



Dear Colleagues,

Welcome to Issue 47 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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<b>ITEMS FOR YOUR ACTION:</b>
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| 1. <b>2019 Cochrane Colloquium stipends applications – Deadline: TODAY 10 June 2019</b> |
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A number of stipends and bursaries are available to help consumers and other attendees based in developing countries to attend Cochrane Colloquium Santiago 2019.

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

## **2. Nominations open for Co-Chair of the Cochrane Governing Board – Deadline: 30<sup>th</sup> June 2019**

Do you want a role in leading Cochrane to 2020 and beyond?

Nominations are now open for Co-Chair of the Cochrane Governing Board – we welcome you to apply! The deadline for receiving nominations is the end of the day on Sunday 30 June in any time zone.

The Board has two Co-Chairs, to share workload, utilize complementary skills and experience, and permit continuity through the Co-Chairs stepping down at different times. The new Co-Chair will work alongside current Co-Chair Martin Burton and replace Marguerite Koster, who is stepping down as Co-Chair at the end of her current term but will remain on the Board as a member.

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

## **3. Submission for the 2019 Cochrane Awards and Prizes is open – Deadline: 2 August 2019**

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 organization. Submissions to the Kenneth Warren, Chris Silagy and Bill Silverman Prizes as well as the Anne Anderson Award are now open. You have until 2<sup>nd</sup> August 2019 to make your nominations.

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

## **4. Meeting request form for Cochrane Colloquium Santiago 2019 is now open – Deadline: 6 September 2019**

The purpose of Colloquium meetings is to give sufficient time for the Cochrane community and others to hold business meetings during the Colloquium. Priority will be given to internal Cochrane priority projects, executives and groups.

For more information please visit the [Cochrane Community website](#). Please submit your meeting request [here](#).

## **5. Webinar: Designing Knowledge Translation Strategies: Using online surveys to identify target audience characteristics and evidence needs**

Whether you are planning priority setting, designing dissemination strategies or looking to help target users be able to use Cochrane evidence, knowing about your target audience is important in the success of your KT project. The webinar will be held on the 19<sup>th</sup> June 2019 and you can sign up [here](#).

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

#### **6. Improving your training skills: A workshop for Cochrane Trainers – Deadline for registration: 28<sup>th</sup> June 2019**

This workshop will be taking place on Monday 21<sup>st</sup> October at the Cochrane Colloquium, Santiago, Chile.

For more information please visit the [Cochrane Community Website](#).

#### **7. Cochrane Interactive Learning (CIL) Evaluation Survey**

Cochrane Interactive Learning has been available to the Cochrane community and to other subscribers for over a year, so it is a good time for us to audit how this learning resource is being used by the community. The survey is open to ALL who are interested in learning about undertaking systematic reviews, whether you have used the resources yourself or not.

Please follow [this link](#) to complete the evaluation survey.

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

#### **8. David Tovey reflects on 10 years as Cochrane's Editor in Chief**

The farewell message from David Tovey can be read on the [Cochrane Community website](#). David has also written a separate piece reflecting on his time as Editor in Chief which can be read [here](#).

#### **10. Cochrane seeks publishing partner from January 2021**

Cochrane wants to identify a publishing partner that will increase the accessibility, awareness, impact and use of the *Cochrane Library*, and put Cochrane evidence at the heart of health decision-making globally; whilst also ensuring long-term financial sustainability of the organization, and innovation and development of other derivative products.

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

#### **11. Cochrane January- March 2019: Q1 Dashboard**

Cochrane's Dashboard presents key metrics on our performance in any quarter including information on *Strategy to 2020* organizational Target achievements. We use it as a tool to reflect on our accomplishments on a quarterly basis.

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

#### **12. Cochrane Sweden celebrates its 2<sup>nd</sup> anniversary**

Cochrane Sweden is celebrating its 2<sup>nd</sup> anniversary. The Centre was established on the 16th May 2017 and is located in the city of Lund. It is affiliated with the Department of Research & Development / Section for HTA Analysis, Skåne University Hospital, in collaboration with the Faculty of Medicine at Lund University and with the Nordic Cochrane Centre in Copenhagen led by Karsten Juhl Jørgensen.

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

### **13. Dr Christopher Bunt announced as Inaugural Editor in Chief of Cochrane Clinical Answers**

We are delighted to announce that Dr Christopher Bunt, MD, FAAFP has been appointed as the inaugural Editor in Chief of Cochrane Clinical Answers (CCAs), reporting to Karla Soares-Weiser, Editor in Chief of Cochrane. Chris has been a practicing Family Medicine physician in the US since 2004 and has recently added Medical Acupuncture to his clinical duties. Chris has also been a Clinician-Educator since 2007, focusing on teaching and designing evidence-based medicine curricula for interprofessional students, residents and faculty colleagues.

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

### **14. Embracing Diversity at the Cochrane Santiago Colloquium 2019**

Cochrane Chile is delighted to be hosting the upcoming 2019 Colloquium. It will be a great opportunity to meet and network with Cochrane contributors and users globally and to learn more about the wide usage of Cochrane evidence in decision-making at all levels. Cochrane is an inclusive organization, and all are welcome to participate and contribute. But true inclusion means the participation of diverse audiences with diverse evidence needs for diverse health decisions.

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

### **15. Conflict of Interest Revision Project – Progress Report, May 2019**

Cochrane is revising our current commercial sponsorship policy and also developing a non-financial or academic conflict of interest policy. Read about the progress to date, emerging themes and questions, and the next steps.

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

### **16. Methods Symposium: Developing robust review protocols in an increasingly complex world**

This year's Methods Symposium will examine whether our protocols continue to provide the road map we need to navigate a modern Cochrane review. We will explore how much can reasonably be anticipated about the decisions we need to make. The symposium will be taking place on the 21<sup>st</sup> October 2019 between 14:00-17:00 in CasaPiedra, Santiago, Chile.

For more information please see [here](#).

### **17. New learning resources**

- [Visualising Cochrane Evidence in practice: experience from the Cochrane Common Mental Disorders group](#)
- [TaskExchange for Cochrane Review Groups and consumer involvement tasks](#)
- [How RevMan can improve your experience of writing a systematic review](#)

#### **18. Cochrane Learning Live- upcoming webinar programme**

- Webinar: Designing Knowledge Translation Strategies: Using online surveys to identify target audience characteristics and evidence needs – 19<sup>th</sup> June 2019 – for more information please see [here](#).

#### **19. Current Cochrane Jobs**

There are exciting opportunities currently available to work for Cochrane's Central Executive Team. We are looking for:

- Statistical Editor – Deadline for application: 12<sup>th</sup> June 2019
- Systematic Review Methodology Editor – Deadline for application: 12<sup>th</sup> June 2019

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

#### **20. More Cochrane Community news posts and blogs**

- [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.
- [Cochrane REWARD prize – 2017 Award Winner: Adding Value in Research, NIHR](#)
- [Blogshots: challenges, changes and some new guidance](#)

The Centre & Fields Digest is created by the Chief Executive Officer's Office. We intend to make it available every month 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 [Lorna McAlley](#), Executive Assistant 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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