

Centre & Fields Digest

Dear Colleagues,

Welcome to the third 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.

ITEMS FOR YOUR ACTION:

1) 2016 financial monitoring form of Cochrane groups to begin on Tuesday 14th June

Next **Tuesday, 14th June**, the annual financial monitoring of Cochrane groups will begin. All registered Cochrane groups will be expected to complete a financial monitoring form by **Friday 8th July**, detailing income, expenditure and staff resources for their last complete financial year. This includes Centre Branches and Review Group Satellites.

Please refer to the email sent to all groups on 8th June for more information.

2) Call for nominations by Friday 29th July: Co-Chair of the Cochrane Steering Group

The Cochrane Steering Group (CSG) invites the nomination of candidates for the position of CSG Co-Chair. Please see the [Cochrane Community site](#) for more information.

3) Call for nominations by Saturday 11th June: Cochrane Consumers' Executive

For the 2016 election there are two vacancies, and the CE are seeking a minimum of one representative from a low- or middle-income country. Please see the [Cochrane Community site](#) for more information.

4) Organizational structure and function webinars in June and July

Following the recent decision by the Steering Group to initiate an organization-wide structure and function review, the Cochrane Editorial Unit (CEU) is initiating a process of consultation on behalf of the Central Executive Team and the wider Cochrane Community. The CEU is running a series of webinars that will focus mainly on issues relevant to review production and impact, led by David Tovey, and we welcome your participation. You only need to join one webinar.

Please see the [20th May Review and Methods Digest](#) for more information, including a link to the webinars.

5) Seoul Colloquium: Various deadlines for applications and bookings

Various deadlines for applications and bookings are approaching, including:

- Annual Cochrane prizes and awards: Deadline 29th July
- Early Colloquium registration: 10th August
- Meeting room bookings: 14th September

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

ITEMS FOR YOUR INFORMATION:

6) Announcing the Brazilian Cochrane Network

We're delighted to share the news of the official launch of the Brazilian Cochrane Network, Cochrane's first-ever national Network. The Network will be co-ordinated and led by the Cochrane Brazil team in São Paulo, providing methodological support, mentoring, and supervision to five new Affiliates located in regional centres across Brazil.

Please see the [Cochrane Community site](#) for more information.

7) Announcing the Cochrane Review Ecosystem infographic

Have you ever tried to explain how a Cochrane Review gets produced? Wondered how all the people, processes, and technologies work together to make the whole thing happen? Then look no further than our infographic illustrating the Cochrane Review Ecosystem from developing the question to final publication, with all the tools and teams that contribute along the way.

Please see the [Cochrane Community site](#) to download the infographic.

8) The Targeted Update project – from the *Strategy to 2020*

Supported by the Cochrane Steering Group, this pilot project was conducted jointly by the Cochrane Editorial Unit and Cochrane Innovations, and involving Cochrane Review Groups (CRGs). This project aimed to provide policy-makers, in particular guideline developers, with up-to-date information from Cochrane Reviews, tailored to their needs and in a fast timeline.

Read more about the [Targeted Update project](#) on the Cochrane Community site.

9) Plain Language Summaries pilot project – from the *Strategy to 2020*

The Plain Language Summaries pilot project is a *Strategy to 2020* initiative to improve and standardize the content, presentation, and readability of Plain Language Summaries (PLSs) of Cochrane Reviews, in order to make them easier to read, use, and translate into other languages.

Read more about the [PLS pilot project](#) on the Cochrane Community site.

10) Current Cochrane job opportunities

There are various positions currently open with Cochrane groups. See [Cochrane Jobs](#) for more information.

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.

Best wishes,

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