



Dear Colleagues,

Welcome to Issue 37 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.

With thanks to everyone who attended the Governance Meetings in Lisbon, in March. This year there was a special focus on how the Cochrane Community can support the newly established CRG Networks, and many exciting ideas for how Groups can work better together were developed. You will be able to hear more in the coming weeks as we communicate the outcomes from the strategic session and publish the minutes from the various meetings. A special thanks to Cochrane Portugal's Director, Professor António Vaz Carneiro, and his team for hosting us in Lisbon.

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ITEMS FOR YOUR ACTION:

1. Preview the new Cochrane Library website

Cochrane and Wiley are delighted to invite you to preview the new Cochrane Library website: <https://betacochranelibrary.com>

This preview allows you to view some of the new enhancements to the Cochrane Library and to take a look at the site before the future full launch.

Please be aware that the site is still in development and that this is not the final version of the new Cochrane Library website. This preview site will not replicate all features of the current Cochrane Library <http://www.cochranelibrary.com>, so please do not try to save searches or access your previous saved searches as this functionality will not be available until full launch.

Some of the enhanced features we are pleased to share with you include:

- Enhancements to the way Cochrane Reviews and all content is displayed
- Inclusion of Cochrane Clinical Answers in the Cochrane Library
- Integrated linking between CENTRAL and Cochrane Reviews
- A new Spanish portal and discoverability of translated content
- Improved search results display, including new filters for all content and expanded sort options
- Advanced search options now integrated to allow easy switching; plus an improved MeSH search feature and more export options

We will be announcing the launch of the new Cochrane Library website in full during the coming weeks; in the meantime, we value your thoughts on this preview site, and you can submit feedback here: <https://betacochranelibrary.com/feedback>.

2. Stipends deadline for Cochrane Colloquium Edinburgh 2018 – Deadline 27 April 2018

Several stipends and bursaries are available to help consumers and other attendees based in developing countries to attend Cochrane Colloquium Edinburgh 2018.

The stipends (funding you can apply for, if eligible) are to help cover registration, travel, accommodation, and other expenses associated with attending the 2018 Colloquium.

Cochrane are providing stipends for:

- 1) Cochrane Consumers;

- 2) Cochrane contributors living in low-, lower-middle-, (LMIC) and upper-middle-income countries (UMIC);
- 3) Students living in LMIC and UMIC countries.

The deadline for applying is Friday 27 April 2018.

Follow the link to find out whether you are eligible and how to apply: colloquium.cochrane.org/stipends-and-bursaries.

3. Cochrane sponsored group registration- Deadline 8 June 2018

As in previous years, Cochrane will pay one registration fee for each registered Cochrane Group* to attend the Colloquium. Sponsored group registrants will be required to pay for their own travel, accommodation, optional or additional social events tickets.

To claim your sponsored group registration, you are required to complete this online form on behalf of the person who is to be nominated for the sponsored place, for your Group (either yourself or a colleague): <https://colloquium.cochrane.org/node/add/sponsored-entity>

The submission deadline is 8 June 2018. This deadline will not be extended. If you experience any problems in registering yourself or a colleague for the sponsored place, please email sponsoredgroup@cochrane.org.

*Groups included are: Centres, Associate Centres, CRGs, CRG Satellites, Fields, Methods Groups.

ITEMS FOR YOUR INFORMATION:

4. Official launch of five new Cochrane Review Group Networks

We are proud to announce this week the official launch of five new Cochrane Review Group (CRG) Networks: Cochrane Acute and Emergency Care; Cochrane Brain, Nerves, and Mind; Cochrane Circulation and Breathing, Cochrane Children and Families, and Cochrane Long-term Conditions and Ageing.

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

5. Cochrane Governing Board announces decisions from March 2018 meetings

The Governing Board met in Lisbon, Portugal, on 19th, 22 and 23rd March 2018 and we wanted to share with you some of our key decisions. More information will be available in due course (as will the

full open access minutes) but if you have any questions about these decisions, please contact one of us, any [member of the Board](#), or [Lucie Binder in the CEO's office](#).

We are pleased to report that the Board has approved the following items:

- A new Content Strategy framework and funding of £70,000 in 2018 and £200,000 in 2019 to support organizational content priorities for 2018-2020.
- The establishment of a permanent Cochrane 'Fast-Track Service' and financial support for its implementation in 2018-2019 (£89,500 per year for two years).
- The proposed process for reviewing Cochrane's policy on commercial sponsorship and conflicts of interest for Cochrane Groups; and financial support for its implementation of £74,689.
- The plan to hold a Global Evidence Summit every four years after the next one in 2020 or 2021.
- The establishment of Cochrane Mexico as a new Cochrane Centre.
- The Cochrane MS and Rare Diseases of the Central Nervous System Group's application for [Strategic Development Support](#).
- New governance resources, including a Governing Board Charter and Code of Conduct for Trustees (to be published soon).

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

6. 2017 Dashboard now available

Cochrane's Annual Dashboard presents some key metrics on our organizational performance over the previous calendar year. It includes data on *Strategy to 2020* target achievements, and key metrics around the four *Strategy to 2020* Goals.

To view the dashboard, and for more information, please see the [Cochrane Community website](#).

7. Cochrane Mexico awarded full, independent Centre status

Cochrane Mexico has been recognized for its outstanding achievements in promoting evidence-based decision-making in health care by moving from a Cochrane Associate Centre to being awarded full, independent Centre status. Many congratulations to Centre Director Giordano Pérez Gaxiola and his team.

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

8. Changes to the Cochrane Council - April 2018

The Cochrane Council aims to ensure that Cochrane Groups retain an effective voice in Cochrane's leadership and strategic decision-making.

Julie Brown, Co-Chair of Cochrane Council, has stepped down from her position after one year of service on the Council and several years of collaboration as Cochrane Author with [Cochrane Gynaecology and Fertility](#).

We are delighted to announce the appointment of Miranda Langendam as the Council's new Co-Chair, who will work with current Co-Chair Fergus Macbeth.

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

9. New TaskExchange features for evidence newcomers & translators

TaskExchange has launched new features especially for evidence newcomers and translators!

TaskExchange is Cochrane's online platform that connects people needing help on health evidence projects (Cochrane and non-Cochrane) with people who have the time and skills to help out.

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

10. Current Cochrane Jobs

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

11. More Cochrane Community news posts and blogs

- [Our grateful thanks to Nancy Owens, who has left Cochrane, from the Central Executive Team](#)
- [Cochrane Colloquium Edinburgh: Sign-up as a buddy for consumers and newcomers](#)
- [Survey round-up](#)
- [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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