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Dear Claire,

I know that Janet Wale, chair of the Consumer Stipend Committee, has recently approached you to serve on the Committee for the 2005 Cochrane Colloquium. As chair of the Organising Committee, I am pleased to offer this formal invitation and extend my thanks for your commitment.

A number of the Committee have served on previous Consumer Stipend Committees and know the process well. We expect that a report from the Ottawa committee will be available before the end of the year. In consultation with Janet and the other committee members I hope the stipend documentation can be signed off and made available on the Colloquium website by February 2005.

The deadline for receipt of stipend applications is 30 May with the outcome to be announced by 20 June. This gives a three-week window to review and decide upon the applications and I would be grateful if you scheduled this in your diary now.

Although we appreciate the commitment involved in serving on the Committee, unfortunately we are not in a position to provide financial assistance to Committee members wishing to attend the Colloquium. If you have any further questions about the process or what's involved, please feel free to contact me or Janet.

With best wishes,



Steve McDonald
Chair, Colloquium Organising Committee
13th Cochrane Colloquium

13th Cochrane Colloquium Consumer Stipend Committee members

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