the last year; and explores how the proposed Structure & Function reforms will ensure that Cochrane builds a sustainable review production system that consistently delivers high quality and efficiently produced reviews that are positioned to have impact on clinical care and health policy.

4. *Strategy to 2020: Where are we now?*

Mark Wilson, CEO, provides an overall report on organizational progress against the *Strategy to 2020* in 2016.

5. In Memoriam

- Aubrey Sheiham
- Andrew Herxheimer

6. Prizes and Awards

- Anne Anderson Award
- Chris Silagy Prize

Formal Annual General Meeting

Items of business:

7. Welcome, apologies for absence, and approval of the formal AGM agenda

Introduction to Cochrane Steering Group members (Trustees) from October 2015:

Co-Chairs:

- **Lisa Bero:** Co-Chair of the Steering Group (Australia)
- **Cindy Farquhar:** Co-Chair of the Steering Group (New Zealand)

Members elected by their Cochrane Group constituencies:

- **Alvaro Atallah:** Representing Centre Directors (Brazil)
- **Joerg Meerpohl:** Representing Centre Staff (Germany)
- **Anne Lyddiatt:** Representing the Consumer Network (Canada)
- **Mingming Zhang:** Representing the Consumer Network (China)
- **Martin Burton:** Representing Co-ordinating Editors (UK)
- **Denise Thomson:** Representing Fields (Canada)
- **Karin Dearness:** Representing Managing Editors (Canada)
- **Holger Schünemann:** Representing Methods Groups (Canada)*
- **Elizabeth Stovold:** Trials Search Co-ordinators (UK)

**Holger Schünemann resigned from the Steering Group in August 2016.*

External members co-opted by the Steering Group following an open application process:

- **Marguerite Koster** (USA)
- **Catherine Marshall** (New Zealand)
- **Michael Makanga** (Uganda)

8. Approval of Minutes from the 2015 Annual General Meeting (Vienna, Austria)

Proposed resolution: Members are asked to approve the Minutes of the 2015 Annual General Meeting.

9. Trustees' Report & Financial Statements

I. Co-Chairs' report

Cindy Farquhar, Steering Group Co-Chair

II. Treasurer's report

Martin Burton, Treasurer

Members are asked to note the Trustees' Report and Financial Statements to 31st December 2015.

10. Appointment of the auditors

Proposed resolution: Members are asked to approve the appointment of the proposed auditors.

11. Confirmation of Steering Group members (Trustees) from October 2016

Proposed resolution: Members are asked to confirm the appointment of the Co-Chair and the three external members.

12. Adoption of new Articles of Association

Proposed special resolution: That the draft Articles of Association produced to the meeting be adopted as the Articles of Association of the Company in substitution for, and to the exclusion of, the Company's existing Articles of Association.

13. Responding to Cochrane's challenges through the *Strategy to 2020*: what comes next?

Mark Wilson, CEO, looks ahead to 2017 and beyond

14. Open discussion

15. Any other business

16. Date of next meeting

14th September 2017

Cape Town, South Africa

Attachments:

- I. Trustees' Report and Financial Statements to 31st December 2015;
 - II. Draft Minutes of the 2015 Annual General Meeting;
 - III. Application statements and CVs for Marguerite Koster, Catherine Marshall, and Michael Makanga;
 - IV. Proposed new Articles of Association;
- For additional detailed information on the proposed Governance reform, see the Cochrane Community website: <http://community.cochrane.org/organizational-info/people/steering-group/governance-restructure-project>