Dear Colleagues,

Welcome to Issue 40 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. Names of Cochrane Governing Board candidates announced

Five candidates are standing for election to the Governing Board this year:

- CULLUM, Nicky
- EKE, Ahizechukwu
- GUPTA, Deepak
- HOOFT, Lotty
- JEFFERSON, Tom
Read more about why they’re standing and what they propose to do for Cochrane in their Candidate Statements on elections.cochrane.org.
There is one position available on the Board for this election. If you’re a Cochrane Member you’ll be entitled to vote for your preferred candidate and you’ll receive instructions on voting opening day, 24 July 2018. If you are unsure whether you are a Cochrane Member, please contact membership@cochrane.org.

2. Council Author Representative – candidates standing for election
Nine candidates are standing for election to the Cochrane Council as Author Representative:

- CIAPPONI, Agustin
- CLAY, Fiona
- DAVIES, Mark
- DEL GIOVANE, Cinzia
- FRANCO, Juan V.A.
- HODDER, Rebecca Kate
- JORDAN, Vanessa
- MARTIS, Ruth
- PETSKY, Helen

Read more about why they’re standing in their Candidate Statements on elections.cochrane.org. There is one position available on the Council for this election. If you’re a Cochrane Member and Author you’ll be entitled to vote for your preferred candidate and you’ll receive instructions on voting opening day, 24 July 2018. If you are unsure whether you are a Cochrane Member, please contact membership@cochrane.org.

3. Would you like to host a future Governance Meeting?: Deadline 30 July 2018
Governance Meetings are Cochrane’s annual business meetings. We are looking for a Cochrane Group to host the 2020 and 2021 events.
Cochrane Governance Meetings are an opportunity for the Cochrane’s Governing Board, Council and Executives to meet and discuss the organization’s Strategy to 2020 and related targets, and how these are being developed and implemented. From 1-5 April 2019, Cochrane Poland will be hosting the event in Krakow.

It is important to note that Cochrane Governance Meetings are usually held in Europe, where the location should be within two hours’ travelling time of an international airport; but they can also be held elsewhere in the world, though at an easily accessible transport hub.

For more information, and details of how to apply, please see the Cochrane Community website.

ITEMS FOR YOUR INFORMATION:

4. 2017 Journal Impact Factor for Cochrane Database of Systematic Reviews rises to 6.754
The 2017 Journal Citation Report (JCR) has been released by Clarivate Analytics, and we are delighted to announce that Cochrane Database of Systematic Reviews (CDSR) Journal Impact Factor is now 6.754.
This is a significant increase on the 2016 Journal Impact Factor, which was 6.264. For more information, please see the Cochrane Community website.

5. Cochrane Croatia celebrates its 10th annual Croatian Cochrane Symposium
On Friday, 29th June 2018, Cochrane enthusiasts from all over Croatia and neighbouring Bosnia and Herzegovina gathered in Split, at the University of Split School of Medicine, for the 10th Annual Croatian Cochrane Symposium. They were rewarded for their efforts with excellent presentations from this year’s invited speakers. For more information, please see the Cochrane Community website.
6. **Launch of new, improved Pan African Clinical Trial Registry**

The Pan African Clinical Trial Registry (PACTR) has been redeveloped with the aim of providing a more user-friendly, easy-to-navigate website for researchers, policymakers, funders and the public. PACTR is a regional clinical trials registry which aims to serve the needs of African clinical trials, clinicians and trial participants. For more information, please see the [Cochrane Community website](https://www.cochrane.org).

7. **Cochrane in numbers: January–March 2018**

Cochrane’s organizational Dashboard presents our achievements in key metrics. We use it as an excellent tool to reflect on our accomplishments on a quarterly basis. Here are just a few highlights from Q1 2018:

- The use of Cochrane.org has increased by 44% (YOY), with 71% of visits from non-English language browsers.
- Cochrane Crowd now has over 8,541 members, a 64% increase (YOY).
- 91% of new Cochrane Reviews were published with a summary of Findings table, up from 70% on the same periods in 2015.

For more information, please see the [Cochrane Community website](https://www.cochrane.org).

8. **Cochrane takes its mission of promoting evidence-informed health decision-making to the UK Parliament**

Cochrane was given the opportunity to speak as part of the UK’s first ever Evidence Week at the Houses of Parliament in London, UK, which ran from 25-28 June. The initiative, led by [Sense About Science](https://www.senseaboutscience.org), brought together MPs, peers, parliamentarians and others interested in science and health to talk about why health evidence is important and matters to global decision-makers. It aimed to highlight the role of the House of Commons Library and share insights into the work of Parliament in seeking and scrutinizing the value of evidence for making better healthcare decisions.

For more information, please see the [Cochrane Community website](https://www.cochrane.org).

9. **Learn more about the 2018 Cochrane Colloquium**

Cochrane UK is delighted to be hosting the 25th Cochrane Colloquium, at the Edinburgh International Conference Centre in Scotland, from 16th to 18th September 2018. Find out more about what is planned for the 2018 Colloquium [here](https://www.cochrane.org).

10. **New webinar archive**

Along with the new design Cochrane Training website we have created a new archive for our Cochrane Learning Live resources. Whether you’re interested in core or advanced methods, review tools or any other of our range of topics, the new archive format means you’ll be able to easily find resources you need. To access the archive, please see the [Cochrane Training website](https://www.cochrane.org).

11. **New learning resources**

- Meta-analysis of time-to-event data – please see [Cochrane Training website](https://www.cochrane.org).
- Undertaking a qualitative evidence synthesis to support decision-making in a Cochrane context – please see [Cochrane Training website](https://www.cochrane.org).
- Allowing for uncertainty due to missing outcome data in meta-analysis – please see [Cochrane Training website](https://www.cochrane.org).

12. **Cochrane Learning Live – Upcoming webinar programme – August 2018**

- 1st August 2018: *Get to know RevMan Web – the new review writing tool* - For more information please see the [Cochrane Training website](https://www.cochrane.org).
- 21st August 2018: *A research program on rapid reviews: where should we venture next?* - For more information please see the [Cochrane Training website](https://www.cochrane.org).
• 22nd August 2018: Cochrane Crowd webinar: Help curate and deliver health evidence – For more information please see the Cochrane Community website.

13. Current Cochrane Jobs
There are several exciting opportunities currently available to work for Cochrane. For more information, please see Cochrane Jobs.

14. More Cochrane Community news posts and blogs
- 80% of people find the help they need on TaskExchange!
- How to successfully help out on health evidence projects with TaskExchange
- Upcoming Events
- Tender and Funding Round-Up - A round-up of active tender and funding opportunities that may be of interest to Cochrane contributors, authors, and groups - updated through the month.

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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