

Reviews and Methods Digest:

25th April 2016

For Information

1. Nominations requested for the selection panel for the Scientific Committee

Cochrane's Board of Trustees agreed to the setup of 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. We seek representation from Co-ordinating Editors (one member of the Executive and one wider Board member), Methods Convenors (one member of the Executive and one wider Board member), also one representative from the other Cochrane groups: Fields, Centres and Consumers, and one representative of the ME and Information Specialist community on this panel. The full panel will comprise: David Tovey (Editor in Chief), current Cochrane Board representative Holger Schünemann and an independent representative, along with the 6 internal group members.

This is a time limited panel to agree a call for Scientific Committee nominations and to consider actively approaching specific individuals outside Cochrane (by invitation) to produce a balanced and well-functioning committee.

Deadline for nominations to the panel: 20th May. The Co-Eds and Methods Executive should each nominate one member, and the other Executives are also invited to nominate an individual for consideration. For the representatives of the Methods and Co-Eds Board, individuals are invited to nominate themselves or colleagues (with prior consent). For each application, candidates should provide a short summary (less than 500 words) of their relevant expertise and experience to assist them in making the independent and impartial judgements required, 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.

Please submit your nominations to Jackie Chandler jchandler@cochrane.org by the deadline ***20th May GMT***

2. Structure and Function Review

You may have seen the email circulated by the Cochrane Co-Chairs, CEO and EiC in relation to the Structure and Function review next steps. You can also read the content of the email and the associated paper here:

<https://community.cochrane.org/news/structure-and-function-review-next-steps>

3. Seoul Colloquium

We received a good response to the call for oral, poster and workshop abstracts. We received 508 scientific abstracts for orals and posters and 97 for workshops

Reminders

4. CRG Editorial teams: are your conflict of interest declarations up to date?

The Conflict of interest statements for CRG editorial teams are now published online at <http://community.cochrane.org/organizational-info/people/conflict-interest/crgs>. Now is a good time to check your records and ensure your editors (including Co-Eds, MEs and other Editors) have updated their details in the past year. To update your details:

1. Go to <http://archie.cochrane.org> and log in. If you don't have an Archie login, check with your Managing Editor.
2. Click on your own name at the top right of the screen, near the search box, to open your Person Record.
3. Click on the Roles tab.
4. From the list, select your editorial role with the CRG.
5. Down below the role list, click the Col Form: Open button.
6. Complete the form in as much detail as you can.
7. Click Save.

5. Cochrane Review Support Programme

A reminder to all Cochrane Reviews Groups that applications for review funding through the Cochrane Review Support Programme close on Friday 6 May. For full details and an application form go to <http://editorial-unit.cochrane.org/cochrane-review-support-programme>