

# Centre and Fields Digest

Dear Colleagues,

Welcome to the 9<sup>th</sup> edition of the Centre & Fields Digest. The Digest provides information particularly relevant to Cochrane Centre's 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.

***The next issue of the Digest will be published on 10<sup>th</sup> November after the Colloquium in Seoul. Cochrane Korea and the local organizing team look forward to welcoming many of you to the 24<sup>th</sup> Colloquium, 23<sup>rd</sup>-27<sup>th</sup> October 2016.***

## **ITEMS FOR YOUR ACTION:**

### **1) Changes to the Structure & Function of Cochrane Groups: Ongoing opportunity for feedback and questions**

Following the Steering Group's decision at its meeting in April 2016 to proceed with organizational structure and function changes to help Cochrane meet its *Strategy to 2020* Objectives and Goals, the Central Executive Team has put together a series of papers which set out in more detail the proposed changes to be implemented. These papers cover:

- Paper One: Creating a more sustainable review production system for the Cochrane Library
- Paper Two: Cochrane's Geographic Presence
- Paper Three: Cochrane Fields: An update on proposals

For links to these papers and more information, please visit the dedicated [Cochrane Community webpage](#). These papers, and the recommendations within them, will be considered by the Cochrane Steering Group at its meeting on 20<sup>th</sup>-22<sup>nd</sup> October in Seoul. If you have any comments, questions or concerns you would like them to consider, please contact your Group representative on the Steering Group or [Mark Wilson](#) before then. Following the decisions of the Steering Group, as we move forward with the implementation of any additional changes to Centres, and further development of proposals for Fields, any Centre or Fields staff member is welcome to contact [Chris Champion](#) at any time with their feedback or questions.

### **2) Consumer involvement in Cochrane: Call for consultation by 30<sup>th</sup> November 2016**

In 2015 the Cochrane Consumer Network undertook its Structure and Function Review, examining key elements about consumer involvement in Cochrane, and the ways in which it is supported. The report from this review is available online; amongst other things, the review showed that the ways in which consumers are currently involved in Cochrane varies significantly across the organization.

To address the issues raised in the report, in 2016 the Consumer Network Executive prepared the Consumer Delivery Plan to 2020. The plan sets out eight key priorities for the development of consumer involvement in Cochrane. The first priority is to "Develop and adopt a statement of principles about consumer involvement in Cochrane": a shared agreement on the consumer role and how the whole organization can work with consumers will make our work clearer, reduce variations and uncertainty, and improve our effectiveness. It will also explain to our external partners how we include consumers in our work.

Comments on this draft Statement of Principles document are warmly invited from anyone with an interest in consumer involvement in Cochrane: consumers (patients, care givers, family members, people who support patient and public involvement in research, and citizens generally), review

authors, members of Cochrane Review Groups, Fields, Centres and Branches, Cochrane staff, and Cochrane's external partners, funders, and those who use Cochrane evidence.

To access and comment on the Statement of Principles, please visit the [Cochrane Community website](#).

### **3) Reminder to register your Group for the 2016 Annual General Meeting (AGM) by 14<sup>th</sup> October 2016**

Cochrane is in a period of significant organizational change. It is almost three years since we launched the *Strategy to 2020* with the aim of putting our evidence at the heart of health decision-making all over the world. This year there's a new approach to informing the community about the latest news related to these strategic plans. Preceding the formal AGM there will be a series of presentations highlighting the key developments, led by the CEO, Editor in Chief, and members of the Cochrane community. The full list of business to be conducted at this AGM-special session is set out in the Agenda together with the attachments to the Agenda. The session will be of interest to both registered AGM participants and any other Colloquium attendee who would like to attend. The whole session is expected to go from 16:00-18:30 local time in Seoul, and will be recorded and made available on the AGM page of the Cochrane Community website for those unable to attend in person.

#### **Registration for Cochrane 'members':**

Cochrane is a registered charity in the United Kingdom and must adhere to the legal requirements governing UK charities; one of these requirements is to hold an annual meeting of members. Currently, Cochrane's members are its registered Groups (entities): Centres, Fields, Methods Groups and Review Groups; and one person from each Group is expected to attend the AGM.

To register as your Group's representative at the AGM, please visit the [Cochrane Community website](#).

### **4) Steering Group meeting at the Seoul Colloquium: Opportunity to provide feedback on the agenda**

The agenda and open access papers for the Steering Group's next meeting are now available on the [Cochrane Community website](#). As always, your feedback on any of the items or papers is welcome. Please contact your Steering Group representative or [Lucie Binder](#), Senior Advisor to the CEO.

### **5) Seoul Colloquium 23<sup>rd</sup>-27<sup>th</sup> October: Registration deadline and items for Centre staff, Fields staff, and Centre Directors**

**For Centre staff:** The Centre Directors Executive has decided that there will be no Centre staff meeting at the Colloquium this year. Instead, all Centre staff are invited to attend the [special session, followed by the AGM, on Tuesday 25<sup>th</sup> October at 16:00 local time](#). This will be an opportunity for all staff and contributors of Cochrane Groups of all types to hear together about the latest news related to Cochrane's *Strategy to 2020*.

Should there be items that arise during the Centre Directors Board meeting in Seoul that should be communicated to all Centre staff directly, the CD's Executive will run a webinar following the Colloquium that all Centre staff – including those not travelling to Seoul – will be invited to attend.

**For Centre Directors:** The [Centre Directors Board meeting](#) will be held on Sunday 23<sup>rd</sup> October, 09:00-17:00 local time. Please note that the Centre Directors Executive has decided to run this meeting for the whole day, and not just the morning as was discussed in London in April at the Mid-Year Meeting. A principal agenda item will be the Structure & Function changes listed in item 1 of this Digest.

**For Fields Directors, Co-ordinators, and other staff:** The [Fields meeting](#) will be held on Sunday 23<sup>rd</sup> October, 13:00-17:00 local time. All those involved with Fields are invited to attend. Fields staff are also invited to attend the special session and AGM, as listed above.

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

##### **6) Cochrane secures USD \$1.15 million grant from Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation**

Cochrane has received a grant of USD \$1.15 million from the Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation. The grant will support the development of Cochrane's next generation evidence system, with a specific focus on maternal and child health, and a number of Cochrane Groups, including the [Child Health Field](#) and the [Pregnancy and Childbirth](#) and [Neonatal](#) Review Groups, will receive direct support from project funds.

For more information, please read the [full announcement on cochrane.org](#).

##### **7) Development of the Cochrane Library – note from the Cochrane Editorial Unit and Wiley**

We want to share some exciting news about changes in development for the Cochrane Library! We are developing an enhanced Cochrane Library with greater functionality that makes it easier for users to discover and use Cochrane content in their decision-making. Over the course of this year, we are redeveloping all aspects of the Cochrane Library to improve user experience.

The first changes will roll out in early 2017 and include: enhancements to the display and new features for Cochrane Reviews and other articles; enhancements to CENTRAL; linking of the CDSR and CENTRAL; new search and discovery interface.

We will also be including a new Spanish version of the Cochrane Library, incorporating the translated Cochrane Review content from [La Biblioteca Cochrane Plus](#), with a dedicated search functionality. The Cochrane Library will also incorporate [Cochrane Clinical Answers](#), with over 1200 articles linked to Cochrane Reviews. Finally, a federated search feature will enable searches of other systematic reviews via [Epistemonikos](#).

This project will form a major contribution to our *Strategy to 2020* goal of making Cochrane the 'home of evidence' to inform health decision-making, building greater recognition of our work, and becoming the leading advocate for evidence-informed health care.

The Cochrane Library will maintain its familiar look-and-feel while improving the overall user experience. Researching user needs and stakeholder insights is a key component of development. We are doing this research through one-to-one user testing with Cochrane Library users and focus groups with members of the Cochrane community.

We are also taking this opportunity to remove several databases (DARE, HTA, EED) from the Cochrane Library collection as they are no longer being updated or were not well used currently. The Cochrane Methodology Register will be migrated and archived on the [Cochrane Methods](#) website. The About The Cochrane Collaboration database will also be retired; further information for groups currently published modules will be circulated in the next few weeks.

2017 is the beginning of an exciting new chapter for the Cochrane Library. We look forward to working with you to ensure it provides the best possible experience for our users. More information will follow as we near a launch date in early 2017.

Any questions please contact [Deborah Pentesco-Gilbert](#), Editorial Director, Wiley, or [Harriet MacLehose](#), Senior Editor, Cochrane.

##### **8) Launch of Cochrane Global Ageing**

Cochrane's newest Field, Global Ageing, launched on 1st October 2016. This Field is the natural evolution of the Cochrane Healthcare of Older People Field. For more information, please see ['Introducing Cochrane Global Ageing'](#) on [cochrane.org](http://cochrane.org).

#### 9) Update on Cochrane's open access policy and licence for publication forms

The Cochrane Steering Group approved the following changes to the Cochrane's open access policy for Cochrane Reviews and protocols for Cochrane Reviews:

- Protocols free to view upon publication
- Cochrane Reviews deposited in PubMedCentral and available to users 12 months after publication in the *Cochrane Database of Systematic Reviews (CDSR)*

These have now been implemented. For more information, please see the [Cochrane Community website](#).

#### 10) Archie Update: October 2016

The latest Archie update includes several new features; most noticeable to contributors will be the Archie log-in page. This change reflects that Archie is one of several systems to which your [account](#) provides access.

Other changes relate to new Cochrane Library developments, as well as a number of minor improvements and bug fixes. For a full breakdown of the new features and functionality available in Archie, please see the Archie [Updates section](#) of the Community website.

#### 11) Workshop assessing confidence in evidence of effectiveness and qualitative evidence: the GRADE effectiveness and GRADE-CERQual (Confidence in the Evidence from Reviews of Qualitative research) approaches

Cochrane Methods is running a workshop on 5th-7th December 2016, in Modena, Italy. For more information and to register, please visit the [Cochrane Methods website](#).

#### 12) Latest Project Transform news

##### [Coming to Seoul? Join in the Project Transform activities](#)

The Seoul Colloquium is a great opportunity for you to see the benefits Project Transform is bringing to Cochrane and provide your input so the next phase of the project meets your needs. This news item outlines all the Transform events you can participate in at Seoul.

##### [Cochrane Crowd – Diagnostic Test Accuracy identification task is here!](#)

We have now added a diagnostic test accuracy (DTA) identification task to Cochrane Crowd. If you have screened 200 or more records from the RCT identification task, you can head on over to Crowd and take a look.

#### 13) Reminder of key dates for Mid-Year Meeting 2017

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).

#### 14) Read the latest Cochrane Community blogs and news posts

- [Use of Cochrane Reviews to inform WHO guidelines](#)
- [Cochrane Global Ageing makes a statement at the World Health Organization](#)
- [Celebrating a new chapter in Cochrane's next generation evidence system](#)
- [Cochrane Russia helps to prepare new systematic reviewers](#)
- [Dissemination Deep Dive: Blogshots](#)
- [Cochrane in the news: October 2016](#)

- [Survey round-up: October 2016](#)
- [Latest Cochrane job opportunities](#)

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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