Update on partnerships

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Cochrane's work with external partners is guided by the Cochrane Partnership Policy, and the Guidance for Partnership Development. A dedicated space on the community website has been developed to keep the Cochrane community informed about the key external partnerships that Cochrane is engaged in. Updates (including those to Cochrane's Governing Board) on external partnerships are also available on the community site.

This report provides a status update on Cochrane's external partnerships for Q4, 2018 and Q1, 2019. A detailed overview per partner is set out below, also specifying the plans for the next two quarters. The main developments to note are:

- The Knowledge Translation Working Group on Strategic Partnerships developed a guidance document to support partnership development by Cochrane groups. The guidance document, case studies and related resources are available from the KT partnership pages on the community website. This resource will be expanded further, and webinars around partnership development are expected to be developed in 2019 as well.

- The WHO has approved Cochrane's report of the activities from 2016 to 2018, as well as a plan of work for 2019-2021. Cochrane's status as NGO in official relation with WHO has therefore been renewed for three years until the end of 2021. In addition, a WHO blog series was started in 2019 to illustrate the wide range of interactions and collaboration the Cochrane community has with WHO.

- During the Edinburgh Colloquium, several (Special) Sessions were organised with key partners, including Choosing Wisely, WHO, Guidelines International Network, Patient-Centered Outcomes Research Institute (PCORI) and Wikipedia. Some of these partnerships have been captured in the following video.

- A new Cochrane-Wikipedia project page has been set-up to facilitate sharing of evidence on Wikipedia.

Annex – Update on Key Strategic Partnerships:

Goal	Partner	Activity	Status of partnership	Key achievements Q4 2018 and Q 1 2019	Q2 and 3, 2019 plans
3	Wikipedia https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Wikipedia:WikiProject_Medicine/Cochrane	Work towards developing sustainable strategies for our collaboration with Wikipedia	There is no formal MoU currently in place	Successfully launched an improved project page that includes the following: -An improved "how to" section that gives step by step instructions on how to edit Wikipedia and participate in the initiative -A section that organizes all the Cochrane Reviews that are not yet on Wikipedia organised by CRG Network. This also includes the present progress of the CRG Networks -A list of Cochrane Reviews that are already used in Wikipedia articles A Special Session and a Workshop were held at the Edinburgh Colloquium. Set up a Capstone project with the Data Science Institute of the University of Virginia. The project aims to develop an article recommendation tool for Cochrane articles in Wikipedia, and would seek to match medical Wikipedia articles with suggestions of publication from Cochrane which match the subject matter content. This work is currently done manually, and automation would facilitate adding Cochrane evidence to Wikipedia. Ongoing work with numerous Cochrane Groups who are establishing and	Continue support to Cochrane Groups asking for training and guidance on Wikipedia editing, using the new project page (with useful resources) to facilitate this work. Continue the Capstone project. Propose training sessions for the Chile Colloquium. Maintain regular communication and collaborative relationship with WikiProjet Medicine as we work together to improve Wikipedia articles Participate and contribute to Wikipedia events held by members of the Cochrane community.

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1,2,3,4	WHO (www.who.int)	Implement plan of work 2019 – 2021.	Partnership was reported on in June 2018. Received approval from WHO for new plan of work in Feb 2019.	Our plan of work for 2019 – 2021 was approved and our status as an "NGO in formal relations with WHO" was renewed for three years. Our plan of work for the next three years focuses on supporting **the WHO's normative guidance work** through providing, in a timely manner, evidence syntheses on topics of relevance to WHO that will help inform guidelines, the essential medicines list, as well as other technical guidance. • Advancing methods for normative work; and • Providing training support in interpreting evidence syntheses. • In addition, emphasis is given to activities that facilitate use of evidence in policy making at country, regional and global levels.	Ongoing follow up on all items in the joint plan of work. Plan attendance to the World Health Assembly in May 2019, including meetings with various WHO staff to build relations and monitor implementation of plan of work. Working on a WHO blog series to illustrate the wide range of interactions and collaboration the Cochrane community has with WHO, and to encourage people to share their experiences.
2,3	Global Evidence Synthesis Initiative (GESI) www.gesiinitiative.com	GESI seeks to develop the production capacity and use of synthesized evidence in low- and middle-income countries.	Implementation phase	Decided to extend the contract with GESI, on the basis of a no-cost extension, by one year until June 2020. This extension provides more time to find resources to sustain the GESI network beyond this pilot/start-up phase.	One of the main activities of GESI is the training they provide for their network members. Cochrane Training is supporting the delivery of some of the online training (webinars) provided. Regular meetings with the GESI governance group will continue and will focus on strategies for sustaining the work of the network.

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2	Epistemonikos (http://www.epistemonikos.org)	Continue to develop **Cochrane's** relationship with the Epistemonikos.	Implementation of current MoU	The incorporation of the Epistemonikos database within the new federated search feature on the new Cochrane Library platform was successfully accomplished with the launch of the new platform in August 2018.	We are exploring with Epistemonikos further development of the feature as we expand the federated search of external databases, such as Epistemonikos, on the Cochrane Library. This will require standardisation across all our partners to ensure the best experience and service for our users. A meeting has been scheduled for September 2019 to discuss furthering our partnership and what this would look like.
2	G-I-N www.g-i-n.net	To build stronger connections between G-I-N members and Cochrane; and promote the use of Cochrane evidence in guidelines worldwide.	Renewed MoU signed in February 2019	Held a meeting in Edinburgh with key people from both organizations to strategize re how a continued partnership can support the organizations reach its respective aims. This discussion informed the renewal process of the MoU, and a new MoU was signed in February 2019.	Focus on communication and advocacy – highlighting examples of joint work between guideline developers and systematic reviewers.
3	Campbell G-I-N Joanna Briggs	Co-host the 2nd Global Evidence Summit in 2021.	Planning phase	GES 2 organizing partners confirmed. Call for hosting GES 2 was issued – closing date 31 May. Monthly meetings with Organising Committee set up.	The Global Organizing Committee is exploring additional 'programme' partners and supporters – a working matrix is being set-up based on key elements i.e. themes, sector and our key target audiences. Completing assessments of GES 2 potential hosts and announcing the successful bid.
3	The International Network for Public Involvement and Engagement in	Develop collaboration with existing consumer groups; and create an international network.	Developing and setting up the network	• Mission, Vision and Objectives, Communications Strategy agreed • 200 organisations globally have signed up for membership • First symposium and Special Session held at Cochrane's Colloquium, September 2018	• Business Plan currently being drafted. • Website, social media offer and webinar programme under development.

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	Health and Social Care Research			• Workshop on International Network Workshop held at International Measurement Conference, November 2018	
1,2,3	GRADE (http://www.gradeworkinggroup.org)	To deliver the MoU as well as a licensing agreement for software use.	Renewing the MoU	• GRADEpro GDT / Archie integration is implemented to enable better user experience for creating Summary of Findings Tables. • Approach for GRADEpro GDT integration with RevMan Web has been agreed, and the same approach has been adopted for MAGICapp integration. • Discussions with GRADE on the renewal of the MoU and the activities to focus on in the next three years.	Finalising and signing the MoU Agree timeline for GRADEpro GDT integration with RevMan Web. Ongoing discussion between Cochrane Innovations and **Evidence Prime on integration of Cochrane's Linked Data work.**
2	MAGIC (http://magicproject.org)	To explore strategic partnership opportunities for review production and guideline tools.	Implementation	Special session at the Cochrane Colloquium in Edinburgh on the evidence eco-system. Several sessions at G-I-N and Colloquium, also including reflection on MAGIC-Cochrane partnership. Continued pilot projects are informing work towards integrating MAGICApp as a tool for Cochrane authors. Continued work on joint funding applications.	Ensure linkage between the HTA report prototype project with Norwegian Institute of Public Health, and **Cochrane's work on new review formats.** Completing work on MAGIC App for Cochrane SoF integration work. Ongoing discussion on the integration of Cochrane's PICO vocabulary and onotology work. Review opportunities associated with Interactive Summary of Findings tables.

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3	REWARD (http://research waste.net)	Continue to develop Cochrane's relationship with the REWARD alliance.	Implementation	The Cochrane REWARD prize call for 2018 received 15 nominations, and the winners were announced during the 2018 Cochrane Colloquium. Call for 2019 prize has been issued.	Communication about 2017 and 2018 applications and winners – thus increasing Cochrane's visibility in the area of reducing research waste. Initiate discussion with EQUATOR on joint work for reducing research waste.
3	Joanna Briggs Institute (http://joannab riggs.org)	Exploring opportunities for scientific and methodological research, as well as sharing of data for the efficiency of evidence synthesis processes, and joint representation at major healthcare events.	MoU being re-developed	JBI is conducting an assessment of evidence eco-system and the various organisations contributing to this. This assessment will help inform the new MoU.	Waiting for JBI to finalise and share this mapping work. Rediscussing renewal of the MoU afterwards.
1,3	The Campbell Collaboration (https://campb ellcollaboration .org/)	Continue to develop Cochrane's relationship with the Campbell Collaboration.	Implementation phase of the MoU	Held discussions within the Partnership Advisory Group (PAG) about challenges on co-registration of titles, an issue that was brought forward by the Cochrane Ediorial Board.	Notes from PAG meeting to be shared with Editorial Board and take decision regarding co-registration. Exploring the development of a shared advocacy platform and common advocacy initiatives as both organizations look to raise their profile and promote evidence-informed decision making. Deliver other activities as agreed in the MoU.

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2,3	VIVLI	VIVLI and Cochrane aim to promote, coordinate, and facilitate clinical research data sharing through the creation and implementation of a sustainable global data-sharing enterprise	Commercial license in place. PICO metadata between VIVLI and Cochrane and Cochrane PICO ontology and vocabulary are being used to enhance the discoverability of clinical trials.	Continued to work with Vivli to enhance the Cochrane PICO services.	Continue to work with Vivli to enhance the Cochrane PICO services and support the promotion and use of the new clinical trials data sharing platform. Working together on a PICO curation research project to develop and test AI and machine learning curation solution.
2,3	Choosing Wisely	'Choosing Wisely' is a campaign to help clinicians and patients engage in conversations about unnecessary tests and treatments and make smart and effective choices to ensure high-quality care.	No formal MoU in place	Organized a joint Special Session at the Edinburgh Colloquium, which will facilitate further discussion between the Cochrane community and 'Choosing Wisely'. In addition, Cochrane participated in the the international 'Choosing Wisely' meeting held in October in Zurich, Switzerland, which allowed for further discussion with the international 'Choosing Wisely' community.	Exploring writing up stories of collaboration in-country between Cochrane geographich groups and local Choosing Wisely campaigns – as a way to highlight the potential of working in partnership with Choosing Wisely national campaigns.
3	Health Systems Evidence (HSE) and Social	Exploring partnering to offer users the opportunity to	Planning phase	Discussions are progressing regarding integrating HSE and SSE within CLIB Federated Search feature. An initial proposal has been sent for discussion.	Once the proposal has been agreed between both parties, an implementation plan will be put together combined with estimates for the necessary development work and a timeline for delivery.

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	Systems Evidence (SSE)	search HSE and SSE from within CLIB's Federated Search feature.		There are also discussions ongoing about linking to the HSE 1-sider for policy makers through the Related Content functionality on relevant Cochrane reviews.	This proposal will form part of a broader discussion regarding federated search for external databases to ensure good user experience and service for our users.