Call for applications – Editors for the Cochrane Colorectal Cancer Group

The Colorectal Cancer Group (CRCG) is seeking new editors to join its Editorial Board. Applicants should have broad methodological experience and expertise, including in the application of the GRADE process for evaluating certainty in relation to a body of evidence. Experience, knowledge, and skills relating to gastrointestinal surgery or oncology are also highly desirable. The CRCG requires experienced editors, so all applicants must have completed at least two Cochrane Reviews as a review author. Editorial experience is desirable but not essential.

The CRCG is currently based in Copenhagen. It has published 107 systematic reviews and 74 protocols. Of the reviews, 9 are reviews of diagnostic test accuracy and the remainder are intervention reviews. More information is available on the <u>Group website</u>. The Group's Coordinating Editor is <u>Rick Nelson</u>, and the Managing Editor is <u>Henning Keinke Anderson</u>.

The CRCG has been addressing challenges relating to the management of quality within its reviews, and currently all protocols, reviews, and updates are screened for adherence to the Methods Expectations for Cochrane Intervention Reviews (MECIR) standards before publication by the Cochrane Editorial Unit (CEU). However, the group has already expanded its Editorial Board, and is developing new approaches and processes aiming to address these challenges. Therefore, there are good opportunities for the incoming editors to contribute actively to the development and direction of the group. In addition, Rick Nelson has indicated that now, or in the near future, he is looking to appoint a Joint Co-ordinating Editor to support him in managing the Group, and to provide independent sign off for reviews on which he is an author.

The terms of reference for Cochrane Editors are described at: http://community.cochrane.org/organisational-policy-manual/3288-editor-terms-reference

All editors will additionally be asked to declare any conflicts of interest and maintain this every 12 months. The Cochrane commercial sponsorship policy is described at: http://community.cochrane.org/organisational-policy-manual/appendix-5-commercial-sponsorship-policy

Individuals wishing to discuss this role are invited to contact Rick Nelson or Cochrane's Editor in Chief (dtovey@cochrane.org). Applications, in the form of a letter describing relevant experience and skills, plus a brief CV should be sent to Henning Keinke Anderson, the Managing Editor of the CRCG. The closing date is 14th March 2016.