



Dear Colleagues,

Welcome to Issue 43 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. **Call for 'Expressions of Interest' to Join the Cochrane US Network now open – Deadline: 31 January 2019**

Following consultations in September and October 2018, Cochrane has decided to establish a Cochrane US Network. This US wide Network aims to engage institutions and organizations involved in evidence-informed health care in the US.

The call for 'Expressions of Interest' to join the Cochrane US Network is now open. This call invites US-based organizations and institutions of different kinds to indicate their interest to support and/or join and become part of a new Cochrane US Network.

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

## **2. Register for the 2019 Governance Meetings in Krakow - 31 March to 5 April**

Find out more and register for the 2019 Governance Meetings in Krakow - 31 March to 5 April on the [Cochrane Community website](#).

## **3. Call for Expressions of Interest to join the Global Evidence Synthesis Initiative (GESI) Network now open**

A call for Expressions of Interest to join the GESI Network is now open. For more information, please visit the GESI website [here](#).

## **4. Please check your communication preferences!**

It has come to our attention that some Cochrane members have not been receiving 'all member' emails. Please could you check your communications preferences on your Cochrane account [here](#).

## **ITEMS FOR YOUR INFORMATION:**

## **5. Governing Board Election December 2018: Announcing the results**

Thank you for voting in the recent election for new members of the Cochrane Governing Board. Over 1200 people voted and over 4000 votes were cast.

We're delighted to announce that the following four candidates have been elected:

- [Xavier BONFILL](#)
- [Sally GREEN](#)
- [Karsten Juhl JØRGENSEN](#)
- [Jordi PARDO PARDO](#)

Thank you to all the candidates who stood in this election, your contributions and willingness to serve Cochrane in this way are greatly appreciated. For more information please visit the [Cochrane Community website](#).

## **6. Priorities for Cochrane in the coming months: a joint message from the Board and Council Co-Chairs**

The [Cochrane Council](#), the representative body for Cochrane Group staff and authors, recently submitted a report to the Governing Board on issues arising from the termination of Professor Peter Gøtzsche's membership of Cochrane.

You can read this report, [here](#), and the Board's response, [here](#).

Following on from this correspondence, the Board Co-Chairs, Marguerite Koster and Martin Burton; and the Council Co-Chairs, Miranda Langendam and Fergus Macbeth, are pleased to make the following statement about priorities for Cochrane over the next few months: [read the statement here](#).

## **7. Message from Cochrane's Editor in Chief**

Read David Tovey's announcement on the [Cochrane Community website](#).

## **8. Four major policy issues for Cochrane: recent correspondence with the Governing Board**

A group of Cochrane members recently submitted a letter to the Board detailing "four major policy issues for Cochrane".

You're invited to read [their letter](#) and the [Board's response](#). To learn more about the Cochrane Council, the organization's representative body for Cochrane members, please visit the [Cochrane Community website](#).

## **9. Celebrating our multi-language project**

Making Cochrane evidence accessible to non-English speakers is a priority for us. More than 5,000 translations of Cochrane Review plain language summaries/abstracts were published in 2017. Translation activities are led by local Cochrane groups and their translator communities, the majority of which are volunteer based. To find out more visit the [Cochrane Community website](#).

#### **10. CRG Networks launch two-year strategic plans**

The Cochrane Review Network communities have announced their strategic plans that will guide the work of our Cochrane Review Groups (CRGS) until 2020. For more information please visit the [Cochrane Community website](#).

#### **11. Cochrane Governing Board agenda and open access papers available - December 2018**

The agenda and open access papers for the Cochrane Governing Board teleconference on 10 December 2018 are now available to view online [here](#), for information only.

#### **12. Priority Setting Community Update – November 2018**

Looking for support for your Priority Setting process? The Knowledge Translation 'Embedding Prioritisation' Working Group might be able to help! We are pleased to announce that the '[Priority Setting](#)' section of the KT Resources website has been updated with a video presentations from the Edinburgh Colloquium. For more information please visit the [Cochrane Community website](#).

#### **13. Partnerships for Knowledge Translation**

Cochrane reviews should help inform health decision making. As the producers of reviews, we cannot do this on our own. Strategic partnerships, at the organizational, regional, national, network and group levels, are essential. These partnerships can be very diverse, from working with local media or a local community organization, to global and national health policy makers, major research funders, as well as a wide variety of health practitioners. For more information, and to view a video highlighting some of our partnerships, please see the [Cochrane Community website](#).

#### **14. User views of Cochrane Knowledge Translation**

At Cochrane's annual Colloquium in Edinburgh recently, we took the opportunity to ask some of those people who use Cochrane's evidence what they thought about Knowledge Translation, why it was important to them, and the ways in which Cochrane could help make the most impact. Watch and hear what they said [here](#).

#### **15. Cochrane's success in numbers July-September 2018**

An enhanced Cochrane Library platform launch, huge increase in visits to Cochrane.org, and almost 1,300 contributors attend Cochrane's Colloquium in Edinburgh, UK. We are proud to present key highlights of Cochrane's performance during July – September 2018 as part of our latest organizational Dashboard. For more information please visit the [Cochrane Community website](#).

#### **16. New Special Collection published in the Cochrane Library**

A new Special Collection published in the Cochrane Library. This is a suite of 11 diagnostic test accuracy (DTA) reviews, a large body of research on the accuracy of tests used to diagnose skin cancer, which aim to identify the most accurate approaches to diagnosis, and so provide the best evidence on which clinical and policy-related decisions can be based. The reviews have been shared with The National Institute for Health and Care Excellence (NICE) to inform a potential update of the NICE Melanoma guideline, which was last updated in 2015.

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

#### **17. Cochrane's plans to update its COI policy: truth and fiction**

Cochrane Library Editorial – Cochrane's plans to update its COI policy: truth and fiction. Read the editorial [here](#).

#### **18. Cochrane Colloquium Santiago website now live!**

Cochrane Chile is delighted to be hosting the Colloquium next year (22-25 October 2019). It will be a great opportunity to meet and network with the Cochrane community from Chile and Latin America, and to be surprised by the wide usage of Cochrane evidence in decision-making at all levels. For more information please visit the [Cochrane Community website](#).

## 19. Cochrane Learning Live – Upcoming webinar programme

- 29th January 2019: *Introduction to new Cochrane Handbook for Systematic Reviews of Interventions (Version 6)*. More information and sign-up available [here](#).
- 5th February 2019: *Practical methods for handling missing summary statistics in meta-analysis of continuous outcomes*. More information and sign up available [here](#).

## 20. 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](#).
- **An Introduction to Individual Patient Data (IPD) meta-analysis** - Webinar recording available [here](#).

## 21. Current Cochrane Jobs

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

## 22. More Cochrane Community news posts and blogs

- [2018 Colloquium Gala Dinner Raises £9,880 for Social Bite, a charity dedicated to tackling homelessness in Scotland](#)
- [Cochrane Style Basics: new version released](#)
- [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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