



Centre and Fields Digest



Dear Colleagues,

Welcome to the 21st edition of the Centre & Fields Digest.

The Digest provides information particularly relevant to Cochrane's Geographic Groups 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.

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ITEMS FOR YOUR ACTION:

1) Sponsored Group registration for the Global Evidence Summit 2017 – BY TODAY!

Sponsored registration for one person from **each Cochrane Group** to attend Cochrane Colloquia has been extended to **Associate Centres** and **Satellites of Cochrane Review Groups**. This also applies to the [Global Evidence Summit](#) in Cape Town, from 13-16 September 2017, which this year replaces the normal Cochrane Colloquium.

Sponsored Group registrants will be required to pay for their own travel, accommodation, optional or additional social events tickets.

- For more information, please see the [Cochrane Community website](#).
- [Early bird registration](#): Register before the 30 June 2017 to get over 11% off the standard ticket price for the GES.

2) TDR stipends for knowledge managers in LMICs to attend Global Evidence Summit – deadline 15 June 2017

[TDR](#), the Special Programme for Research and Training in Tropical Diseases, is a global programme of scientific collaboration that helps facilitate, support and influence efforts to combat diseases of poverty. It is hosted at the World Health Organization (WHO), and is sponsored by the United Nations Children's Fund (UNICEF), the United Nations Development Programme (UNDP), the World Bank and WHO. TDR is offering a limited number of bursaries for researchers, policy-makers and others contributing to knowledge translation activities or evidence to policy work, preferably from Low and Middle-Income Countries (LMICs), preferably working with neglected tropical diseases, to attend the Global Evidence Summit.

For more information, please see the [Global Evidence Summit website](#).

3) Call for Nominations: Cochrane Governing Board members - deadline 20 June 2017

Do you want to help shape Cochrane's strategic direction and build your leadership profile? We now invite you to apply to help lead the organization to 2020 and beyond.

Due to the expiry of current terms of existing Governing Board members, we are seeking to elect and appoint:

- Two internal members
- Three external members
- One Co-Chair

You must have strong leadership skills, vision, and expertise, and be able to play a pivotal role in Cochrane's future success. You will bring high levels of personal integrity to the role and a commitment to working in a multi-cultural, geographically diverse organization. You must be able to challenge and debate constructively, whilst exemplifying mutual trust and respect for other Board members. Candidates who have not served at a board/director level before are welcome to apply.

Candidates standing to be internal members are voted on by all Cochrane members. Candidates standing to be external members or Co-Chair are appointed by the Governing Board, for ratification by all Cochrane members at the next Annual General Meeting.

For more information and details of how to nominate, please visit the [Cochrane Community Board Elections](#) page.

4) Recognizing and celebrating contributors who deliver outstanding work for Cochrane – call for nominations for Cochrane prizes and awards by 30 June 2017

Every year Cochrane awards members of its community a range of prizes that highlight high-quality methodological research through to supporting health decision-making in developing countries, and contributors who have made a significant contribution to the enhancement of female participation within our organization. The prizes and awards that are presented at the annual Colloquia will this year be awarded at the [Global Evidence Summit](#) in Cape Town, South Africa on 14 September.

Submissions to the Kenneth Warren, Chris Silagy, and Bill Silverman Prizes as well as the Anne Anderson Award are now open. You have until the 30 June 2017 to make your nominations. For more information, please see the [Cochrane Community website](#).

5) Would you like to host a future Cochrane Colloquium or Governance Meeting? Deadline for submissions 28 July 2017

We are looking for Cochrane Groups to host the 2020 and 2021 Cochrane Colloquia; and the 2019, 2020 and 2021 Cochrane Governance Meetings. For more information, please see the [Cochrane Community website](#).

6) Get involved in the Cochrane-Wikipedia initiative

We are looking for people to get involved with the Cochrane-Wikipedia Initiative. Whether you are new to Wikipedia and Cochrane, or you are a seasoned Wikipedian or Cochrane contributor, there is a task for you. For more information, please see the [Cochrane Community website](#).

7) Join TaskExchange if you'd like to help on a systematic review

Keen to get experience with systematic reviews, but not sure where to start? Or perhaps you're already experienced, and want to help out? For more information, please see [Join TaskExchange](#).

ITEMS FOR YOUR INFORMATION:

8) Cochrane Austria awarded Centre status and recognized for success in promoting best available health information

Cochrane is delighted to announce that Cochrane Austria has been recognized for its outstanding achievements in promoting evidence-based decision-making in health care by being awarded full, independent Centre status.

Cochrane Austria, situated at the Danube University Krems, is co-ordinated and led by Director, Prof. Gerald Garlehner (current Governing Board member), and Associate Director, Barbara Nussbaumer-Streit. For more information, please see [Cochrane.org](#).

9) 'Cochrane in daily practice': facilitating the implementation of the best Cochrane evidence

Cochrane Mexico has launched an initiative to bring Cochrane Reviews into daily practice, in order to promote informed decision making. Dr. Giordano Pérez-Gaxiola, of Cochrane Mexico and the Pediatric Hospital of Sinaloa, who is leading the initiative, explains more on the [Cochrane Community website](#).

10) Reminder - decisions from the Cochrane Governing Board meeting, April 2017

Please see the [Cochrane Community website](#) for a reminder of the main decisions made by the Cochrane Governing Board (previously known as Steering Group) at its meeting in Geneva, Switzerland, April 5-7 2017.

11) Cochrane Response seeks Systematic Reviewer – deadline 23 June 2017

This is an exciting opportunity to become part of the systematic review team for Cochrane Response. The closing date for applications for this role is 23 June 2017. For more information and the job description, please see [Cochrane Jobs](#).

12) Making Systematic Reviews policy-relevant – Invitation to attend webinar on 7 June 2017

This webinar is the first in a series that [Cochrane Learning Live](#) is running in partnership with [GESI: the Global Evidence Synthesis Initiative](#). For more information, please see the [Cochrane Training website](#).

13) Cochrane and WHO meet to discuss how to improve their long-standing partnership

Cochrane's 2017 Mid-Year Meeting in Geneva provided an excellent opportunity to meet with the World Health Organization (WHO), with whom we have been in official relations since 2011. To see what emerged, and for more information, please see the [Cochrane Community website](#).

14) More Cochrane Community news posts and blogs

- [Upcoming events](#)
- [Join Cochrane Crowd and contribute to health evidence](#)
- [The MedLitBlitz: our week-long birthday party with more than 300 of our closest friends](#)
- [The Cochrane Library - iPad edition](#)
- [Cochrane welcomes the commitment of funders and international NGOs to implement WHO clinical trial reporting standards](#)
- [Mosquitos and Malaria: Cochrane is on the case](#)
- [New study: health literacy lessons help children make sense of health claims](#)
- [Featured Review: Decision aids to help people who are facing health treatment or screening decisions](#)
- [Sharing research through social media](#)
- [World No Tobacco Day 2017](#)

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Best wishes,

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