

Centre & Fields Digest

Dear Colleagues,

Welcome to the 4th 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 of Cochrane groups, by Friday 8th July

Thank you to those groups who have completed their form as of yesterday, 22nd June:

Cochrane Finland
Cochrane New Zealand
Cochrane Norway
Cochrane Primary Care
Cochrane UK
Cystic Fibrosis and Genetic Disorders Group
Fertility Regulation Group
Haematological Malignancies Group
Hepato-Biliary Group
Hospital Pediátrico de Sinaloa - Collaborating centre of Cochrane Mexico
Injuries Group
Kidney and Transplant Group
Screening and Diagnostic Tests Methods Group
Upper GI and Pancreatic Diseases Group
US Satellite of the Cochrane Heart Group

More information on how to complete your group's form is available on the [Cochrane Community site](#).

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

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) 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 [Cochrane Community site](#) for more information, including a link to the webinars.

4) Seoul Colloquium 23rd-27th October: 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

Please see the latest [Colloquium newsletter](#) for more information.

5) Surveying the Cochrane Community

To improve coordination and avoid over-emailing, all surveys sent by Cochrane contributors to their Cochrane colleagues must now be issued via the Cochrane Community website, and this Group Digest or the Review & Methods Digest, rather than to the group email lists directly.

If you have a survey that you want to issue to groups, please email [Muriah Urmoquit](mailto:Muriah.Urmoquit@cochrane.org), Internal Communication and Content Officer, from the Central Executive.

ITEMS FOR YOUR INFORMATION:**6) Steering Group announces appointment of third external member**

We are delighted to announce the appointment of a third external member of the Cochrane Steering Group (CSG): **Dr. Michael Makanga**, MBChB, MSc, PhD, FRCP Edin.

The full announcement is available on Cochrane.org.

7) Update on 2015 Impact Factor release

The *Cochrane Database of Systematic Reviews* has not yet received a 2015 impact factor due to an indexing issue by Thomson Reuters, who produce the impact factor. Wiley is working hard with Thomson Reuters to investigate the reasons behind this and is hoping to resolve this issue in the next few weeks. We will provide an update as soon as possible when we know more.

8) Cochrane Crowd is going open access

The [Cochrane Crowd](http://Cochrane.org) team is delighted to announce that their work is going open access.

The full announcement is available on Cochrane.org.

9) When Maja met TaskExchange

Read the latest blogs on Cochrane Community:

- [When Maja met TaskExchange](#)
- [Cochrane contributor: Dr Jimmie Hwang](#)

10) Current Cochrane job opportunities

There are various positions currently open with Cochrane groups and the Central Executive. 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](mailto:Lucie.Binder@cochrane.org), 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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