



Dear Colleagues,

Welcome to Issue 42 of the Centre & Fields Digest, which is published monthly. This Digest provides information particularly relevant to Cochrane's Geographic Groups and Fields, including consumers. It 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](#), which is sent to CRGs and Methods Groups.

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- **Cochrane Governing Board's response to Cochrane Iberoamerican Network's statement to members**
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- **Cochrane Taiwan is expanding its reach through a new Cochrane Affiliate**
- **Cochrane's 2018 Knowledge Translation Showcase**

#### **Plus:**

- **2018 Cochrane contributor prize and award winners**
- **2018 Cochrane Methods Annual Report**
- **Cochrane Learning Live – Upcoming webinar programme**
- **New learning resources**

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#### **INFORMATION FROM COCHRANE'S GOVERNING BOARD:**

##### **1. Governing Board elections – nominations open this week**

On Thursday 25 October nominations will open for the four elected Governing Board positions now vacant. Election voting will open in November with the winners announced in early December. It is hoped that elected candidates will be able to join existing Board members for a face-to-face Board meeting in London on 19-20 January.

## **2. Governing Board Webinars - October 2018: Recordings, presentation slides and Q&A document now available**

On 4th - 5th October 2018, Cochrane's Governing Board held a series of three webinars at different times across the two days so that Cochrane's global community could easily attend at least one of them. The webinars were hosted by the Governing Board Co-Chairs, Marguerite Koster and Martin Burton, and were open to all Cochrane members. For more information, and to view the recorded webinars, presentation slides, and Q&A document, please see the [Cochrane Community website](#).

## **3. Cochrane Governing Board's response to Cochrane Iberoamerican Network's statement to members**

Members of the Cochrane Iberoamérica Network recently made a statement to the Governing Board and Cochrane Members. To read the statement and the Board's response (also available in Spanish), please see the [Cochrane Community website](#).

### **ITEMS FOR YOUR ACTION:**

## **4. Webinar for Prioritization of Systematic Review Topics**

In order to support the implementation of the [Guidance note for Cochrane Groups to define systematic review priorities](#) the members of the Knowledge Translation Prioritization Working Group would like to invite you to join one (or more) of our interactive webinars on the process for defining systematic review priorities. The dates for the webinars are:

- **Wednesday 17th October, 17:00 BST**
- **Friday 9th November, 12:00 GMT**
- **Monday 3rd December, 08:00 GMT**

To find out more please visit the [Cochrane Community website](#). To read a Cochrane Blog on providing guidance for setting Cochrane Review priorities please see [here](#).

## **5. Share your feedback on the Edinburgh Colloquium – survey deadline: Friday 9<sup>th</sup> November 2018**

Share your highlights and feedback for next year. Please fill in this short survey [here](#) by Friday 9 November. All responses are anonymous and will be included in the Edinburgh Colloquium report.

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

## **6. Cochrane Taiwan is expanding its reach through a new Cochrane Affiliate**

Cochrane Taiwan aims to promote evidence informed health care in Taiwan, and develops partnerships with institutions in the country to achieve this aim. One of these institutions is the Chang Gung University of Science and Technology (CGUST). CGUST has now been given Cochrane Affiliate status. CGUST is committed to training healthcare personnel, and promotes evidence informed health care actively. This is the first affiliate of Cochrane Taiwan. To find out more please see the [Cochrane Community website](#).

## **7. Cochrane's 2018 Knowledge Translation Showcase**

Cochrane defines Knowledge Translation (KT) as the process of ensuring that health evidence from our high quality, trusted Cochrane systematic reviews is used by those who need it to make health decisions. Producing high-quality systematic reviews is essential but not enough! To inform decisions and lead to the better health, Cochrane needs to make sure our evidence is used.

A video has been produced to highlight some of the KT work that is being done in the Cochrane. For more information, and to view the video, please see the [Cochrane Community website](#).

## **8. 2018 Cochrane contributor prize and award winners**

Each year at our annual Colloquium, Cochrane presents a number of awards and prizes to contributors to recognize contributions to our work and organization made in various ways.

For information on this year's prize winners please see the [Cochrane Community website](#).

## **9. 2018 Cochrane Methods Annual Report**

The 2018 Cochrane Methods Annual Report is now available to view [here](#).

## 10. Cochrane Learning Live – Upcoming webinar programme

- 20th November 2018: *An introduction to individual patient data meta-analysis*. More information and sign-up available [here](#).
- 4<sup>th</sup> December 2018: *Improving GRADE ‘Summary of findings’ tables for Cochrane Reviews*. More information and sign-up available [here](#).

## 11. New learning resources

- **New collection: Knowledge Translation (KT)** - These new, freely available set of learning resources will provide anyone working as part of Cochrane with an introduction to KT, its key themes and KT audiences. More information available [here](#).
- **Methods to estimate the between-study variance and to calculate uncertainty in the estimated overall effect size** - Webinar recording available [here](#).
- **Introducing systematic reviews of prognosis studies to Cochrane: what and how?** - More information available [here](#).

## 12. Current Cochrane Jobs

There are several exciting opportunities currently available to work for Cochrane, including:

- [Advocacy and Partnership Officer](#)
- [Events and Brand Support Officer](#)
- [Business Analyst](#)

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

## 13. More Cochrane Community news posts and blogs

- [Successfully engaging external partners – new guidance now available](#)
- [Providing guidance for setting Cochrane review priorities](#)
- [In Memorium: An Interview with Doug Altman](#)
- [Cochrane-REWARD prizes for reducing research waste: 2018 winners](#)
- [Cochrane Library Editorial - Information specialists: ensuring quality as the basis of evidence synthesis](#)
- [Upcoming Events](#)
- [Survey Round-Up](#)
- [Tender and Funding Round-Up](#) - A round-up of active tender and funding opportunities that may be of interest to Cochrane contributors, authors, and groups - updated through the month.

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