

Dear Colleagues,

Welcome to the second edition of the Centre & Fields Digest. The Digest provides information particularly relevant to Cochrane Centres and Fields, including consumers, and will include a round-up of pertinent information also published in the Community newsletter and on the Cochrane websites. It is the sister publication to the [Review and Methods Digest](#) published by the Cochrane Editorial Unit, which is sent to CRGs and Methods Groups. Relevant content will be duplicated between the Digests so that you don't have to sign up to both.

The Centre & Fields Digest is created by the Chief Executive Officer's Office on behalf of Mark Wilson. We intend to make it available approximately every two weeks and to bring together various items of content that we think will be of interest, to maximise communication and minimise inbox overload. If you wish to submit content please contact [Lucie Binder](#), Senior Advisor to the CEO. We hope that you will find the Digest interesting and informative, and also that it will provide you with opportunities for communicating your views and suggestions.

ITEMS FOR YOUR ACTION:

1) Nominations requested for the selection panel for the Scientific Committee: Deadline 20th May 2016

Cochrane's Board of Trustees (the Steering Group) agreed to establish a Scientific Committee for the purpose of providing independent authoritative guidance for the methods Cochrane should use in its reviews. A selection panel will identify the first committee members. If you would like to join the time-limited selection panel (note: not the Scientific Committee itself), this is a final reminder that applications should be submitted to [Jackie Chandler](#), Methods Co-ordinator, by Friday 20th May 2016.

For each application to the selection panel, candidates will need to provide a short summary (fewer than 500 words) of their relevant expertise and experience, along with basic information on languages spoken and geographical location. David Tovey and Holger Schünemann will make the final selections from the individuals who put themselves forward, bearing in mind the need for broad expertise, and also geographical, linguistic and gender diversity.

2) WHO's Centre for Health Development Request for Proposals: Deadline 20th May 2016

Cochrane Review author Dr Luis Gabriel Cuervo has informed us that WHO's Centre for Health Development has issued a Request For Proposals. The RFP is for a research hub to conduct a systematic review (high income countries) and collection of evidence (case studies in middle income countries) of various community-based models supporting older persons, engaging them in their care, and documenting linkages to health and social service systems.

If you are interested in submitting a proposal, please download the PDF from [WHO's website](#).

3) Seoul Colloquium: Various deadlines for applications and bookings

Various deadlines for applications and bookings are approaching, including:

- Consumer and developing country stipends: Deadline 8th June
- Annual Cochrane prizes and awards: Deadline 29th July
- Early Colloquium registration: 10th August
- Meeting room bookings: 14th September

See [Colloquium news](#) for more information.

4) Fostering communications between Centres and CRGs: No deadline for questions

At the Centre Directors Board meeting in London, 4-5th April 2016, participants said that they would be interested in getting the views of CRGs on various topics and questions. As a first step, if you have a question that you think would benefit from the response of the CRGs – no matter how big or small! - please email it to [Lucie Binder](mailto:Lucie.Binder@cochrane.org). Anyone receiving this email is invited to submit ideas.

ITEMS FOR YOUR INFORMATION:

5) Cochrane Crowd has launched – from the *Strategy to 2020*

The [Cochrane Crowd](#) platform, delivered as part of Cochrane's [Transform project](#), builds on the hugely successful Embase project where a community of over 2,000 people helped identify well over 20,000 reports of randomized trials for Cochrane's Central Register of Controlled Trials. Please encourage your colleagues to get involved with Cochrane and help identify the evidence we need to make informed healthcare decisions.

6) Enhanced Cochrane Library project – from the *Strategy to 2020*

The [Enhanced Cochrane Library](#) project is all about developing a new platform to improve user experience. You may be aware that Cochrane is working with Wiley, our publisher, and a third-party technology provider, to build and deliver an enhanced product with greater functionality that makes it easier for users to discover and use Cochrane content in their decision-making.

Over the course of this year, we are redeveloping all aspects of the Cochrane Library platform to improve user experience. The work is divided into many different areas, each a building block towards the enhanced Cochrane Library. Keep up-to-date with all developments via [the Cochrane Community website](#).

7) Join the Communications Network (CommsNetwork)

The CommsNetwork is made up from members of the Central Executive and Wiley communications teams, people doing communications and translation work in various Cochrane groups, and their interested contributors.

The main feature of becoming a CommsNetwork member is the weekly CommsNetwork Digest, which provides content for further communications efforts and for translation planning. Anyone can join and start receiving the weekly digests by signing up via the [Cochrane Community website](#).

8) Current Cochrane job opportunities

The Central Executive Team is seeking a part-time HR Manager and a Financial Controller. Cochrane Innovations is seeking Board members. See [Cochrane Jobs](#) for more information.

Best wishes,

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