



Centre and Fields Digest



Dear Colleagues,

Welcome to the 22nd 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) TDR stipends for knowledge managers in LMICs to attend Global Evidence Summit – BY TODAY!

[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 (GES).

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

2) 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 website](#) and the [Cochrane Community Board Elections](#) page.

3) Call for agenda items: upcoming Cochrane Council meeting – deadline 23 June 2017

The [Cochrane Council](#) was established in November 2016 as part of Cochrane's governance restructure, to ensure that Cochrane Groups retain an effective voice in Cochrane's leadership and strategic decision-making. The Council met for the first time at the Cochrane Mid-Year Meeting in Geneva, April 2017, and will be meeting again by teleconference on 28 June 2017.

The Council values input from members of the Cochrane community, and we invite all contributors to submit agenda items for discussion. Matters raised should be of wide relevance to all Cochrane's Groups and contributors. To contact the Council, please see contact details for [your representative](#), or [contact the Council directly](#). Please send your submissions by the end of your working day Friday, 23 June.

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](#).

ITEMS FOR YOUR INFORMATION:

6) Cochrane Croatia awarded full, independent Centre status

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

Cochrane Croatia will be co-ordinated and led by Drs Irena Zakarija-Grković and Tina Poklepović Peričić, who, together with their team, will offer methodological support, mentoring, and supervision to Cochrane members from the whole region.

For more information, please see the [Cochrane Community website](#). For the full press release, please see [Cochrane.org](#).

7) Cochrane launches Cochrane Iran

Cochrane is proud to announce its newest Associate Centre, Cochrane Iran.

The Cochrane Iran Associate Centre is located in the city of Tehran, within the National Institute for Medical Research Development (NIMAD) of the Islamic Republic of Iran. NIMAD is a national public granting body for medical research, which is under supervision of Ministry of Health and Medical Education (MoHME) of Iran.

For more information, please see the [Cochrane Community website](#). For the full press release please see [Cochrane.org](#).

8) 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](#).

9) Find out why you should come to – the GES – Early bird registration ends 30 June 2017

Trying to make a decision about attending the first-ever Global Evidence Summit? Find out more about what's on the programme on the [Cochrane Community website](#)

10) Call for submissions: Fast-Track Service

Cochrane is piloting a Fast-Track Service. 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. For more information, please see the [Cochrane Community website](#)

11) Cochrane Brazil Director receives award from Brazilian government

Professor Álvaro Atallah, founding Director of Cochrane Brazil, has received the Medal of the Order of Merit from the Public Ministry of the Federal District and Territories (MPDFT). Professor Atallah is head of the Evidence-Based Medicine and Emergency Medicine Unit at the Federal University of São Paulo (Unifesp). The Order is awarded every two years in recognition of exemplary service for the benefit of society. For more information, please see [Cochrane.org](#)

12) More Cochrane Community news posts and blogs

- [Upcoming events](#)
- [National one-click access to evidence-based Cochrane Reviews for South Africans](#)
- [Join TaskExchange](#)
- [Get involved in the Cochrane-Wikipedia initiative](#)
- [Vivli seeks Executive Director - Cambridge, MA](#)
- [Cochrane seeks Senior Contracts Specialist - London, UK](#)

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

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Best wishes,

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