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1. Webinar for CRG staff on the re-accreditation process

*Wednesday 29 November and Thursday 30 November *

Following its meeting in Cape Town in September 2017, Cochrane’s Governing Board approved the [Structure & Function of Cochrane Review Groups: Implementation of the Networks and Editorial Board Plan](#).

As part of this plan, every CRG will need to be re-accredited every five years in order to continue as a Cochrane Group. To support this process, the Structure and Function Project Team has developed guidance to support Groups through re-accreditation: [Guidance for the re-accreditation process for Cochrane Review Groups](#).

To explain this document in more detail and help answer questions around the components needed to complete the process, Cochrane's Editor in Chief, David Tovey, and I will be chairing a webinar for all CRG staff on Wednesday 29 November and Thursday 30 November. We encourage you and members of your Group to attend one of these webinars and you can register your attendance below. We warmly welcome your contributions to this process that will ensure our fundamental commitment to the future sustainability of CRGs.

Please register your attendance at one of the webinars on the links below:

[Webinar 29 November 09:00 UK](#)

OR

[Webinar 30 November 14:30 UK](#)

We look forward to discussing more with you and taking your questions.

Karla Soares-Weiser
Deputy Editor in Chief, Cochrane

2. Webinar on Editorial Policy update: rejecting Cochrane Reviews and the appeals process

28th November: Webinars at 11am Australian time and 2pm European time

The editorial policies on rejecting Cochrane Reviews and protocols for Cochrane Reviews, and the appeals process have recently been included in the Cochrane Editorial and Publishing Policy Resource. This webinar will highlight the changes and discuss how to apply them in practice with practical examples. A demonstration on how to implement decisions in Archie and RevMan will also be included. There will be time for questions.

Primary audience is Managing Editors, Assistant Managing Editors, Contact Editors of Cochrane reviews, Co-ordinating Editors, and other Editors. Authors may be interested in learning more about the updated policies.

Presenters bio:

Liz Dooley is a member of the Managed Editor Support team, and Managing Editor of the Cochrane Acute Respiratory Infections Group.

Miranda Cumpston is Cochrane's Head of Learning and Support, and an Editor with Cochrane Public Health.

[Tuesday 28th November 2017 11:00 am AEST \(Australia\)](#)

[Tuesday 28th November 2017 14:00 UTC \(Europe\)](#)

3. Last call for Cochrane Review submissions: Fast-Track Service

Open for submissions until 31 December 2017

Cochrane is piloting a **Fast-Track Service for Cochrane Reviews**. This is a ‘journal-like’ process whereby high-quality, MECIR-compliant reviews that require no major revision, can be submitted directly into an accelerated editorial process. We aim for a turnaround of three months from acceptance to publication. This call is open to experienced Cochrane authors who wish to submit a Cochrane Review in 2017.

For more information on eligibility requirements and applications, please see the [Fast-Track Service webpage](#), or email Helen Wakeford (hwakeford@cochrane.org) or Karla Soares-Weiser (ksoares-weiser@cochrane.org)

4. Cochrane Governance (Mid-Year) Meetings, Lisbon, 19-23 March 2018

Registration for the Governance Meetings (previously known as Mid-Year Meetings) will be open from 4th December. For more information, please see the [Cochrane Community website](#)

5. Request for comments on draft guidance – Deadline 22nd December 2017

We are inviting comments on the following guidance:

“Interim guidance on how to decide whether to incorporate clinical study reports and other regulatory documents into Cochrane Reviews”

We invite anyone within the Cochrane Community with an interest in addressing reporting bias in studies included in Cochrane Reviews to comment on this interim guidance to decide whether to include this data. Draft copy of the guidance with a separate downloadable comments sheet and further information available [here](#).

DEADLINE 22nd December 2017

6. News from the Learning and Support Department

Cochrane Interactive Learning – Full course now available

The Learning and Support Department is delighted to announce the full launch of all nine modules of its new, online introductory training course on how to conduct a systematic review of interventions, available at interactivelearning.cochrane.org.

The *Cochrane Interactive Learning* modules offer new learners the chance to embark on modular, interactive training on how to produce systematic reviews, and experienced authors and can refresh their skills with the latest guidance and best practice. Their modular design and technical coverage also make them an invaluable tool in supporting trainers and delivery of workshops across the Cochrane community.

Developed by world-leading experts in systematic review method, the modules offer dynamic, flexible and engaging content with nine modules and over 100 learning units, building knowledge for new and existing authors one step at a time. They provide clear explanations with stimulating interactions, quizzes, animations, examples and reference resources, and enable learners to tailor their learning experience, in their own time, and from anywhere in the world, from a laptop, tablet or phone.

Cochrane Authors will have free access to all the Cochrane Interactive Learning modules, as will Cochrane Editorial teams and Group staff (see here for [a complete list](#)). Residents of WHO Hinari A and B countries will also be eligible for free access.

Find out more by visiting interactivelearning.cochrane.org or contact the development team at interactivelearning@cochrane.org.

Cochrane Learning Live – Webinar programme and archive

Cochrane Learning Live is the ongoing webinar programme run by the Learning and Support Department. Regular webinar sessions are open to anyone wanting to learn in the Cochrane environment, be they complete beginners or seasoned experts. Our archive presents previous webinars as edited bite-sized videos, together with slide packs and other accompanying materials, and covers a broad range of topics, including: systematic review methods, tools and techniques, knowledge translation and consumer involvement.

Sign up for upcoming webinars and the Learning Live archive is available [here](#).

Involving People - A learning resource for systematic review authors

[Involving People](#) is a 'one-stop-shop' for you to find out best practice and practical suggestions for finding and involving people throughout the review process; including useful resources, guidance documents, interviews about first hand experiences, and links to case studies and examples of good practice. Find out more about this resource from a recent [Cochrane Learning Live webinar](#) archive or access the resource itself [here](#).

7. More Cochrane Community news posts and blogs

- [Upcoming events](#)
- [Several positions within Cochrane are currently advertised](#)
- [Listen to the latest episodes of The Recommended Dose podcast](#)

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