



Cochrane

Centre and Fields Digest



Dear Colleagues,

Welcome to Issue 45 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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ITEMS FOR YOUR ACTION:

1. Cochrane’s Governing Board is seeking to appoint a new member – Deadline for nominations: 12 March 2019

A new member is sought to join the Cochrane Governing Board from a low- or middle-income country, and/or from a geographical region that is different from that of the current Trustees.

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

2. Call for Expressions of Interest to host the Global Evidence Summit 2021 – Deadline: 31 May 2019

We are now inviting expressions of interest to host the Global Evidence Summit in 2021. Following the success of the inaugural Global Evidence Summit (GES) in Cape Town in 2017, four global leaders in evidence-based policy and practice will again join forces to deliver the second Global Evidence Summit in 2021.

Geographic Cochrane Centres and members can apply to host the Global Evidence Summit 2021. For further details please visit [Cochrane.org](#).

3. Cochrane’s Colloquium, Santiago 2019 - Sponsored Cochrane Group registrations now open – Deadline: 12 July 2019

We are delighted to announce that sponsored registration for one person from each Cochrane Group to attend the 26th Annual Cochrane Colloquium in Santiago, Chile (22-25 October 2019) is now open.

This opportunity is open to any Cochrane member within a Cochrane Group, be that a Cochrane Review Group, Geographic Group or Field. Sponsored Group registrants will be required to pay for their own travel and accommodation but they receive free registration to the Colloquium main scientific programme.

Find out more on the [Cochrane Community website](#).

4. Registrations for Cochrane’s 26th Colloquium, Santiago, Chile NOW OPEN!

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

5. Help shape Cochrane’s advocacy work – join the new advisory group – Deadline: 22 March 2019

Are you enthusiastic about supporting policymakers to make evidence-based decisions? Do you have experience of advocating for transparency and integrity in scientific conduct?

Cochrane is setting up an Advocacy Advisory Group to guide organisational advocacy activities and is calling for members.

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

6. Cochrane Membership – ensure your staff records are up to date on Archie! – Deadline: 10 March 2019

The Cochrane Community Support Team is working to ensure that all contributions to Cochrane are recognised and rewarded through Cochrane Membership. Becoming a Cochrane member means:

- Joining a network of like-minded contributors
- Developing new skills and interests
- Seeing your ongoing contributions recorded and recognised
- Receiving discounts for Cochrane's annual conference and Interactive Learning online training course
- Influencing the future of Cochrane by voting in Governing Board elections and resolutions at the Annual General Meeting

As noted in Cochrane's Membership Thresholds, people holding certain roles within Cochrane are automatically eligible for membership in recognition of their contribution to Cochrane's work. This includes all members of staff – paid and unpaid – working for Cochrane Centres, Affiliates and Fields.

We will be creating memberships for all members of staff without membership records over the next few weeks. **In order to ensure that all your staff are offered membership, please could you check that everyone who regularly works with your group is allocated a relevant group role in Archie?** This applies not only to paid staff, but to any volunteers who contribute to Cochrane on an ongoing basis. If you are uncertain which group role to allocate to someone who works with you, please contact membership@cochrane.org. We have extended the deadline for updating your group's roles - please ensure that these are up to date **by 10 March 2019**.

You can check your membership status at any time by logging into your Cochrane account. Please check your status and if you find you are not yet a member, and wish to be, contact membership@cochrane.org

7. Nominations now open for the Cochrane-REWARD prize for reducing waste in research – Deadline for submissions: 5 June 2019

Nominations are open for the 2019 Cochrane-REWARD prize, which recognizes initiatives that have potential to reduce research waste. For access and more information please visit the [Cochrane Community website](#).

ITEMS FOR YOUR INFORMATION:

8. Invitation to use the Cochrane Forums

Are you interested in online discussions with your Cochrane Colleagues? If so, the Cochrane Forums are for you (forums.cochrane.org).

The Cochrane Forums provide a space for all Members and Supporters to have open and transparent online discussions about issues relevant to Cochrane. They are open to anyone with a Cochrane Account. You are welcome to post topics for discussion, or contribute to items already posted. It's up to you!

Find out more [here](#).

9. Approved: 2019 Targets and Plan & Budget to meet Strategy to 2020 Goals and Objectives

The Governing Board has approved the proposed organizational Targets for 2019 in support of Strategy to 2020. These are prioritized projects and initiatives that are delivered by Cochrane Groups and the Central Executive Team, supported by core and Group funding.

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

10. Re-appointment of Board Members

At its recent meeting in London, at the end of January 2019, the Governing Board (Cochrane's 'Trustees') voted unanimously to re-appoint Rae Lamb and Catherine Marshall as Trustees.

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

11. Governing Board Meeting January 2019: a summary for the Cochrane Community from the Trustees

Cochrane's Governing Board (its 'Trustees'), including our four new members elected in December, met in London on 19 to 20 January 2019.

To read a summary of this meeting please visit the [Cochrane Community website](#).

12. Cochrane Governing Board meeting minutes from the teleconference in December 2018, now available

The minutes from the Governing Board's teleconference, December 2018, are [now available](#) view online, for information only.

13. New Knowledge Translation resources NOW available on Cochrane's training website

We are delighted to announce NEW resources freely available on Cochrane's [Knowledge Translations resources website](#):

- [KT Glossary](#): A handy plain language glossary of commonly used KT terms;
- [Buffer.com](#) video: this short video, prepared from Cochrane UK, explains how to use Buffer.com, an easy-to-use tool to manage multiple Cochrane social media accounts;
- [Growing Capacity in Users Case Study](#): A new case study from South Africa discusses work on 'Developing a workshop and on-line learning for healthcare practitioners, researchers and policy-makers';
- [Examples document for Priority Setting](#): a collection of 'real' documents from around Cochrane has been added which can be used to generate ideas for the priority setting process. These include planning documents, workshop invites, workshop agendas and materials, and examples of on-line surveys which have been used.;
- [Priority Setting Frequently Asked Questions](#): this section includes some of the most commonly asked questions about the Priority Setting Guidance Note for Cochrane Groups.

To find out more please visit the [Cochrane Community website](#).

14. Cochrane International Mobility Programme

In 2017 Cochrane Sweden started the Cochrane International Mobility Programme to promote training periods at Cochrane Centre's in other countries. Modelled on the European student exchange program, Erasmus, the scheme being trialed is global with opportunities across the Cochrane Network. The original aim was for the scheme to be for students, but any member with a wish to try a new country and experience a different environment is welcome to participate. The scheme is the idea of Matteo Bruschetti, Centre Director of Cochrane Sweden. He tells us more about this in a short interview on the [Cochrane Community Website](#).

15. Launch of Editorial Essentials

We are pleased to announce the launch of Editorial Essentials.

To support our high quality editorial processes, we need those working in editorial roles to have access to training and support that allows them to undertake their role to a high standard. It is against this backdrop that we have developed Editorial Essentials - a new online resource for people working in editorial roles in Cochrane. Editorial Essentials is a one-stop-shop for anyone involved in Cochrane editorial work to find the training materials, guidance and other information they need.

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

16. New Cochrane-Wikipedia Project Page to facilitate sharing evidence on Wikipedia

World-wide, over 10 million people per day access health-related information on Wikipedia. By participating in the Cochrane-Wikipedia Initiative we work together as a community to ensure that the health content being read on Wikipedia is reliable and unbiased.

How to get involved?

Cochrane has a [new project page](#) that includes [an updated list of the reviews for each Cochrane Review Group](#) that have not yet been shared on Wikipedia and a helpful "[Getting Started](#)" section for new Wikipedia editors.

For details please see the [Cochrane Community website](#).

17. Upcoming changes in RevMan Web: Comparison and Outcome labels

The labels Comparison and Outcome under Analyses in RevMan Web will be changing to Analysis Group and Analysis.

The new labels are more generic to cover the broad usage of the existing labels Outcome and Comparison. Renaming Outcome to Analysis also aligns with the Cochrane Handbook and the Cochrane Library.

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

18. Cochrane Learning Live – Upcoming webinar programme

- 6th March 2019: *How to develop and evaluate a Knowledge Translation plan: advice and experiences from Cochrane Child Health Field.* More information and sign up available [here](#).
- 13th March 2019: *Learning with Cochrane: Discover what's new and what's upcoming.* More information and sign up available [here](#).
- 27th March 2019: *Access to clinical trial data (part 2): The IMPACT Observatory and managing privacy risks:*

More information and sign up available [here](#).

19. New learning resources

- [Introduction to new Cochrane Handbook for Systematic Reviews of Interventions \(Version 6\)](#)
- [Practical methods for handling missing summary statistics in meta-analysis of continuous outcomes](#)

- [Introduction to the new Cochrane Equity Content Strategy](#)

20. Current Cochrane Jobs

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

21. More Cochrane Community news posts and blogs

- [Cochrane at the WHO: Identifying and charting the impact of Cochrane evidence](#)
- [Involving stakeholders in Cochrane Review screening](#)
- [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.

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.

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