



Dear Colleagues,

Welcome to Issue 44 of the Centre & Fields Digest, which is published monthly. This Digest provides information particularly relevant to Cochrane's Geographic Groups and Fields, including consumers. It 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](#), which is sent to CRGs and Methods Groups.

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**ITEMS FOR YOUR ACTION:**

**1. Cochrane Survey: Provide feedback on Cochrane's Policy on Conflicts of Interest – Deadline: 17 February 2019**

We invite feedback from people who create, use or fund the production of Cochrane Reviews, on how conflict of interest should be defined and managed. Please take 15 minutes to complete this important survey on COI by 17th February.

For more information and to complete the survey please visit the [Cochrane Community website](#).

**2. Cochrane's Colloquium, Santiago 2019 - call for abstracts and workshops now open – Deadline: 12 April 2019**

The 26th Cochrane Colloquium, Santiago 2019 call for abstracts and workshops is now open. This year's theme is 'Embracing diversity'. recognizing Cochrane as a truly global independent community, addressing relevant health questions from international stakeholders using a range of diverse methods. We ask that abstract submissions consider the relevance to this theme. In particular, we welcome submissions that address or discuss diversity on reviews from different viewpoints/angles. **The deadline for submissions is 12 April 2019.**

Find out more on the [Cochrane Community website](#).

**ITEMS FOR YOUR INFORMATION:**

**3. Meeting our Mission: A message from Cochrane's Chief Executive Officer, Mark Wilson**

For full text and more information, please visit the [Cochrane Community Website](#).

**4. Cochrane's Editor in Chief's response to BMJ Article - 'Cochrane is thriving'**

David Tovey, Editor in Chief of the Cochrane Library, responds to a recent article in the BMJ, stating that 'Cochrane is thriving'.

For more information please visit the [Cochrane Community website](#).

**5. Cochrane Governing Board meeting minutes from Sept 2018, Edinburgh now available**

The minutes from the Governing Board's meeting in Edinburgh, UK, September 2018, are now available.

For more information please visit the [Cochrane Community website](#).

**6. Cochrane Governing Board agenda and open access papers, including the draft Plan & Budget for 2019, now available - January 2019**

The agenda and open access papers for the Cochrane Governing Board meeting in London, UK on 19-20 January 2019 are now available to view online. More details on the approved 2019 Plan & Budget will follow in the next week.

For access and more information please visit the [Cochrane Community website](#).

**7. Cochrane expresses thanks to Professor Rob Scholten for leadership of Cochrane Netherlands**

After leading Cochrane Netherlands for 17 years, Professor Rob Scholten has stepped down as its Director.

For more information please visit the [Cochrane Community website](#).

**8. Cochrane expresses thanks to Professor Gerd Antes for leadership of Cochrane Germany**

After leading Cochrane Germany for over 20 years, Professor Gerd Antes has stepped down as its Director.

For more information please visit the [Cochrane Community website](#).

**9. New Cochrane review assesses the benefits and harms of exercise for preventing falls in older people living in the community**

New evidence published in the Cochrane Library today provides strong evidence that falls in people over sixty-years old can be prevented by exercise programmes. For more information please visit the [Cochrane Community website](#).

**10. New KT case study: Working with national guideline developers to help them develop and adapt evidence-based guidelines**

Cochrane Nigeria has been developing skills in how to appraise and adapt existing guidelines, and how to use evidence, including Cochrane evidence, in the guideline development process.

To find out more visit the [Cochrane Community website](#).

#### **11. Cochrane Crowd's Mexican challenge breaks all previous records**

Over three days from Dec 5-8, Cochrane Mexico ran a 'get involved in Cochrane' initiative in which 738 people signed up, 455 participated and 319,643 individual assessments were made equating to 89,692 records being screened. 90 people screened at least 1000 records during the challenge and as a result were invited to become Cochrane members. And finally, almost 10,000 RCTs were identified for Cochrane's CENTRAL register of controlled trials, where they can be accessed by systematic reviewers around the world.

To find out more please visit the [Cochrane Community website](#).

#### **12. Using social media platforms to disseminate Cochrane evidence in China**

Cochrane's simplified Chinese multi-lingual team share the secret of their social media success with WeChat.

For the full story please visit the [Cochrane Community Website](#).

#### **13. Long-term Conditions and Ageing Network 2 Renamed**

Following consultations with all Cochrane Reviews Groups (CRGs) within the network, the 'Long-Term Conditions and Ageing 2' Network are pleased to announce that they have changed their name to the 'Musculoskeletal, Oral, Skin and Sensory' (MOSS) Network.

For more information please visit the [Cochrane Community website](#).

#### **14. Upcoming 2020 and 2021 Governance Meetings - Dates and Locations**

Cochrane's Governance Meetings in 2020 will be held 30 March – 03 April, in Manchester, UK.

Cochrane's Governance Meetings in 2021 will be held 22 March – 26 March, in the USA (city to be announced).

For details please see the [Cochrane Community website](#).

#### **15. McMaster Health Forum | Top Ten Webinars**

Interested in learning from Forum experts and influential health- and social-system leaders and researchers from around the world? Webinars in this series will feature 'top ten' insights into health and social systems, evidence-informed policymaking and a range of key issues.

Upcoming webinars:

- 25th February 2019: *Top Ten insights on supporting evidence-informed policymaking in Africa*. More information and sign up available [here](#).
- 26th March 2019: *Top Ten insights into citizen engagement: a Canadian perspective*. More information and sign up available [here](#).

<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>16th April 2019: <i>Supporting evidence-informed policymaking in the Caribbean</i>. More information and sign up available <a href="#">here</a>.</li> </ul>
<b>16. Cochrane Learning Live – Upcoming webinar programme</b>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>5th February 2019: <i>Practical methods for handling missing summary statistics in meta-analysis of continuous outcomes</i>. More information and sign up available <a href="#">here</a>.</li> <li>19th February 2019: <i>Introduction to the new Cochrane Equity Content Strategy</i>. More information and sign up available <a href="#">here</a>.</li> <li>27th February 2019: <i>Access to clinical trial data (part 1): An evolving practice</i>. More information and sign up available <a href="#">here</a>.</li> <li>6th March 2019: <i>How to develop and evaluate a Knowledge Translation plan: advice and experiences from Cochrane Child Health Field</i>. More information and sign up available <a href="#">here</a>.</li> <li>13th March 2019: <i>Learning with Cochrane: Discover what's new and what's upcoming</i>. More information and sign up available <a href="#">here</a>.</li> </ul>
<b>17. New learning resources</b>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><b>TaskExchange: a new hub for Cochrane Consumers</b> - Webinar recording available <a href="#">here</a>.</li> <li><b>An Introduction to Individual Patient Data (IPD) meta-analysis</b> - Webinar recording available <a href="#">here</a>.</li> </ul>
<b>18. Current Cochrane Jobs</b>
There are exciting opportunities currently available to work for Cochrane. For more information, please see <a href="#">Cochrane Jobs</a> .
<b>19. More Cochrane Community news posts and blogs</b>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><a href="#">Upcoming Events</a></li> <li><a href="#">Survey Round-Up</a></li> <li><a href="#">Tender and Funding Round-Up</a> - A round-up of active tender and funding opportunities that may be of interest to Cochrane contributors, authors, and groups - updated through the month.</li> </ul>

The Centre & Fields Digest is created by the Chief Executive Officer's Office. We intend to make it available every month 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 [Lorna McAlley](#), Executive Assistant 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.

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