



# COCHRANE CHILD HEALTH FIELD

## Newsletter

April, '09

Welcome again to the quarterly newsletter of the Child Health Field. Please read below for updates on the work the Field has been involved with.

### **Evidence-Based Child Health**

March saw a new issue of *Evidence-Based Child Health* being published. EBCH is a quarterly journal produced by the Cochrane Child Health Field that provides commentary on child relevant Cochrane reviews, produces one overview of reviews per issue, and produces a trips and tricks column for systematic review authors. This recent issue saw an overview on recurrent abdominal pain in children, commentaries on acute bacterial meningitis, acute cough, pneumonia, tinea capitis, urinary tract infections and wrist fractures, and the Tips and Tricks column focused on the reporting of adverse events in systematic reviews.

### **EBCH now an official journal of the European Paediatric Association!**

Martin Offringa and Terry Klassen, Editors-in-Chief of the Child Health Field journal, *Evidence-Based Child Health: A Cochrane Review Journal*, are delighted to announce a new partnership with the European Paediatric Association. EBCH will now be an official journal for the Association. With this partnership, EBCH will be a membership benefit for 30,000 paediatricians in Europe and the Middle East. As well, EBCH editors will be closely involved in planning and presenting at EPA's conferences and scientific meetings, thereby carrying out the Field's mandate of training health professionals in the areas of evidence-based practice and conducting systematic reviews.

EBCH is published quarterly, and may be viewed at [www.evidence-basedchildhealth.com](http://www.evidence-basedchildhealth.com).

### **2009 Canadian Cochrane Symposium**

The 2009 Canadian Cochrane Symposium, titled "Wave to the Future: Navigating health connections among systematic reviews, policies and practices," took place in Halifax this past March. The conference program included a stimulating range of presentations. The keynote addresses plenary sessions for this conference were particularly strong, covering developments within The Cochrane Collaboration, as well as new work being done in the worlds of systematic reviews and knowledge translation.

Of particular interest to those working within The Cochrane Collaboration was a presentation by Dr. David Tovey, the new Editor-in-Chief of the Cochrane Library (CLIB). Dr. Tovey presented his vision for where he sees CLIB going in the next few years, outlining many fascinating ideas about how to incorporate new technological advances into its design, while maintaining quality, addressing how best to handle review updating, and developing various products to support the needs of end users. He also took advantage of the opportunity to meet as many of his Cochrane colleagues as possible, answering endless questions with great patience.

### **New staff and a summer project**

The Field is happy to welcome **Simon Bow**, who will be joining us for the summer thanks to a studentship from the Women's and Children's Health Research Institute in Edmonton. Simon will be taking the lead in developing a descriptive register of systematic reviews in child health.

### **Child Health Field Membership**

This is a reminder to all members to please update the Child Health Field when your current email address changes. As the Child Health Field communicates with its members exclusively by email, we will delete all members who do not have a working email address. Please send any updates to the following email address:

[child@ualberta.ca](mailto:child@ualberta.ca)

Alternatively, if you know of health professionals, researchers, or consumers who may like to join the Child Health Field, please refer them to the below address. Once we have received their membership form we will add them to our membership lists and they will begin to receive CHF communications.

<http://www.cochranechildhealth.ualberta.ca/join.html>

### **Additional Information?**

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