

Reviews and Methods Digest

24th June 2016

Dear Colleagues

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

For Action:

1. Structure & Function webinars: June and July 2015

Many of you already participated in the webinars, but there are still many opportunities to contribute and we would 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). Local times can be found at <http://www.timeanddate.com/>

Date	UK time (GMT+1)	Go-to-meeting invitation
27th June 2016	08:00 (AM)	https://global.gotomeeting.com/join/199338997
27th June 2016	16:00 (PM)	https://global.gotomeeting.com/join/218135957
28th June 2016	09:00 (AM)	https://global.gotomeeting.com/join/849895333
30th June 2016	16:00 (PM)	https://global.gotomeeting.com/join/593856981
11th July 2016	16:00 (PM)	https://global.gotomeeting.com/join/691393061
14th July 2016	08:00 (AM)	https://global.gotomeeting.com/join/141007141

* 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) and we will try to organize a meeting to suit your diary.

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. 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.

4. 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](mailto:Muriah.Urmoquit@cochrane.org), Internal Communication and Content Officer, from the Central Executive.

For Information:

1. Cochrane Review Support Programme funding

We are pleased to announce the 10 successful titles from the second **Cochrane Review Support Programme (CRSP)** funding round.

1. *Delayed antibiotics for respiratory infections (Acute Respiratory Infections Group)*
2. *Bisphosphonates and other bone agents for breast cancer (Breast Cancer Group)*
3. *Psychological therapies for the treatment of mental disorders in low- and middle-income countries affected by humanitarian crises (Common Mental Disorders Group)*
4. *Drug eluting stents versus bare metal stents for acute coronary syndrome (Heart Group)*
5. *Withdrawal of antihypertensive drugs in older people (Hypertension Group)*
6. *Pharmacotherapy for hypertension in adults aged 18 to 59 years (Hypertension Group)*
7. *Interventions for preventing obesity in children (Public Health Group)*
8. *Taxation of sugar-sweetened beverages for reducing their consumption and preventing obesity or other adverse health outcomes (Public Health Group)*
9. *Interventions for treating depression after stroke (Stroke Group)*
10. *Interventions to prevent occupational noise-induced hearing loss (Work Group)*

We received 23 applications from 16 Groups. To evaluate the applications we convened an international assessment panel comprised of nine Cochrane contributors and consumers of Cochrane reviews, who generously shared their time and expertise:

- Dr Urbà González, Unit of Dermatology, CLÍNICA GO&FER, Barcelona, Spain
- Prof Sally Green, Australasian Cochrane Centre, Monash University, Melbourne, Australia
- Dr Devan Kansagara MD, MCR, Associate Professor of Medicine, Oregon Health and Science University, Director, Evidence-based Synthesis Program, Portland VA Medical Center & Staff Physician, Portland VA Medical Center
- Dr Richard Lehman, Hightown Surgery, Oxford, UK
- Prof Ashraf F Nabhan, Department of Obstetrics and Gynaecology, Faculty of Medicine, Ain Shams University, Cairo, Egypt
- Dr Mbah P Okwen, Centre for the Development of Best Practices in Health, Yaoundé Central Hospital, Yaoundé, Cameroon
- Dr Sera Tort, Cochrane Editorial Unit, London, UK
- Dr David Tovey, Editor in Chief, the Cochrane Library, Cochrane Editorial Unit, London, UK
- Dr Jorge Zepeda, Secretary of Health of Florianópolis, Brazil / University of Leeds, UK

The panel members assessed the applications according to the criteria outlined in the application form and gave each review an overall score out of 10. The maximum possible score for each review was 90 (10 points x 9 assessors) and we set our funding cut-off at 60+.

The next funding round will open in September 2016 and will be advertised via the usual Cochrane communication channels.

2. Steering Group announces appointment of third external member

We are delighted to announce the appointment of a third external member of the Cochrane Steering Group (CSG): **Dr. Michael Makanga**, MBChB, MSc, PhD, FRCP Edin. The full announcement is available on Cochrane.org.

3. Update on 2015 Impact Factor release

The *Cochrane Database of Systematic Reviews* has not yet received a 2015 impact factor due to an indexing issue by Thomson Reuters, who produce the impact factor. Wiley is working hard with Thomson Reuters to investigate the reasons behind this and is hoping to resolve this issue in the next few weeks. We will provide an update as soon as possible when we know more.

4. Cochrane Crowd is going open access

The [Cochrane Crowd](http://Cochrane.org) team is delighted to announce that their work is going open access. The full announcement is available on Cochrane.org.

5. Blogs on the Cochrane Community site:

You may be interested to read these recent blogs that were published on the Cochrane Community site.

When Maja met TaskExchange <http://community.cochrane.org/news/when-maja-met-taskexchange>

Cochrane contributor: Dr Jimée Hwang <http://community.cochrane.org/news/cochrane-contributor-dr-jimee-hwang>

6. Current Cochrane job opportunities

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