

# Reviews and Methods Digest

**20<sup>th</sup> May 2016**

Dear Colleagues

The CEU Review and Methods Digest this week covers the following areas:

## For Information:

### 1. Structure & Function webinars: June and July 2015

Following the recent decision by the Cochrane Steering Group (CSG) to initiate a Cochrane-wide Structure and Function Review, the Cochrane Editorial Unit (CEU) is initiating a process of consultation on behalf of the Central Executive Team (CET) with the wider Cochrane Community. The CEU is running a series of webinars that will focus mainly on issues relevant to review production and impact, led by David Tovey, and we welcome your participation. The webinars will be repeated over a choice of dates and will run for 60-90 minutes. You only need to join one webinar. To join any of the allocated webinars, please click the link below.\* All times listed are UK time, but the meetings have been planned in order to be accessible to everyone irrespective of time zone. If you need more information or assistance on joining the webinars, please contact Hilary Simmonds ([hsimmonds@cochrane.org](mailto:hsimmonds@cochrane.org)). Local times can be found at <http://www.timeanddate.com/>

| Date                             | UK time (GMT+1) | Go-to-meeting invitation  |
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| <b>16<sup>th</sup> June 2016</b> | 08:00 (AM)      | <a href="https://global.gotomeeting.com/join/320099861">https://global.gotomeeting.com/join/320099861</a> |
| <b>16<sup>th</sup> June 2016</b> | 15:00 (PM)      | <a href="https://global.gotomeeting.com/join/923729893">https://global.gotomeeting.com/join/923729893</a> |
| <b>27<sup>th</sup> June 2016</b> | 08:00 (AM)      | <a href="https://global.gotomeeting.com/join/199338997">https://global.gotomeeting.com/join/199338997</a> |
| <b>27<sup>th</sup> June 2016</b> | 16:00 (PM)      | <a href="https://global.gotomeeting.com/join/218135957">https://global.gotomeeting.com/join/218135957</a> |
| <b>28<sup>th</sup> June 2016</b> | 09:00 (AM)      | <a href="https://global.gotomeeting.com/join/849895333">https://global.gotomeeting.com/join/849895333</a> |
| <b>30<sup>th</sup> June 2016</b> | 16:00 (PM)      | <a href="https://global.gotomeeting.com/join/593856981">https://global.gotomeeting.com/join/593856981</a> |
| <b>11<sup>th</sup> July 2016</b> | 16:00 (PM)      | <a href="https://global.gotomeeting.com/join/691393061">https://global.gotomeeting.com/join/691393061</a> |
| <b>14<sup>th</sup> July 2016</b> | 08:00 (AM)      | <a href="https://global.gotomeeting.com/join/141007141">https://global.gotomeeting.com/join/141007141</a> |

\* For more information on GoToMeeting please see the [GoToMeeting support page](#)

Please note: if you or your colleagues are unable to attend of the times specified above, please contact Hilary Simmonds ([hsimmonds@cochrane.org](mailto:hsimmonds@cochrane.org)) and we will try to organize a meeting to suit your diary.

### 2. Enhanced Cochrane Library project – from the Strategy to 2020 (from Harriet MacLehose)

The [Enhanced Cochrane Library](#) project is all about developing a new platform to improve user experience. You may be aware that Cochrane is working with Wiley, our publisher, and Semantico, a third-party technology provider, to build and deliver an enhanced product with greater functionality that makes it easier for users to discover and use Cochrane content in their decision-making.

Over the course of this year, we are redeveloping all aspects of the Cochrane Library platform to improve user experience. The work is divided into many different areas, each a building block towards the enhanced Cochrane Library. Keep up-to-date with all developments via [the Cochrane Community website](#).

### **3. Stipends for the Seoul Colloquium: Deadline 8<sup>th</sup> June 2016**

Stipends are available to cover costs of attending the Seoul Colloquium for Cochrane contributors who are healthcare consumers or healthcare consumer advocates. The deadline for applications is 8 June.

<https://colloquium.cochrane.org/consumer-stipends>

### **4. Award and Prizes - Seoul Colloquium: Deadline 29<sup>th</sup> July 2016**

Nominations are now open for the Anne Anderson, Thomas C Chalmers, Chris Silagy, Bill Silverman, and Kenneth Warren awards and prizes. Deadline for all submissions is 29 July.

<https://colloquium.cochrane.org/prizes-awards>

### **5. Blogs on the Cochrane Community site:**

You may be interested to read these three recent blogs that were published on the Cochrane Community site. The first gives an introduction to the *Targeted Update* project, the second was written by Tracey Perez Koehlmoos, and explores the value of empty reviews as a tool to generate research, and the third announces the launch of the Cochrane Crowd platform.

Targeted Update project: <http://community.cochrane.org/news/targeted-update-project-introduction>

Value of empty reviews: <http://community.cochrane.org/news/secret-life-social-franchising-value-empty-reviews>

Launch of Cochrane Crowd: <http://community.cochrane.org/news/welcome-cochrane-crowd-next-phase-cochrane-embase>

Also, David Tovey corrected a previous blog on conflict of interest and Cochrane's policies on the 4th May, to remove misleading content caused by a misunderstanding on his part.

<http://community.cochrane.org/news/cochrane-and-conflict-interest>

### **6. CEU Statistics Editor is back from maternity leave**

We are pleased to welcome back our statistics editor Kerry Dwan from maternity leave. Kerry started at the beginning of May and will be working within the review quality team at the CEU for three days per week. She will be providing statistical advice and methodological support to the review screening programme and dissemination activities. Kerry will also be working closely with colleagues from the Statistical Methods Group on training and support of CRG statistics editors.

### **7. New CEU Editor working with the editorial policy and publishing team**

We are delighted to welcome Bryony Urquhart to the to the Central Cochrane Executive team and to the Cochrane Editorial Unit as a new Editor. Bryony joins the editorial policy and publishing team with a focus on editorial policy development and implementation.

Bryony has a background in biochemistry and a PhD from the University of Manchester. Bryony previously worked in editorial positions at Elsevier and Wiley, and most recently as a freelance medical writer and editor. Bryony is familiar with Cochrane and has worked with many of us over the years in her position at Wiley, including on developing editorial policy and new product development.

Bryony will work Monday to Wednesdays, generally from her home in the UK and also from the London office. You can contact Bryony on her email address, [burquhart@cochrane.org](mailto:burquhart@cochrane.org), and of course on Slack.

#### **8. New CEU Administration Officer supporting the Funding Arbiters and the Cochrane Editorial Unit.**

We are delighted to announce that Maria Gerardi [mgerardi@cochrane.org](mailto:mgerardi@cochrane.org) has joined the Cochrane Editorial Unit. Maria will be supporting the work of the Funding Arbiters and Ruth Foxlee. Maria's has gained her previous experience in the oil and gas industry and will now be based in the Cochrane London office.