



Editorial

Dear Members, we hope 2011 has been good to you all thus far .

We have had a really productive last six months, with many protocols and reviews getting over the line (see page 2) , with big thankyou's to our dedicated authors, editors and external peer referees. A large percentage of this work is voluntary and the success of our outcomes depend on this dedication and commitment to best evidence in public health.

For those who have been enquiring, Liz Waters is back 'in the office', with responsibility for co-ed role still shared with Laurie and Mark temporarily.

Rebecca' Armstrong delivered a healthy baby girl, Sophie, just before Christmas and will be back with the group in July. Tahna Pettman has been welcomed to the team, replacing Rebecca on her Cochrane duties, as well as on other projects.

Regards,
Jodie Doyle (CPHG Managing Editor)

19th Cochrane Colloquium
19-22 October, 2011
Madrid, Spain



Please join us!

CPHG core staff and members of our editorial group will be attending the Colloquium and keen to meet up with as many as you as possible there. We will hold an editorial meeting as well as an open CPHG meeting, as per usual. We shall also be participating in numerous workshops of relevance. We are also looking into conducting a one day pre-Colloquium workshop, which we shall keep you informed of by email and on our website.

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Location Update

The Cochrane Public Health Group's main editorial base has moved (slightly) and is now located on the ground floor of the Victorian Health Promotion Foundation. Our address remains the same:

c/o VicHealth, 15-31 Pelham Street,
Carlton VIC 3053.

For those of you based locally in Melbourne, or just passing through, feel free to drop in and say hi if you are in the area.

Colloquium timelines:

- 21 March** Call for abstracts and workshops
Call for stipend applications
- 28 March** Registration start
- 21 April** Workshop submission deadline
- 29 April** Abstract submission deadline
- 25 May** Abstract and workshop notification
- 30 May** Stipend application deadline
- 4 July** Stipend notification
- 25 July** Early registration deadline

For information about the colloquium, please visit:

<http://colloquium.cochrane.org/>

CPHG Update

Reviews & protocols underway with the Cochrane Public Health Group

Published reviews

- Flexible working conditions for improving employee health and well being

Published protocols (reviews under development)

- Collaboration between local health and local government agencies for health improvement activity (review to be published on 11th May 2011)
- Community wide interventions for increasing physical activity (review to be published on 13th April 2011)
- Workplace-based organisational interventions to prevent and control obesity by improving dietary intake and/or increasing physical activity
- Housing interventions for improved health and social outcomes (co-registered with Campbell Collaboration)
- Community-based interventions for enhancing access to or consumption of fruit and vegetables (or both) among five to 18-year olds
- Community-level interventions to improve food security in developed countries

Registered titles (protocols under development)

- Nutritional labeling to promote healthier food purchasing and consumption
- Fortification of maize flour with iron for preventing anaemia and iron deficiency in populations
- Wheat flour fortification with Iron for reducing anaemia and improving iron status in at-risk populations
- Population level interventions for improving health outcomes in ex-prisoners
- Interventions addressing gender disparities in family food distribution for improving child nutrition
- Oral health promotion interventions for improving child oral health
- Incentive-based interventions to increase physical activity
- Fortification of staple foods with vitamin A for preventing vitamin A deficiency in populations
- Welfare to work interventions and their effects on the health and wellbeing of lone parents and their children
- Knowledge translation strategies for facilitating evidence-informed public health decision making among managers and policy-makers
- Population health effects of fortification of wheat and maize flour with folic acid
- Condiment fortification with iron and/or other micronutrients for improving public health
- Fortification of wheat and maize flour with folic acid for population health outcomes
- Slum upgrading strategies and their effects on health and social outcomes
- Later school start times for supporting the education, health and well-being of high school students

Titles under development and for consideration

Interested in helping to peer review a Cochrane Review in progress?

As part of the Cochrane Collaborations' systematic review process, each protocol and subsequent review requires a team of peer reviewers. Peer reviewers are responsible for assessing the relevance and usefulness of the review. This results in Cochrane Reviews that better meet the needs of end users. If you are interested in peer reviewing please contact Jodie jdoyle@vichealth.vic.gov.au. Please make sure you let Jodie know your areas of interest.

Training Opportunities

Equity Webinar: Mapping It Out with Logic Models

Does your systematic review include many different settings, populations, or interventions? Would you like to show policymakers, practitioners, and patients how a complex intervention works, or identify barriers/facilitators for implementation? Join Erin Ueffing of the Campbell and Cochrane Equity Methods Group and Laurie Anderson, an editor with the Cochrane Public Health Review Group to discuss ways to use logic models in systematic reviews. Tuesday, **March 22, 2011** at 12:00 noon

EDT (4:00 PM in London, 5:00 PM in Geneva).

To register, please contact Erin Ueffing (erin.ueffing@uottawa.ca)

An Introduction to Evidence-Informed Public Health: Two-day short course

Register now for a two-day short course in Evidence-Informed Public Health, developed by the CPHG in collaboration with the Victorian Department of Health and the Victorian Health Promotion Foundation (VicHealth).

Participants will gain skills and confidence in:

- Defining, searching for, and accessing evidence
- Critically appraising the relevance and quality of evidence
- Interpreting and applying evidence to policy and practice
- Identifying the core components needed for local evaluations to contribute to the wider evidence base

Speakers/facilitators to include:

- Dr Lucie Rychetnik, Senior Research Fellow, School of Public Health and Centre for Values, Ethics and the Law in Medicine, Sydney Medical School, The University of Sydney
- Associate Professor Bernie Marshall, Senior lecturer in public health and health promotion, and Associate Head of the School of Health and Social Development, Deakin University
- Professor Elizabeth Waters, Jack Brockhoff Chair of Child Public Health and Director, Jack Brockhoff Child Health and Wellbeing Program, The McCaughey Centre, Melbourne School of Population Health, The University of Melbourne
- Dr Michelle Haby, Manager, Evidence and Evaluation, Prevention and Population Health, Department of Health, Victoria

When: **Tue 5th—Wed 6th April, 2011**

Time: 9:30am—4:30pm each day

Where: VicHealth, 15-31 Pelham Street Carlton VIC 3053

Cost: \$550

To register, contact Alana Pirrone apirrone@unimelb.edu.au or (03) 8344 9147

Reference to other training opportunities, including links to Cochrane Centre training, available on our website

Cochrane Collaboration Update

The Collaboration formalises relationship with World Health Organisation

The Cochrane Collaboration Steering Group has announced that the Collaboration has been accepted as a Non-Governmental Organization in Official Relations with the [World Health Organization](#) (WHO) at the WHO's Executive Board meeting in Geneva, Switzerland. In formalizing its relationship with the WHO the Collaboration has been awarded a seat at the [World Health Assembly](#), allowing the provision of input on WHO health resolutions.

“Formulating an official partnership with an influential institute such as the World Health Organization is an honour. This speaks volumes about the work of Cochrane in evidence-based health care,” says Jeremy Grimshaw, Co-Chair of the Steering Group. “The Cochrane Collaboration provides an international benchmark for the independent assessment and assimilation of scientific evidence. It is a leading producer of high quality systematic reviews in health care,” adds Marie-Paule Kieny, Assistant Director General, Innovation Information Evidence and Research at the World Health Organization. “WHO has been working with The Cochrane Collaboration for several years and is looking forward to formalizing what has already been a very productive relationship.”

You can read more in the official press release announcing this story at <http://www.cochrane.org/features/cochrane-collaboration-awarded-seat-world-health-assembly>

Free access to Health Economic Evaluations Database extended to all Cochrane contributors

Free-at-the-point-of-use access to the Health Economic Evaluations Database (HEED) has been extended to all contributors (editors, author, referees) to The Cochrane Collaboration, effective immediately.

Like the NHS Economic Evaluations Database (NHS EED), HEED is a specialist health economics electronic literature database. Alongside NHS EED (>7,000 records of full economic evaluations), HEED is one of the most comprehensive specialist health economics electronic literature databases (>43,000 records of health economic analyses, including but not limited to full economic evaluations). NHS EED is published as part of The Cochrane Library and HEED is now accessible, free-at-the-point-of-use, to all Cochrane contributors.

Did you know that the Cochrane Handbook for Systematic Reviews of Interventions recommends that all Cochrane intervention reviews include a search of NHS EED and process these search results?

This recommendation applies equally to HEED, now that it is freely accessible to all Cochrane contributors. NHS EED and HEED are complementary resources for use in Cochrane intervention reviews, in terms of both their coverage of health economic analyses and the information contained in the respective database records. Even if authors do not plan to subject relevant health economic analyses to the full Cochrane review process, it is proposed that they could draw on such analyses to elaborate 'economic commentary' to be included in the 'Background' and/or 'Discussion' sections of the review - "wrapping the review", in order to increase its relevance and usefulness end users. Further work is planned during 2011 to develop this approach and support its application.

****INSTRUCTIONS ON HOW TO ACCESS HEED****

Go to <http://www.cochrane.org/intranet/resources-databases/health-economics-evaluation-database-heed> > Enter your Archie user name and password and click on 'Log in' > Click on 'Go to HEED: Health Economic Evaluations Database'

“Combining forces to improve systematic reviews: gender, equity and bias”.

Thanks to funding from a Meeting, Planning and Dissemination grant from the CIHR Institute of Gender and Health, The Cochrane Equity Methods Group are pleased to host a two day meeting (May 2-3, 2011) at The University of Ottawa to advance strategies and methods to improve the quality and applicability of systematic reviews in health to diverse population groups. The meeting will address the central question: ‘to whom does the evidence apply in systematic reviews in health?’ by bringing together individuals from various groups within and outside the Cochrane Collaboration to discuss our shared interests and strategies for addressing this central question. We will examine the strengths and challenges of several distinct but potentially interrelated approaches, including health equity, sex and gender-based analysis and methods bias. A major goal of the meeting is to work together on refining quality indicators, tools and methods to develop an integrated strategy to enhance the applicability of systematic reviews. Approximately 30 participants with expertise in the issues will be drawn from key Cochrane Collaboration groups and will also include other health researchers, consumers and trainees who use or work with systematic reviews. While the May meeting is by invitation, anyone interested is encouraged to contact Marion Doull for more information.

Contact information:

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16th Annual Meeting of UK and Ireland-based Contributors to The Cochrane Collaboration

The 16th Annual Meeting of UK and Ireland-based Contributors to The Cochrane Collaboration will take place on Tuesday 15 and Wednesday 16 March 2011 at the Europa Hotel. The meeting provides an opportunity for UK and Ireland based members actively involved with The Cochrane Collaboration to get together to learn, debate and network. For further information and to register go to <https://asp.artegis.com/lp/BelfastRegistration/cochrane?1=1>.

New Cochrane Entities

An Austrian Branch of the German Cochrane Centre has been established at the Department for Evidence-based Medicine and Clinical Epidemiology at the Danube University in Krems. Gerald Gartlehner, MD, MPH is the director of the branch and Kylie Thaler, MD, MPH is the associate director. For more information, visit: www.cochrane.at.

Other Updates

Centre for Reviews and Dissemination launches PROSPERO

PROSPERO, the first online facility to prospectively register systematic reviews, was launched last month by Health Minister Lord Howe. PROSPERO is a global initiative led by the Centre for Reviews and Dissemination. To find out more, click on the links below:

www.crd.york.ac.uk/prospero/

www.nihr.ac.uk/Pages/default.aspx

Alternatively, contact Alison Booth at CRD ab42@york.ac.uk

Knowledge Translation Tools for the Collaboration

Cochrane Multimedia

Podcasts from The Cochrane Library



To listen to audio summaries from the Cochrane library, including the most recent addition—Issue 2, February 2011 and some of the most-accessed Cochrane reviews , please visit: <http://www.cochrane.org/podcasts>

Facebook



The Cochrane Collaboration is now on Facebook!

Facebook is a social utility that connects people with friends and colleagues who work, study and live around them. To join and connect with the Cochrane Collaboration just visit: <http://www.facebook.com/>

Twitter

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Hey there! **cochranecollab** is now using Twitter.

Twitter is a free service that lets you keep in touch with people through the exchange of quick, frequent answers to one simple question: What are you doing? Join today to start receiving **cochranecollab's** tweets. To join just visit: <https://twitter.com/signup?follow=cochranecollab&commit=Join+today%21>

CPHG Website

A reminder to please continue to visit our website as we are constantly posting new reviews and protocols of health promotion and public health topics (published by the CPHG as well as other Cochrane Review Groups) with each quarterly release of *The Cochrane Library*:



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CPHG Membership

The CPHG currently has a contact database of over 500 individuals who have expressed an interest in contributing in some way to the CPHG. Membership is free and those on the database will receive the bi-annual CPHG electronic newsletter. The database is also used to link individuals to opportunities to participate in other Cochrane activities (such as peer reviewing a Cochrane protocol around their area of interest or expertise)

If you have not already filled out our membership form and would like to be on the CPHG contact database please see the back of this newsletter. If you have changed email address since the last newsletter, please email: cochrane@vichealth.vic.gov.au

Questions or comments? Please email us at: cochrane@vichealth.vic.gov.au or call +61 3 9667 1336

Cochrane Public Health Group (CPHG) – Information Request Form

First Name:	Family Name:	Male or Female
Place of Work:		Your role:
Work address:		
Email address:		
Country:		
Languages read (other than English):		
<p>Have you contributed to the CPHG, or to the Cochrane Collaboration, in some way in the past?</p> <p>No Yes</p> <p>How?</p> <p>I have prepared a systematic review</p> <p>I have peer-reviewed a systematic review</p> <p>I have done some handsearching of health promotion/public health journals</p> <p>I have been involved in lobbying for funding to support the production of systematic reviews</p> <p>I have presented at a conference/workshop/seminar on systematic reviews in health</p> <p>I have presented information related to the Cochrane Collaboration at a conference/workshop/seminar</p> <p>I have provided comment back to the CPHG on various matters</p> <p>Other (please provide detail)</p>		
<p>Would you like to contribute to the CPHG in some way in the future?</p> <p>No Yes</p> <p>How?</p> <p>I am interested in doing or assisting in a systematic review of a public health topic</p> <p>I would be available to peer-review a systematic review or protocol</p> <p>I would be available to do some handsearching of health promotion/public health journals</p> <p>I would be prepared to do a presentation of the CPHG's aims and objectives at an appropriate meeting, or relevant conference</p> <p>I would be available to help with translation of articles of relevance to public health reviews</p> <p>I would be prepared to provide comment back to the CPHG on areas of interest to myself or my organisation.</p> <p>Other (please describe)</p>		
<p>What topic area/s of the CPHG is of interest to you? (delete or highlight as appropriate)</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><i>Employment & the work environment; income distribution/financial interventions; housing and the built environment; food supply / access; education health & related systems; public safety; social networks/support; the natural environment; transport</i></p> <p>Other?</p>		
<p>Would you like to maintain contact with the CPHG?</p> <p>No Yes</p> <p>Send me CPHG newsletters electronically</p> <p>Send request for help as indicated in my response above</p> <p>Other (please provide detail)</p>		
How did you find out about the Cochrane CPHG?		

If you don't not have an email address please provide us with your mailing address to send you the newsletter by post.