

Centre & Fields Digest

Dear Colleagues,

Welcome to the 5th edition of the Centre & Fields Digest. The Digest provides information particularly relevant to Cochrane Centres and Fields, including consumers, and 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](#) published by the Cochrane Editorial Unit, which is sent to CRGs and Methods Groups.

ITEMS FOR YOUR ACTION:

1) Structure and function webinars for Centres, Branches, and Networks: July and August

Following the successful webinar series for Review Groups, Mark Wilson will be leading a series especially for Centres, Branches, and Networks, in July and August.

It's recommended that all Centre and Branch staff attend one of the four webinars. Please see the [Cochrane Community site](#) for more information and to register for a webinar.

2) Call for nominations: Co-Chair of the Cochrane Steering Group, by Friday 29th July

The Cochrane Steering Group (CSG) invites the nomination of candidates for the position of CSG Co-Chair. Please see the [Cochrane Community site](#) for more information.

3) 2016 financial monitoring of Cochrane groups: deadline has passed

The deadline for all forms was Friday 8th July. If your group has not yet completed its form, please contact Maria Burgess in the Central Executive Team: mburgess@cochrane.org.

4) Seoul Colloquium 23rd-27th October: Various deadlines for applications and bookings

Various deadlines for applications and bookings are approaching, including:

- Annual Cochrane prizes and awards: Deadline 29th July
- Early Colloquium registration: 10th August
- Meeting room bookings: 14th September

Please see the latest [Colloquium newsletter](#) for more information.

5) Surveying the Cochrane Community

To improve coordination and avoid over-emailing, all surveys sent by Cochrane contributors to their Cochrane colleagues must now be issued via the Cochrane Community website, and this Group Digest or the Review & Methods Digest, rather than to the group email lists directly.

If you have a survey that you want to issue to groups, please email [Muriah Urmoquit](#), Internal Communication and Content Officer, from the Central Executive.

ITEMS FOR YOUR INFORMATION:

6) 2015 Impact Factor released for Cochrane Database of Systematic Reviews

The 2015 Journal Citation Report (JCR) has been released by Thomson ISI and effective July 2016 the impact factor for the Cochrane Database of Systematic Reviews (CDSR) is 6.103. This is an increase on the 2014 impact factor, which was 6.035.

More information is available on [Cochrane.org](#).

7) Announcing the Global Evidence Summit 2017

Cochrane, together with four other leading organizations in the production and dissemination of evidence for decision making in the global health, social, and economic policy and practice sectors - proudly announces the first '[Global Evidence Summit](#)' in [Cape Town](#), South Africa. This event will replace the normal Cochrane Colloquium in 2017.

8) Mid-year Cochrane business meeting 2017

Save the date for the Mid-Year Meeting 2017! The meeting will be hosted by Cochrane Switzerland in Geneva, on the 4-5 April 2017, alongside other meetings held that week that Mid-Year attendees will be welcome to join.

Please see the [Cochrane Community site](#) for more information.

9) Various information items from the latest Review & Methods Digest

The latest Review & Methods Digest has a number of items that are relevant to Centres and Fields. These include:

- Peer review policy update
- Survey - Searching for and reporting adverse effects in systematic reviews
- Updating Classification System: webinars and release in Archie
- Cochrane Style Manual update
- Cochrane priority review list – July 2016 revision
- New authors resources from Cochrane Consumers and Communication Group
- New training course: Software to Support the Systematic Review Process

Please see the [8th July Review & Methods Digest](#) for more information.

10) Read the latest Cochrane Community blogs

- [Screening Notes: Planning methods for using GRADE and preparing Summary of Findings tables](#)
- [Drumroll: The TaskExchange excitement builds](#)

11) Current Cochrane job opportunities

There are various positions currently open with Cochrane groups and the Central Executive. See [Cochrane Jobs](#) for more information.

The Centre & Fields Digest is created by the Chief Executive Officer's Office on behalf of Mark Wilson. We intend to make it available approximately every two weeks 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.

Best wishes,

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