



Centre and Fields Digest



Dear Colleagues,

Welcome to the 18th edition of the Centre & Fields Digest; a bumper edition in the run up to Cochrane's Governance Meetings in Geneva from 3rd-7th April.

The Digest provides information particularly relevant to Cochrane Centres 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.

I look forward to seeing many of you in Geneva for the mid-year business meetings next week. A reminder of the locations of the meeting:

Monday 3 April at the World Health Organization:

World Health Organization, Avenue Appia 20, 1211 Geneva 27, Switzerland

Tuesday 4 April – Friday 7 April at the World Council of Churches (WCC):

World Council of Churches (WCC), Ecumenical Centre, 1 Route des Morillons, 1218 Grand Saconnex, Geneva, Switzerland

You will only be able to attend the World Health Organization (WHO) events on Monday 3 April if you registered for them. Please make sure you bring your passport for the WHO security, otherwise you will not be allowed into the building. Please also allow for some extra time (15-30 minutes) to pass security and make sure you are still on time for your meeting.

<u>ITEMS FOR YOUR ACTION:</u>
1) 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 (the new name for the Cochrane Mid-Year Meeting). For more information, please see the Cochrane Community website .
2) Call for submissions: Fast-Track Review Service
The Cochrane Editorial Unit is currently 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. A turnaround of three months from submission to publication is the aim. For more information on how to apply for this service, please see the Cochrane Community website .

3) Sponsored Group registration for the Global Evidence Summit 2017 – deadline 1 June 2017

The Governing Board is delighted to announce that 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.

4) March for Science - opportunities to get involved

Cochrane is delighted to announce official support of and partnership with the [March for Science](#).

This event will be held on Saturday, 22 April 2017. The March is being organized in Washington, DC, with satellite marches in cities around the world, to champion the science that upholds the common good.

[Cochrane United States](#) will participate in the March in Washington, DC, and will work with Cochrane contributors and other volunteers to organize a teach-in about evidence-based methods. The March for Science is interested in hearing from Cochrane contributors who would like to organize a march, speak at an existing march, or contribute in other ways. Here is the [full list](#) of marches. If you want to get involved in a march, please email admin@cochrane.org and we will forward your details to the appropriate march organizers. If you want to get involved in US-based marches, please [contact Cochrane US](#) for information.

The Central Executive Team is also seeking slogans for march posters and other ideas to be put on hats, t-shirts, and posters for the march. If you have ideas, please email [Holly Millward](#). We aim to publish these in early April to give you plenty of time to prepare. For more information on how you can get involved, please visit the official [March for Science website](#), or follow the #marchforscience hashtag on Twitter. Please also check Cochrane's [main news channel](#) and follow us on Twitter (@cochranecollab) for the latest updates and resources.

ITEMS FOR YOUR INFORMATION:

5) Defining Cochrane's success - an interview with our CEO

Cochrane's Senior Management Team has recently released a [document](#) that provides the Governing Board, and the wider Cochrane community, with a definition of success for each of the *Strategy to 2020's* 28 objectives; an assessment of predicted progress by the end of 2017; and a framework for establishing the work still to be done.

This document is intended to be relevant until 2020. In the latest Community blog, Cochrane CEO Mark Wilson explains the importance of defining success, and how we can all use it to shape our work priorities.

To read the full interview, please see the [Cochrane Community website](#).

6) Governing Board approves implementation of principles of Good Management Practice across Cochrane

The Governing Board has approved a new set of principles from [Cochrane's Charter of Good Management Practice](#) which from March 2017 apply to Directors and Managers of all Cochrane Groups, as well as to members of the Central Executive Team. Thus all Cochrane staff and volunteers should expect that the behaviours and approaches of all Cochrane Group leaders and managers conform to the principles outlined in the Charter policy. See the announcement on the [Cochrane Community website](#) for more details.

If you have questions about any aspect of this policy or the Charter, please contact the Central Executive Team at admin@cochrane.org.

7) Governing Board agenda and open access papers now available for Mid-Year Meeting in Geneva

The Agenda and Open Access papers for the Cochrane Governing Board meeting in Geneva are now available. To access the documents, please see the [Cochrane Community website](#).

8) Announcing the members of the new Cochrane Council

With the recent election of the Author representatives, membership of the new Cochrane Council is now complete! For more information, please see the [Cochrane Community website](#).

9) Review and restructure of the Organizational Policy Manual

Following the launch of the new Cochrane Community site in early 2016, the Central Executive Team has been working to complete the integration of content from the old Community site and other legacy sites to make all relevant information easily accessible in one location. As part of this process, we have undertaken an extensive review and revision of the Organizational Policy Manual (OPM), which for many years had served as a repository for a variety of organizational information.

During the OPM review, we determined that a significant amount of the content was obsolete, redundant, or relevant to operational information available elsewhere on Cochrane.org, Community, or Group sites. As a result, we have relocated, re-directed, and turned off relevant content formerly housed in Sections 1 & 2 and Appendices of the OPM.

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

10) Update: Developing a new platform for the Cochrane Library

The Central Executive Team and Wiley are currently working with publishing technology company HighWire (previously Semantico), to develop a new platform for the Cochrane Library with greater functionality that makes it easier for users to discover and use Cochrane content in their decision-making. This is a complex project that is divided into many different areas, including the display of Cochrane Reviews and CENTRAL, linking of the CDSR and CENTRAL, the search and discovery interface, and multi-language search and the display of non-English language content. Due to the project's complexity, delivery has unfortunately been delayed. We are working hard to minimize this delay and will provide more information as it becomes available.

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

11) Cochrane and OHSU announce support of new donor

Cochrane and Oregon Health & Science University (OHSU) are delighted to announce the support of the [Robert Wood Johnson Foundation](#) for Cochrane and OHSU's ongoing work to build, pilot, and scale a next generation evidence system to transform the translation of health research into practice.

For more information, please see [Cochrane.org](#).

12) Latest Cochrane Community news posts and blogs

• [Upcoming events](#)

• [Survey round-up: March 2017](#)

• [Thomas Chalmers Award](#)

Community blogs:

• [Introducing the Cochrane Thai translation project](#)

• [Cochrane's 'logo review' gets an update](#)

- • [Update on Cochrane Editorial Unit activities - March 2017](#)
- • [How are research funders working to minimize waste in research?](#)
- • [Cochrane in 140 characters](#)
- • [Targeted Updates project: Case Study C](#)
- • [Identifying and avoiding common errors in Cochrane Reviews: training resources now available](#)

The Centre & Fields Digest is created by the Chief Executive Officer's Office. 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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