

Centre & Fields Digest

Dear Colleagues,

Welcome to the 6th 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.

ITEMS FOR YOUR ACTION:

1) Structure and function webinars for Centres, Branches, and Networks: July and August

Following the successful webinar series for Review Groups, Mark Wilson will be leading a series especially for Centres, Branches, and Networks, in July and August.

It's recommended that all Centre and Branch staff attend one of the four webinars. Please see the [Cochrane Community site](#) for more information and to register for a webinar.

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) 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 website](#) for more information.

4) Save the date for the Mid-Year Meeting 2017 and reserve your hotel room!

The [2017 Mid-Year Business Meetings](#) will be hosted by Cochrane Switzerland in Geneva, on the 4th-5th April 2017, alongside other meetings held that week that Mid-Year attendees will be welcome to join.

Key dates: Cochrane Switzerland Symposium: 3rd April, WHO/Cochrane training workshop: 3rd April, morning, WHO/Cochrane meeting: 3rd April, afternoon, WHO/Cochrane drinks reception: 3rd April, evening, Mid-Year Meeting: 4th April – 5th April, Steering Group meeting: 6th April – 7th April (to be confirmed).

Geneva is a busy location and hotels book up quickly, so it is important you reserve your room as *soon as possible*. Hotel options are provided in the link above.

ITEMS FOR YOUR INFORMATION:

5) Global Evidence Summit 2017

Cochrane, together with four other leading organizations in the production and dissemination of evidence for decision making in the global health, social, and economic policy and practice sectors - proudly announces the first '[Global Evidence Summit](#)' in Cape Town, South Africa. This event will replace the normal Cochrane Colloquium in 2017.

6) Find out more about Cochrane Clinical Answers

Cochrane Clinical Answers (CCAs) provide a readable, digestible, clinically focused entry point to rigorous research from Cochrane systematic reviews. The next introductory webinar will be held on 10th August.

Please see the [Cochrane Library](#) for more information.

7) Various information items from the latest Review & Methods Digest

The next [Review & Methods Digest](#) will be published tomorrow and you are welcome to read it on the Cochrane Community site.

8) Read the latest Cochrane Community blogs

- [Putting Cochrane evidence in the spotlight at conferences.](#)
- [Screening Notes: Planning methods for using GRADE and preparing Summary of Findings tables.](#)

9) 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](#), 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,

Mark

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