

Agenda for the Cochrane Annual General Meeting 2015

Sunday, 4th October, 17:45-19:00
Strauss 2-3, Messe Congress Center,
Vienna, Austria

23rd Cochrane Colloquium

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

Items of business

1. Welcome, apologies for absence and approval of Agenda.
2. Approval of minutes of the 2014 Annual General Meeting (Hyderabad, India).
3. Cochrane Trustees' Report and Financial Statements for the period ended 31st December 2014:
 - 3.1. Co-Chairs' report: Lisa Bero.
 - 3.2. Chief Executive Officer's report - Mark Wilson.
 - 3.3. Editor in Chief's report - David Tovey.
 - 3.4. Financial report – Martin Burton, Treasurer.

In 2014 Cochrane moved from an April-March to a January-December (calendar year) financial reporting period. The Financial Statements presented here are therefore only for the nine-month period 1st April 2014 to 31st December 2014. From 2015 onwards, all Financial Statements will cover the full twelve months.

4. Cochrane Steering Group (Trustees) membership as elected by their Cochrane group constituencies in October 2014:

Member	Constituency
1. Lisa Bero	Co-Chair of the Steering Group*
2. Cindy Farquhar	Co-Chair of the Steering Group
3. Steve McDonald	Centre Directors (Non-Voting Member)**
4. Alvaro Atallah	Centre Directors
5. Joerg Meerpohl	Centre Staff
6. Anne Lyddiatt	Consumer Network
7. Mingming Zhang	Consumer Network***
8. Rachel Churchill	Co-ordinating Editors (Non-Voting Member)****

9. Martin Burton	Co-ordinating Editors
10. Chris Eccleston	Co-ordinating Editors*****
11. Denise Thomson	Fields
12. Karin Dearness	Managing Editors
13. Holger Schünemann	Methods Groups
14. Elizabeth Stovold	Trials Search Co-ordinators

* Lisa Bero has completed her first two-year term as the CSG Co-Chair. She has been nominated for a second term of two years (see separate documentation). There are no other nominated candidates. Her extension is supported by the Steering Group but must be confirmed by Cochrane members at the AGM.

** Steve McDonald was confirmed as a non-voting member of the CSG at the 2014 AGM to provide additional continuity and remained on the Steering Group until the end of the October 2nd CSG meeting in Vienna, when he stepped down.

*** Mingming Zhang's second term as Consumer Network representative ends in October 2015. However, the Steering Group is proposing that her term be extended by one year. This is so that any replacement election takes place in Q4 2016, alongside other new CSG members, following any approved reforms of the CSG structure and electoral process by Cochrane members at the AGM in October 2016. Her one-year extension must be confirmed by Cochrane members at the 2015 AGM.

**** Rachel Churchill was confirmed as a non-voting member of the CSG at the 2014 AGM to provide additional continuity and remained on the Steering Group until the end of the May 2015 mid-year business meeting in Athens, when she stepped down.

***** Chris Eccleston resigned from the Steering Group in August 2015 due to pressing work commitments. His position will not be replaced while the Steering Group undergoes a review of its structure and electoral process as part of the *Strategy to 2020* Governance Review.

5. Re-appointment of auditors.

6. Open discussion.

7. Any other business.

Attachments

- I. Trustees' Report and Financial Statements to 31 December 2014
- II. Draft minutes of the 2014 Annual General Meeting
- III. Nomination papers for Professor Lisa Bero, Co-Chair of the CSG