

## Governing Board External Candidate Statement

Please note that the External Candidate Statements and Curricula Vitae of successful applicants (i.e. new members) **will be published on the Cochrane Community website** and will remain on the website against the names of the new members for the duration of their terms on the Board. For this reason, this template must be used; and full addresses, email addresses and/or unencrypted e-signatures excluded. Photographs (including personal headshots) are also not permitted.

Please submit this External Candidate Statement in Word format by the stated deadline.

Family name (surname):	<b>FABA BEAUMONT</b>
First name(s):	<b>MARIA GLADYS</b>
Today's date:	<b>JUNE 14<sup>TH</sup> 2017</b>

You may expand the boxes in providing your answers to the questions below:

### 1. What are your reasons for wanting to become an external member of the Governing Board?

- I am deeply committed to the principles and values of the Cochrane Collaboration community.
- During these last 19 years I have been a promoter and consumer of the contributions that the Cochrane Collaboration has provided to the world.
- With my long experience I believe that I am in a very good moment to contribute in the translation and use of evidence in decision making, particularly in the public institutions involved in health care of people.
- During the years I have been close to the Cochrane Collaboration, I have learned that we need to invest our best efforts to expand access to knowledge and adapt language to make it accessible to a wider and diverse potential consumers, and to assess our impact.

### 2. What relevant experience do you bring and do you have experience or expertise in one or more of the published list of essential areas of expertise for members of the Governing Board?

- Long experience in managing resources to bring the activities of the Cochrane International Collaboration to the public bodies of the health system and the academy.
- Contributing to the approach of Cochrane Collaboration activities in Spanish-speaking countries.

- Productive collaboration with international organizations.
- Successful experience in the development of collaborative projects with public and private institutions in different countries of Latin America, North America and Europe.
- Editing and production of tools for systematization of scientific knowledge for decision-making.
- A strong spirit of collaboration with the new goals set out in Strategy 2020 which convey the importance of bringing the results of systematic reviews closer to the attention of global health problems and to decision-making.
- My connection with teaching and research at the National Institute of Public Health allows me to contribute in the development of systematic reviews based on qualitative studies and oriented to public health.

### 3. Is there anything else you would like to say in support of your nomination?

My attachment to the mission, principles and activities of the Cochrane Collaboration goes back to 1997 and has been based on my deep conviction that developing countries are the ones who need the most to raise the quality and effectiveness of medical care, to reduce the economic and social burden of health problems and thereby ensure social equity.

My professional training as a sociologist has allowed me to understand that in countries with scarce resources for research, the development and use of systematic reviews requires a special attention in the institutional structure, internal organization, leadership, and human resources.

At the National Institute of Public Health in Mexico, my major contribution has focused on translating scientific evidence to support medical practice, especially in primary care units. My vision has been that at this level of care, the use of scientific evidence is not only applicable exclusively to medical practice, but transcends people in greater and better knowledge of their health care.

My status as a Chilean professional, living more than 30 years in Mexico, has stimulated me in the constant search for international collaboration not only with Chile but with various countries in the Spanish-speaking region.

I have also had the privilege of projecting my activities in the Latin American region thanks to the programs of technical co-operation in this field, carried out with the Pan American Health Organization, The European Union, and, during the last years, with the United Nations Foundation in some African countries, as Co-Chair at the Mobil Health Program, to boost the use of evidence in health policies.

## Declaration of Interest statement:

Candidates must make a declaration of conflict of interest, including financial or nonfinancial relationships with other organizations, professional relationships to other members of the Board, and other boards she/he may sit on. In writing this statement, candidates should refer to Cochrane's [conflict of interest policy](#) and the [declarations of existing members of the Board](#).

Please answer the following questions:

1. Financial interests In the last 10 years, have you:	Yes/No (If yes, please provide details)
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a) Received research funding: any grant, contract or gift, commissioned research, or fellowship from Cochrane or a related organization (i.e. any organization related to health care or medical research) to conduct research?	NO
b) Had paid consultancies: any paid work, consulting fees (in cash or kind) from a related organization?	I have been hired as an advisor to the Pan American Health Organization during these last ten years.
c) Received honoraria: one-time payments (in cash or kind) from a related organization?	No
d) Served as a director, officer, partner, trustee, employee or held a position of management with a related organization?	To day I am hired part time, as an independent professional by the National Institute of Public Health
e) Possessed share-holdings, stock, stock options, equity with a related organization (excludes mutual funds or similar arrangements where the individual has no control over the selection of the shares)?	NO
f) Received personal gifts from a related organization?	NO
g) Had an outstanding loan with a related organization?	NO
h) Received royalty payments from a related organization?	NO
<b>2. Do you have any other competing interests that could pose a conflict of interest that would reasonably appear to be related to the primary interest?</b>	NO