

Centre and Fields Digest

Dear Colleagues,

Welcome to the 7th 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.

Please note that the Digest will be taking a break for the next few weeks and will be back on 15th September.

ITEMS FOR YOUR ACTION:

1) Final consultation on Cochrane governance reform: Deadline 23rd August 2016

During 2016, the Cochrane Steering Group has been developing a proposal for the transition to a new governance structure for Cochrane, including a transition from the Steering Group structure to a new Cochrane Governing Board.

All Cochrane Groups and individual contributors are invited to discuss and have input into the current proposal. Final decisions on how to proceed will be made at the Steering Group meeting and Annual General Meeting at the Cochrane Colloquium in Seoul in October 2016.

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

2) Consultation on the Structure & Function of Cochrane Centres: Invitation to provide feedback

Centres and Branches overwhelmingly endorsed the [Implementing Strategy to 2020: Centres, Branches & Networks Structure and Function Review](#) paper and recommendations. Twenty-seven Centres and Branches voted in the Doodle poll and all of them endorsed the paper. Formal implementation of the recommendations will now begin, and supporting documents are being developed and will be made available soon.

Four webinars were held in July and August setting out these changes and to consult with collaborators on new proposals developed by the Central Executive following decisions made by the Steering Group in April at the Mid-Year meetings in London. Feedback in the webinars was extremely positive on these initial proposals but comments, questions, suggestions and views on them would be warmly welcomed.

You can find a recording of one of the webinars and a downloadable pdf of the presentation, Cochrane's Geographical presence - Structure and Function impact on Networks, Centres and Branches on the dedicated [Cochrane Community](#) page.

If you have any feedback do not hesitate to contact [Chris Champion](#) or [Mark Wilson](#) over the coming weeks.

3) Seoul Colloquium 23rd-27th October: Various deadlines and information items

- [Early registration](#) closes on 10th August - get 16% off standard the registration price before this date.
- Only 50 rooms left at the Grand Hilton - [book now!](#)
- Find out more about the speakers at the [plenary sessions](#).
- See all the confirmed [workshops](#).
- Find out more about the [#CochraneTech, Methods & KT Symposia](#)

- From BBQs to Korean dancing and city tours, book a space for the [Colloquium social events!](#)

Please see the [Colloquium website](#) for more information about this year's Colloquium.

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) Read the latest Cochrane Community blogs and news posts

- [Why publish a systematic review in Cochrane?](#)
- [Anne Anderson Prize: recognizing the enhancement and visibility of women in Cochrane](#)
- [Cochrane Crowd – exciting times ahead](#)
- [Broadening access to TaskExchange](#)
- [Cochrane Tumblr: sharing Cochrane evidence on a microblogging platform](#)
- [Get your evidence on Wikipedia!](#)
- [The World Health Assembly – A great opportunity for Cochrane to engage with key stakeholders](#)
- [Cochrane in the news: July 2016](#)

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,

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