



Centre and Fields Digest



Dear Colleagues,

Welcome to Issue 36 of the Centre & Fields Digest, which is now 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.

We look forward to seeing many of you in Lisbon next week for the Governance Meetings, with thanks to Cochrane Portugal for hosting us. The full programme and all other information you will need if you are attending is available on the [Cochrane Community website](#).

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ITEMS FOR YOUR ACTION:

1. Strategic Session in Lisbon – Invitation for Governance Meeting participants to attend - 13:30- 17:00 GMT, Wednesday 21 March

At its meeting in Cape Town, in September 2017, the Governing Board approved the Cochrane Review Group (CRG) [Transformation Programme Implementation Plan](#). This plan sets out the changes we will be making to ensure Cochrane addresses the challenges it faces in relation to the production of a comprehensive collection of timely, high-quality Cochrane Reviews, relevant to our stakeholders.

Within the first three months of 2018, we have seen the formation of our eight thematic [CRG Networks](#), which will comprehensively cover all healthcare topics. The new CRG Networks provide an opportunity to optimize resources, support and leadership.

During the Strategic Session we welcome the wider Cochrane community to come together and discuss key objectives for CRG Networks in 2018, focusing on priority-setting; improving consistency in review quality; innovations; and support and mentoring for authors, CRGs, and Networks. The session will be an opportunity to influence the decisions and direction taken for the Networks in 2018.

Following the Governance Meetings, there will be a series of CRG Network webinars with an invitation to the wider community to ensure that all Cochrane's contributors are aware of the plans for 2018.

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

With best wishes,

David Tovey and Karla Soares-Weiser
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2. 2018 March for Science – 14 April: resources for getting involved

In 2017, more than one million people around the world gathered together in the largest event for science advocacy in history. The 'March for Science' is taking place again in 2018 with events around the world on 14 April. Cochrane is an official partner of the global March movement, and we encourage our contributors and colleagues to get involved in participating in or planning a March in your area. To help you get started, the Knowledge Translation Department has pulled together a list of ideas and resources that we'll be adding to right up to march day. For more information, please see the [Cochrane Community website](#).

3. Early registration now open for Cochrane Colloquium Edinburgh

Registration has now opened for the 25th annual Cochrane Colloquium. Register before the 15 June 2018 to get the reduced early bird rate! For more information, please see the [Cochrane Community website](#).

ITEMS FOR YOUR INFORMATION:

4. Governing Board and Council agendas now available for the 2018 Governance Meetings

The Board and Council agendas and open access papers for the 2018 Governance Meeting in Lisbon are now available on the Cochrane Community website.

- [Board](#)
- [Council](#)

5. New Appointments for the CRG Networks

We are delighted to inform you that we have appointed Senior Editors for seven of the CRG Networks. We will not run another round of selection before September 2018, therefore interim appointments have been agreed with the Project Team in order to facilitate the initiation of activities within these Networks:

Network	Senior Editor	Associate Editor
Acute and Emergency Care	Michael Brown	Liz Bickerdike
Brain, Nerves and Mind	Chris Eccleston	Nuala Livingstone
Cancer	Nicole Skoetz	Sarah Hodgkinson
Children and Families	Toby Lasserson (interim)	Newton Opiyo
Circulation and Breathing	Asbjørn Hróbjartsson (interim)	Sarah Hodgkinson
Long Term Conditions and Ageing 1	<i>To be appointed soon</i>	Liz Bickerdike
Long Term Conditions and Ageing 2	Peter Tugwell	Nuala Livingstone
Public Health and Health Services	Lisa Bero	Newton Opiyo

The Senior Editors and Associate Editors will formally take up their new roles from April/May, and I'm sure you'll join us in warmly welcoming them to their new posts.

In addition, we are delighted to announce the appointment of the additional members who, along with the Senior Editors will form a new [Editorial Board](#), which will meet for the first time in Lisbon. These are:

- Tammy Clifford, Senior Adviser representing the Evidence User community
- Sally Green, Senior Adviser (Knowledge Translation)
- Julian Higgins, Senior Methods Adviser
- Paul Garner, Senior Adviser (Innovation and Review production)
- Jimmy Volmink, Senior Adviser (Equity and Diversity)

With best wishes,

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6. Announcing a new International Network for Public Involvement and Engagement in Health and Social Care Research

Cochrane is working with partners to establish a new international network for patient and public involvement (PPI) in health and social care research internationally. For more information, please see the Network's [latest newsletter](#).

7. Cochrane Indonesia officially launched

We are delighted to announce that Cochrane Indonesia was launched on Monday 5 March at Universitas Gadjah Mada in Yogyakarta.

Cochrane Indonesia's Director Dr Detty Nurdiati was joined by CEO Mark Wilson and Cochrane Australia Co-Directors Sally Green and Steve McDonald at a formal ceremony to inaugurate the our newest Associate Centre. To read more about the launch, [please see cochrane.org](#).

8. Closure of the US Cochrane Center

The [US Cochrane Center](#), based at the Johns Hopkins Bloomberg School of Public Health in Baltimore, has closed. Director Professor Kay Dickersin, and Associate Directors Tianjing Li and Roberta Scherer have stepped down from their positions, but will continue to work with Cochrane in other capacities. Governing Board Co-Chairs Martin Burton and Cindy Farquhar thanked them for their commitment to Cochrane's work over many years.

We plan to establish a new US Network and will issue an invitation soon for expressions of interest from institutions and organizations in the United States to join the Network and host a new Cochrane US Center, which will manage the Network including the two existing US Associate Centers: Cochrane US West, which opened in 2015 based at the Oregon Health and Science University (OHSU) in Portland, Oregon; and [Cochrane Caribbean](#), launched in June 2013 at the University of the West Indies in Jamaica. For more information, please see the [Cochrane Community website](#).

9. Central Executive Team: New Heads of Department

We are delighted to announce the appointment of Jo Anthony as the new Head of the [Knowledge Translation department](#), and Chris Champion as the new Head of [Membership, Learning & Support Services](#). For more information, please see the [Cochrane Community website](#).

10. Cochrane at the World Health Assembly 2018

The [World Health Assembly](#) (WHA) is the decision-making body of the [World Health Organization](#) (WHO). The main functions of the WHA are to determine the policies of the Organization, appoint the Director-General, supervise financial policies, and review and approve the proposed programme budget. The WHA is held annually in Geneva, Switzerland. This year's agenda can be

found [here](#). As we did in 2017, Cochrane will send a small delegation to the WHA from 21-26 May 2018. If you are planning to attend the WHA or have any suggestions for the Cochrane delegation, please contact Cochrane's Senior Advisor (Partnerships, External Affairs & Fundraising), [Sylvia de Haan](#)

11. Cochrane-REWARD prize for reducing waste in research - submissions open until 15 May

The annual Cochrane-REWARD prize gathers, assesses, and then publicizes good local or pilot initiatives that have the most potential to reduce waste in research if scaled up globally. Two prizes are awarded annually, but other shortlisted candidate will also be highlighted.

We are now calling for nominations for the 2018 prize. For more information, please see the [Cochrane Community website](#).

12. Current Cochrane Jobs

There are several exciting opportunities currently available to work for Cochrane. For more information, please see [Cochrane Jobs](#).

13. More Cochrane Community news posts and blogs

- [Living systematic review re-published in record time](#)
- [Upcoming events](#)
- [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.

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 [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.

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