



Dear Colleagues,

Welcome to the 24<sup>th</sup> edition of the Centre & Fields Digest.

The Digest provides information particularly relevant to Cochrane's Geographic Groups 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.

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#### **ITEMS FOR YOUR ACTION:**

**1) Voting open for Cochrane Governing Board elections – Voting closes Monday 24 July 2017**

Voting is open for the 2017 election for two (2) internal members of the Cochrane Board. The results will be announced on 27 July 2017. The entire Cochrane membership is invited to vote. To cast your vote, please go to the [Cochrane Community website](#).

**2) Would you like to host a future Cochrane Colloquium or Governance Meeting? Deadline for submissions 28 July 2017**

We are looking for Cochrane Groups to host the 2020 and 2021 Cochrane Colloquia; and the 2019, 2020 and 2021 Cochrane Governance Meetings. For more information, please see the [Cochrane Community website](#).

**3) Global Evidence Summit – standard registration closes 18 August 2017**

To find out why you should attend the Global Evidence Summit, please visit the [GES website](#).

#### **ITEMS FOR YOUR INFORMATION:**

**4) Cochrane Membership - A new chapter for Cochrane**

This month we are proud to launch our new Cochrane Membership scheme, making it easier than ever before for anyone to become a part of our global community of supporters, passionate about improving healthcare decisions. For more information, please see the [Cochrane Community website](#).

**5) Schedule of Group board and executive meetings at the Global Evidence Summit in Cape Town**

The schedule for the Group board and executive meetings at the Global Evidence Summit in Cape Town will be finalised later this month and communicated shortly thereafter. The timeslots for these meetings will be shorter this year as the GES is a partner event and not a normal Cochrane Colloquium. All the meetings will be scheduled within the event, 13-16 September.

<p><b>6) An update on the Cochrane Review Group (CRG) Structure and Function reforms and the completion of Cochrane’s Sustainability Review</b></p> <p>Please see the <a href="#">Cochrane Community website</a> for important information on the CRG structure and function reforms.</p>
<p><b>7) The Statement of Principles for Consumer Involvement in Cochrane</b></p> <p>For information on Consumer involvement in Cochrane – the Statement of Principles, please see <a href="#">Cochrane.org</a>.</p>
<p><b>8) List of countries eligible for free one-click access to the Cochrane Library in 2017</b></p> <p>Following the <a href="#">2016 annual review</a>, we are delighted to confirm that Wiley will offer free access to the Cochrane Library, including more than 9,000 full text Cochrane Systematic Reviews and Protocols in over 100 countries, for approximately 2 billion people. For more information and eligibility, please see the <a href="#">Cochrane Community website</a>.</p>
<p><b>9) New Cochrane Training video series on Making Systematic Reviews policy relevant</b></p> <p>Professor John Lavis from McMaster University describes the different types of policy and the different types of policy questions that systematic reviews can inform, using the newly approved Cochrane Knowledge Translation framework to illustrate the many ways in which systematic reviews can be made (more) policy relevant. For more information, please see <a href="#">Cochrane.org</a>.</p>
<p><b>10) Winners of the fourth Cochrane Review Support Programme (CRSP)</b></p> <p>We are pleased to announce the 12 successful titles from the fourth Cochrane Review Support Programme (CRSP) funding round. For more information, please see the <a href="#">Cochrane Community website</a>.</p>
<p><b>11) Cochrane Governing Board meeting minutes from Geneva now available</b></p> <p>The minutes from the Governing Board’s meeting in Geneva, 5-7 April 2017, are now available on the <a href="#">Cochrane Community website</a>.</p>
<p><b>12) Coming soon: crowdsource the screening for your review</b></p> <p>Just think how much time could be saved if you could crowdsource the screening for your review! <a href="#">Cochrane Crowd</a> are trialling just such a service, known for now as Review Screen, or RevScreen for short. For more information, please see the <a href="#">Cochrane Community website</a>.</p>
<p><b>13) XVI Meeting of the Cochrane Iberoamerican Network in Medellín – Colombia</b></p> <p>The XVI Annual Meeting of the Cochrane Iberoamerican Network was held in Medellín on 5th to 7th June. The event was organised by the Associate Centre University of Antioquia and coordinated by Hector Ivan García, director of this Associate Centre, and Xavier Bonfill, director of the Cochrane Iberoamerican Network. For more information please see the <a href="#">Cochrane Community website</a>.</p>
<p><b>14) More Cochrane Community news posts and blogs</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <a href="#">Upcoming events</a></li> <li>• <a href="#">Survey round-up: July 2017</a></li> <li>• <a href="#">Dementia in the spotlight: evidence and experience</a></li> <li>• <a href="#">Living Systematic Reviews: On the road with Annie and Julian</a></li> </ul> <p>For all current opportunities, please see <a href="#">Cochrane Jobs</a></p>

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Best wishes,

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