



Dear Colleagues,

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- **Full launch of Cochrane Interactive Learning**
- **Cochrane Review Fast-Track Service – call for submissions**
- **Dates of Cochrane Governance Meetings 2018**
- **Cochrane Centres: recent achievements**

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**ITEMS FOR YOUR ACTION:**

**1) News from the Learning and Support Department**

**Cochrane Interactive Learning – Full course now available**

The Learning and Support Department is delighted to announce the full launch of all nine modules of its new, online introductory training course on how to conduct a systematic review of interventions, available at [interactivelearning.cochrane.org](http://interactivelearning.cochrane.org).

The *Cochrane Interactive Learning* modules offer new learners the chance to embark on modular, interactive training on how to produce systematic reviews, and experienced authors and can refresh their skills with the latest guidance and best practice. Their modular design and technical coverage

also make them an invaluable tool in supporting trainers and delivery of workshops across the Cochrane community.

Developed by world-leading experts in systematic review method, the modules offer dynamic, flexible and engaging content with nine modules and over 100 learning units, building knowledge for new and existing authors one step at a time. They provide clear explanations with stimulating interactions, quizzes, animations, examples and reference resources, and enable learners to tailor their learning experience, in their own time, and from anywhere in the world, from a laptop, tablet or phone.

Cochrane Authors will have free access to all the *Cochrane Interactive Learning* modules, as will Cochrane Editorial teams and Group staff (see here for [a complete list](#)). Residents of WHO Hinari A and B countries will also be eligible for free access.

Find out more by visiting [interactivelearning.cochrane.org](http://interactivelearning.cochrane.org) or contact the development team at [interactivelearning@cochrane.org](mailto:interactivelearning@cochrane.org).

### **Cochrane Learning Live – Webinar programme and archive**

*Cochrane Learning Live* is the ongoing webinar programme run by the Learning and Support Department. Regular webinar sessions are open to anyone wanting to learn in the Cochrane environment, be they complete beginners or seasoned experts. Our archive presents previous webinars as edited bite-sized videos, together with slide packs and other accompanying materials, and covers a broad range of topics, including: systematic review methods, tools and techniques, knowledge translation and consumer involvement.

Sign up for upcoming webinars and the Learning Live archive is available [here](#).

Also coming up shortly is a series of editorial policy webinars aimed at editors. These will also be of interest to leaders who also play an editorial role, and may find it helpful when liaising with Groups and authors to be up to date with new editorial policies. Sign up for sessions on 28 Nov at [01.00 UTC](#) or [14.00 UTC](#)

### **Involving People - A learning resource for systematic review authors**

[Involving People](#) is a 'one-stop-shop' for you to find out best practice and practical suggestions for finding and involving people throughout the review process; including useful resources, guidance documents, interviews about first hand experiences, and links to case studies and examples of good

practice. Find out more about this resource from a recent [Cochrane Learning Live webinar archive](#) or access the resource itself [here](#).

## **2) Last call for Cochrane Review submissions: Fast-Track Service - Open for submissions until 31 December 2017**

Cochrane is piloting a Fast-Track Service for Cochrane Reviews. This is a 'journal-like' process whereby high-quality, [MECIR](#)-compliant reviews that require no major revision, can be submitted directly into an accelerated editorial process. We aim for a turnaround of three months from submission to publication. This call is open to experienced Cochrane authors who wish to submit a Cochrane Review in 2017. For more information on eligibility requirements and applications, please see [Cochrane.org](#).

## **3) Cochrane Governance (Mid-Year) Meetings, Lisbon, 19-23 March 2018**

Registration for the Governance Meetings (previously known as Mid-Year Meetings) will be open from 4 December. For more information, please see the [Cochrane Community website](#).

### **ITEMS FOR YOUR INFORMATION:**

## **4) Cochrane Germany receives long-term government funding**

It has recently been announced that Cochrane Germany will receive a grant of one million Euros annually from the German Ministry of Health to support its work, in addition to the funding it receives from the University of Freiburg. Congratulations to everyone at the German Cochrane Centre for their work in securing this funding. For more information, please see the [Cochrane Community website](#).

## **5) Participants from across Russia and beyond gather for the third Cochrane Workshop in Kazan**

[Cochrane Austria](#), [Cochrane Russia](#), and [Cochrane Sweden](#) joined forces to deliver a truly International Cochrane event on evidence-based medicine, held in Kazan at the end of October. The successful workshop took place over two days and focused on review production software. It marked the third Cochrane workshop held in Russia to date. For more information, please see [Cochrane.org](#).

## **6) Cochrane Translations: Making Cochrane podcasts more relevant to a Brazilian audience**

The Brazilian translation team have been modifying English language Cochrane podcast scripts before translating them into Portuguese, in order to make them more suitable for their local audience. Patricia Logullo, translation editor at Cochrane Brazil, tells us more about the changes made to the scripts, and how listeners have responded. For more information, please see the [Cochrane Community website](#).

## **7) Cochrane Colloquium Edinburgh: Sponsorship, advertising, and exhibition opportunities**

The 2018 Cochrane Colloquium will be held in Edinburgh at the International Conference Centre in Scotland from 16-18 September 2018. It will be hosted by [Cochrane UK](#).

Cochrane's annual colloquia is a truly international event, attracting up to 1300 delegates from across the world. It's a great opportunity for delegates and organizations attending, to network and learn more about the latest in evidence-based practice.

The theme for 2018 is: Cochrane for all: Better evidence for better health decisions

For more information, please see [Cochrane.org](http://Cochrane.org).

#### **8) Evidence Aid announces Humanitarian Evidence Week 2017**

From 6-12 November, [Evidence Aid](http://EvidenceAid.org) is organising the Humanitarian Evidence Week 2017 (HEW2017) – one week of blogs, webinars, training, debates, and other initiatives to promote a more evidence-based approach to humanitarian aid. For the HEW2017, Evidence Aid has brought together more than 20 organisations to create a platform highlighting their work related to the generation, use, and dissemination of evidence in the humanitarian sector. For more information please see the [Cochrane Community website](http://Cochrane.org).

#### **9) New Cochrane Library Special Collection: Yoga for improving health and well-being**

Yoga originated thousands of years ago in India as an integrated physical, mental, and spiritual practice based on ancient Vedic philosophy, and is connected to Ayurveda, the system of traditional Indian medicine. During the 20th century, yoga became increasingly recognised outside India, and over the past decades it has continued to grow in popularity worldwide as system for promoting health and well-being. While modern yoga often focuses on physical poses and is sometimes thought of as a type of exercise, the practice usually incorporates one or more of the mental or spiritual elements that are traditionally part of yoga, such as relaxation, concentration, or meditation. For this reason, yoga is considered a mind-body exercise. For more information, please see the [Cochrane.org](http://Cochrane.org).

#### **10) World Health Organization uses Cochrane evidence in breastfeeding guideline**

The World Health Organization's latest breastfeeding guideline, [Protecting, promoting and supporting breastfeeding in facilities providing maternity and newborn services](http://www.who.int/publications/m/item/protecting-promoting-and-supporting-breastfeeding-in-facilities-providing-maternity-and-newborn-services), has been published. This guideline provides global, evidence-informed recommendations on protection, promotion, and support of optimal breastfeeding in facilities providing maternity and newborn services, as a public health intervention. It features evidence from 16 Cochrane Reviews; 7 Reviews from [Cochrane Neonatal](http://Cochrane.org) and 9 from [Cochrane Pregnancy and Childbirth](http://Cochrane.org). For more information, please see [Cochrane.org](http://Cochrane.org).

#### **11) World Antibiotic Awareness Week**

Professor Dame Sally Davies, England's Chief Medical Officer, recently warned that the world could face a "[post-antibiotic apocalypse](http://www.who.int/antibiotic-access)." She urged that, unless action is taken to halt the practices that have allowed antibiotic resistance to spread and ways are found to develop new types of antibiotics, we could return to the days when simple wounds, infections or routine operations, are life-threatening.

To mark **World Antibiotic Awareness Week, 13th-19th November**, we are highlighting Cochrane evidence which supports decision-making in the appropriate use of antibiotics. For more information, please see [Cochrane.org](http://Cochrane.org).

#### **12) More Cochrane Community news posts and blogs**

- [Upcoming events](#)
- [Survey round-up: November 2017](#) A round-up of active surveys submitted by Cochrane contributors, colleagues, and partners seeking input from the Cochrane Community - updated through the month.
- [The Recommended Dose: Episode 3 with Lisa Bero](#) - Lisa Bero, a former Co-Chair of the Cochrane Governing Board, says public will increasingly demand less wining and dining, more independence from health professionals
- [The Recommended Dose: Episode 4 with Jimmy Volmink](#) - Professor Jimmy Volmink joins Ray Moynihan to trace an extraordinary personal and professional journey that defied the odds

For all current opportunities, please see [Cochrane Jobs](#)

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Best wishes,

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