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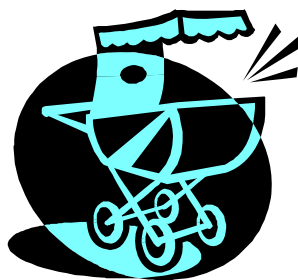
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Birth notice: The Cochrane Adverse Effects Methods Group



We are delighted that the Adverse Effects Methods Group (AEMG) is now fully registered, and want to thank all those who have supported us on this journey. The group originated almost ten years ago with informal meetings of a few people concerned with systematically evaluating the harmful

effects of interventions. This led, in January 2001, to the formation of the Adverse Effects subgroup of the Non-randomised Studies Methods Group. This subgroup grew rapidly, and members have contributed material to the *Cochrane Handbook for Systematic Reviews of Interventions*, as well as delivering methodological workshops.

The fundamental tenet of the AEMG is that every healthcare intervention carries some risk of harm. In order to reach a fully-informed decision, treatment choices need to be supported by a systematic assessment of benefits and harms. In the absence of information on harmful effects, reviews that focus mainly on treatment benefit could create difficulties for people who are trying to make balanced decisions. The AEMG aims to redress this imbalance.

Policy Advice: A core function of the AEMG is to offer policy advice, particularly on appropriate techniques for identifying and systematically assessing adverse effects. Recommendations on using a structured approach will soon be published in *BMC Medical Research Methods*, an open-access journal; this will be paralleled by the next updated version of the *Cochrane Handbook*.

Training and Support: Another core function of the AEMG is to provide training and support, and we have regularly run workshops since 2002, both at the UK Cochrane Contributors' Meetings and at the Cochrane Colloquia. Most of the training has so far been at a basic level, but we now anticipate a need for more advanced workshops covering specific issues, such as searching

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From the Co-Chairs

Preparations are now far advanced for the São Paulo Colloquium (23-27 October), and it promises to be a fruitful and enjoyable opportunity for the Collaboration to get together. There is an impressively strong scientific programme (www.colloquiumbrasil.info/program/) with 60 workshops, 80 oral presentations, 100 poster presentations, and an enticing range of plenary and special sessions. Speakers include Muir Gray from the UK NHS R&D Programme, Reinaldo Guimarães from the Ministry of Health in Brazil, Francisco Becerra from the National Institute of Health in Mexico, Prathap Tharyan, Co-ordinator of the South Asian Cochrane Network, India; and John Lavis, Canada Research Chair in Knowledge Transfer and Uptake, among others.

Alvaro Atallah and his team have also organised an attractive social programme, including a Bossa Nova concert with Mônica Salmaso, a soccer tournament with veteran Brazilian soccer players, and Brazilian dance classes. Recent visitors to São Paulo have also confirmed that the Colloquium venue and associated hotels are of the highest quality.

The Steering Group meets over two days at the Colloquium. Our agenda will include discussion of the proposed extension of the Collaboration's contract with Wiley-Blackwell, the response to last year's review of the Steering Group, arrangements for rolling out RevMan 5, and plans for the 2008 Collaboration-wide review. The Annual General Meeting will give us an opportunity to update members of the Collaboration on these and other developments.

We have no hesitation in recommending the Colloquium to you, and look forward to seeing many of you there!

Lorne Becker and Adrian Grant
Co-Chairs, Cochrane Collaboration Steering Group

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in collaboration with the Information Retrieval Methods Group, or with consumers in deciding which adverse outcomes are of greatest interest.

Web Resource: To help authors, we are setting up a web resource with a Frequently Asked Questions (FAQ) section so that researchers can quickly obtain advice on methodological issues that crop up regularly. We also plan to provide, in collaboration with the Cochrane Methodology Register, a bibliography of existing methodological studies relating to adverse effects.

Methodology: Adverse effects are a generic issue, relevant to all Cochrane reviews of healthcare interventions. We aim to collaborate with Cochrane Review Groups (CRGs) and fellow Methods Groups to improve the methodology and quality of adverse effects analyses. We will invite each CRG to designate one of its editors to keep in touch with the AEMG. The AEMG will be happy to look into any areas of methodological uncertainty that require further research, and hopes to develop and disseminate appropriate techniques to fill any gaps that are identified.

Of course, this is a rapidly evolving area, and all of us are learning new things each day. The AEMG is supported by an International Specialist Advisory Panel with a good mix of expertise, and we will try to help no matter how difficult or obscure a problem may seem. Please send any comments and suggestions to: y.loke@uea.ac.uk. Visit: www.adverseeffectsmethods.cochrane.org.

Yoon Loke, Andrew Herxheimer and Su Golder
Co-convenors, AEMG

Proposed Cochrane/Campbell Public Health Review Group

The Cochrane Health Promotion and Public Health Field is taking steps to register as a Review Group with both the Cochrane and Campbell Collaborations. The establishment of this group will see the development of a dedicated team of editors and review authors focusing on the production of reviews of the effects of mid- to upstream public health and health promotion interventions designed to improve population health. The team will be further supported by a solid administrative base and global networks.

This proposal has had substantive support from the Cochrane Effective Practice and Organisation of Care Review Group, which has offered to mentor the transition process. The upstream public health scope, with a focus on equity, is not intended to traverse the scope of existing groups that already make a substantive contribution to public health reviews. Rather, there is enough demand for new topics that do not lend themselves to existing review groups to warrant this Group's development.

To keep updated on our progress, visit: www.ph.cochrane.org. To register your interest in the evolving group and/or the exploratory meetings, please contact Jodie Doyle at jdoyle@vichealth.vic.gov.au or Elizabeth Waters at ewaters@deakin.edu.au.

Upcoming exploratory meetings:

As part of the formal registration process, and to ensure the Group will meet the needs of relevant stakeholders, we have planned two exploratory meetings and invite all interested parties to attend and contribute.

1st meeting to be held **13 September 2007** 1-5pm during The Joint Meeting of the Society for Social Medicine & the International Epidemiological Association (European Federation); 12 –14 September 2007, University College Cork, Ireland.

www.ucc.ie/academic/pubh/ssmiea/index.html

2nd meeting to be held [at a time to be confirmed] during Forum 11 of The Global Forum for Health Research, **29 October – 2 November 2007**; Jiuha Resort and Convention Center, Beijing, China
www.globalforumhealth.org, click on 'Annual Meeting', 'Forum 11'.

Jodie Doyle
Cochrane Health Promotion and Public Health Field

Letter from the Editor

Welcome to this edition of Cochrane News! The first few articles in this issue announce new groups forming to address important issues such as adverse effects of health care treatments, non-English language needs and the broader topic of public health. Opportunities for broadening the scope of Cochrane reviews will only help to make Cochrane reviews more relevant for healthcare decisions.

Cochrane News is one of the communication channels we use to keep each other informed within the international network of Cochrane. Please take 10 minutes to complete our online survey at cochrane.org and give us your feedback about Cochrane News to help us improve its dissemination and content.

The 15th Colloquium is soon approaching with many opportunities to learn, share and connect with other Cochrane members in person, all with a warm Brazilian flavour! I look forward to meeting you there.

Cheryl Arratoon, Editor, Cochrane News
The Canadian Cochrane Centre

A new Cochrane Branch: Réseau francophone

We are very pleased to announce the registration of the Réseau francophone Cochrane (RFC) as a Branch of the Canadian Cochrane Network and Centre. The primary goal of the Réseau is to better serve the needs of French-speaking authors and users of Cochrane reviews.

There are approximately 100 million French-speaking people around the globe. It is important that French-speaking healthcare providers, consumers and decision makers are reached in their own language if they are to use this information effectively. We hope that this will also make it easier for French-speaking people to become involved in producing and advocating for The Cochrane Collaboration and Cochrane systematic reviews.

Dr Bernard Burnand and Myriam Rège Walther of the Health Care Evaluation Unit at the University Institute of Social and Preventive Medicine in Lausanne, Switzerland, are leading the new Branch. Current members include people from France, Belgium, the Canadian Cochrane Centre and network sites from the Canadian provinces of Quebec and New Brunswick. The Dutch, Italian and German Cochrane Centres have also supported the registration of this group.

Goals of the Réseau:

- To allow a wide diffusion of the information contained in *The Cochrane Library* to the French-speaking countries or regions
- To increase the number of potential users of this information source for their professional practice in French-speaking countries or regions
- To involve a larger number of review authors from French-speaking countries and regions
- To train, in French, Francophone people in the use of *The Cochrane Library*, particularly healthcare professionals and librarians in hospitals and academic centres
- To develop new methodological approaches in systematic reviews and knowledge transfer
- To support Francophone contributors involved in review groups and handsearch groups by giving training and information in French
- To contribute to handsearching in specialized journals in order to find studies published in French

If you have any questions, or would like to become involved, please contact:

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MaryEllen Schaafsma
Canadian Cochrane Network and Centre



Come to the 15th Cochrane Colloquium!
23-27 October 2007
São Paulo, Brazil

Plenary sessions on issues related to Cochrane reviews, as well as special sessions on health technology assessment and topics of interest to users of *The Cochrane Library* in low-and middle-income countries.

Scientific program available at www.colloquiumbrasil.info/program

Setting priorities

In April 2006, the Steering Group convened a joint meeting with Centre Directors and Co-ordinating Editors to discuss ways that we in The Cochrane Collaboration could prioritise our ever-increasing workload, and identify key topics for which new reviews or updates were needed.

One result of that discussion was the allocation of £100,000 to a Cochrane Prioritisation Fund, to which all entities could apply for funding to complete projects that would address the issues raised at the meeting.

Six proposals were received in response to a request for proposals, and five of these have been selected for funding. We would like to thank Steve McDonald and Cindy Farquhar for their assistance in reviewing these proposals.

The selected projects are:

1. **Delivering on priorities: developing and implementing effective collaboration between a Cochrane Review Group and a Cochrane Field**
led by Rajan Madhok of the Cochrane Bone, Joint and Muscle Trauma Group.
2. **Using practice guidelines to determine review priorities: a pilot project**
led by Kay Dickersin of the United States Cochrane Center.
3. **Prioritisation of Cochrane Reviews for consumers and the public in low- and high-income countries as a way of promoting evidence-based health care**
led by Janet Wale of the Cochrane Consumer Network. (See bottom of page 10.)
4. **Prioritising Cochrane Review topics to reduce the 'know-do' [sic. knowledge to practice] gap in low -and middle-income countries**
led by Peter Tugwell of the Cochrane Health Equity Field.
5. **Piloting and evaluation of a patient-professional partnership approach to prioritising Cochrane Reviews and other research**
led by Adrian Grant of the Cochrane Incontinence Group.

The projects will use a number of different approaches to prioritise reviews, and should produce valuable insights that can guide similar activities by other entities throughout The Cochrane Collaboration.

Lorne Becker
Co-Chair, Cochrane Collaboration Steering Group

Key dates for *The Cochrane Library*

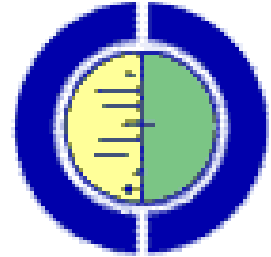
<i>The Cochrane Library</i>	Copy edit support deadlines	Module submission deadlines	Publication dates
Issue 4, 2007	1 August 2007	23 August 2007	17 October 2007
Issue 1, 2008	24 October 2007	15 November 2007	23 January 2008

Note: Submission deadlines are for Cochrane Review Groups (CRGs) and other Cochrane entities. Individual authors should contact their CRGs for editorial deadlines.

Brazilian Cochrane Centre: collaborations

The Minister of Health of Brazil, José Gomes Temporão, reaffirmed the Ministry's continuing collaboration with the Brazilian Cochrane Centre to support evidence-based decisions in the Ministry of Health through educational initiatives. The Master's degree in Effectiveness in Evidence-Based Health for healthcare professionals is offered to the Ministry of Health and State Departments of Health in regions north and northeast of Brazil, in addition to the distance education course on Evidence-Based Medicine offered to 2000 healthcare professionals. The government support for the organization of the XV Cochrane Colloquium, which will take place 23-27 October in São Paulo, was also reaffirmed.

As a result of the participation of the Brazilian Cochrane Centre in the Ministry of Health's decision-making process, the Centre's Director, Professor Álvaro Nagib Atallah, was chosen to organise the 6th meeting of the National Commission for the Monitoring and Evaluation of the Implementation of the National Pact for the Reduction of Maternal and Neonatal Mortality. The President of the Republic of Brazil, Luiz Inácio Lula da Silva; the Minister of Health of Brazil, José Gomes Temporão; and the Minister of the Special Secretariat of Policies for Women, Professor Nicéa Freire were present.



In the meeting, results of the *National Pact for the Reduction of Maternal and Neonatal Mortality and the National Family Planning Program* were announced. The value of evidence-based measures was highlighted, with the use of magnesium sulfate for the treatment of pre-eclampsia as a way to reduce maternal mortality given as an example.

Humberto Saconato
Brazil Cochrane Centre

The Fertility Regulation Group

David Grimes, an Editor of the Fertility Regulation Group, has compiled all Cochrane reviews on intrauterine devices (IUDs). As a result, there is now an evidence-based overview of the effectiveness and adverse effects of these contraceptive devices.

Reference

1. Grimes DA, Lopez LM, Manion C, Schulz KF (2007) Cochrane systematic reviews of IUD trials: lessons learned. *Contraception*: 75(6 Suppl):S55-9. Epub 2007 Feb 16.

Frans Helmerhorst
Fertility Regulation Review Group

Did you know?

The Cochrane Collaboration Methods Group newsletter is now available at
www.cochrane.org/news

Highlights:

- Developing search strategies to identify reports of adverse effects
- WHO search portal for clinical trials
- Systematic reviews of diagnostic tests — methods and reporting

Dutch Cochrane Centre celebrates its 12½ year anniversary by hosting the 2007 mid-year meetings

From the 16-22 of April 2007, the Dutch Cochrane Centre was honoured to host the mid-year meetings of the Cochrane Centre Directors, the Co-ordinating Editors, and the Cochrane Collaboration Steering Group.

Coincidentally, this mid-year meeting was organized at the same time as the Dutch Cochrane Centre's 12½ year anniversary! The dedicated Centre Directors therefore felt it was appropriate to title the anniversary symposium, *Beyond the Evidence: Cochrane's reflections on Evidence-Based Medicine (EBM)*.

A choice of highly-esteemed speakers and chairs elicited many positive reactions from over 200 spirited attendees. They were also very pleased to be able to meet so many famous Cochranites, and many well-known Dutch colleagues. The reflections on EBM were followed by reflections on life by the *Zwoelie Troelies* (a popular entertainment act). Their hilarious "polite thank you" after each act made the audience more and more enthusiastic.



Celebrating 12½ years!



Afterwards, it was time for some muscle work, starting with a walk to the party centre, Akhnaton. Drinks, socializing, and a Suriname buffet were followed by real exercises on the dance floor, allowing the celebration to continue until late. The trooper-esque reputation of Cochranites was shown by the large attendance at the social programme early the next morning.

The flower exhibition, *Keukenhof*, was first in the programme. This was followed with a stroll through the old fishing village, Volendam, where everyone changed into the traditional male and female Dutch attire, and enjoyed the Dutch treat *poffertjes* (traditional Dutch batter treat, similar to pancakes).

The last three days were reserved for the Steering Group Meeting. The Steering Group started a joint meeting with the Co-ordinating Editors and Centre Directors on Friday morning.

We would like to thank everyone who made this exceptional event possible.

You can find the results of the discussions from the meeting at:

www.cochrane.org/ccsg/index.htm

Hanni Spitteler
The Dutch Cochrane Centre

Reporting systematic reviews—Cochrane rates highly

Clear, transparent reporting of systematic reviews is important so readers know if the methodology is sound and the results are reliable. A study by a team of the Bias Methods Group reports the results of a search for English systematic reviews indexed in MEDLINE in November 2004. Of the 300 reviews found, nearly half were Cochrane reviews.

In general, the authors found superior reporting standards and methods to decrease the risk of bias in Cochrane reviews compared to non-Cochrane therapeutic reviews, including:

- Cochrane therapeutic reviews searched twice as many databases as non-Cochrane reviews
- most Cochrane reviews did not limit studies to English only
- Cochrane reviews were more likely to search for both published and unpublished studies
- almost every Cochrane review reported a protocol, while most non-Cochrane reviews did not
- Cochrane reviews were more likely to report a primary outcome of which only a minority were statistically favourable while non-Cochrane reviews reported primary outcomes less often, but half were statistically favourable.
- Cochrane reviews were more likely to test for publication bias and to report funding sources

Due to the inconsistency still apparent in reporting systematic reviews, the authors caution that “readers should not accept SRs [systematic reviews] uncritically”.

Reference

1. Moher D, Tetzlaff J, Tricco AC, Sampson M, Altman DG (2007) Epidemiology and reporting characteristics of systematic reviews. *PLoS Med* 4(3):e78.doi:10.1371/journal.pmed.0040078

Jennifer Tetzlaff
Bias Methods Group

Steering Group News

The minutes of the Steering Group meeting held in Amsterdam in late April 2007 are now available on the Collaboration website at: www.cochrane.org/ccsg/index.htm. Only underlined headings are links to background papers designated as ‘open access’. Others relate to papers that are designated as ‘restricted’, ‘confidential’ or ‘commercial-in-confidence’.

Results of this year’s elections to The Cochrane Collaboration Steering Group:

- Representing CRGs (‘at large’ position): Zbys Fedorowicz (Bahrain) - re-elected for a second term
- Representing the Consumer Network: Liz Whamond (Canada) - elected unopposed
- Representing Fields: Katrina Williams (Australia) - elected unopposed
- Representing Centres: Lisa Bero (USA) and Rob Scholten (Netherlands) - both re-elected for a second term, and elected unopposed

Congratulations to Zbys, Liz, Katrina, Lisa and Rob.

Jini Hetherington
The Cochrane Collaboration Secretariat

African Cochrane Contributors' meet in Cape Town

Ten years ago, the South African Cochrane Centre (SACC) opened its doors in Cape Town. Since then, the SACC has been actively involved in identifying and supporting individuals from 25 African countries with an interest in conducting and updating Cochrane reviews.

To mark the occasion of the SACC's tenth birthday, the first African Cochrane Contributors' Meeting was held at the Medical Research Council in Cape Town on 22-24 May 2007. First authors of Cochrane reviews residing in the SACC reference region, as well as key stakeholders from the continent and from Cochrane entities elsewhere, were invited to join in the event. A total of 73 people from 13 different African countries attended.

Current activities

Through lively plenary and small group sessions and workshops, participants reviewed current Cochrane activities taking place in Africa. Participants:

- examined current capacity building and dissemination initiatives for evidence-based health care in the continent
- discussed ways of strengthening existing and developing new collaborations with healthcare consumers, policy makers, and clinicians in Africa and around the world
- laid the ground work for the establishment of an African Cochrane Network

Opportunities were provided for researchers to share their experiences of working in resource-constrained settings, often with minimal infrastructural and political support for their work. Despite these constraints, delegates were unanimous in expressing their enthusiasm for the support they had received from the SACC during the previous decade. Parallel to this African Cochrane Contributors' Meeting, the Cochrane Consumer Network and the SACC hosted the first evidence-based practice workshop for consumer organisations in South Africa.

The staff of the SACC would like to thank everyone who contributed to making the meeting a great success, and we look forward to the next ten years of partnership in promoting the work of the Collaboration on the African continent.

*Jimmy Volmink
South African Cochrane Centre*

*Attendees of the African
Cochrane Contributors' Meeting
photographed outside the SA
Medical Research Council
Conference Centre*



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Life in the Cochrane Consumer Network

Cochrane Centre regional meetings are busy times for the Cochrane Consumer Network (CCNet), which is working to strengthen its presence at these meetings. A good example is the three-day African Contributors' Meeting, hosted by the South African Cochrane Centre, where a Cochrane Consumer Group workshop was held.

Clare Jeffrey, the South African consumer from the recently-formed CCNet Geographical Centres Advisory Group, writes about the workshop:

“The opportunity to attend the three days of the African Cochrane Contributors' meeting was a privilege. The privilege came easily and with much enjoyment and stimulation, meeting old friends and making new ones from further north in this wonderful continent. Privilege also in the relative ease of communications, broadband and other resources like a fully-functioning Cochrane Centre, which we enjoy in Cape Town, and which we may not always appreciate, nor take the time to acknowledge.



Godwin Aja of Nigeria shares his thoughts.

I was privileged also in listening to both established and emerging Cochrane people speaking with such passion and commitment on subjects that affect us all. I was very struck, during the workshops, of presenters' willingness to share connections and networks that are jealously guarded in other fora...one certainly experienced a true sense of family, collaborative development and an endless supply of encouragement and enthusiasm.

The Consumer Workshop was convened on the fourth day with people from non-government organizations (NGO) and civil society. In general, NGOs and civil societies have survival and relevance priorities, I believe, as their main focus—not the integrity of the public information messages emanating from their health platforms. From my experience, as long as the associated international body and the World Health Organization have authenticated the health messages, then the same is ‘good to go’ for Africa. Resources and skills to validate consumer health information are not in good supply and the challenge to introduce even a first-level awareness of this need is a daunting task. But even more challenging is the thought that this specific occurrence is purely South African and the broader responsibility to address consumer needs within an African context must be the ultimate destination.”

The CCNet Geographical Centres Advisory Group also has an important role in a CCNet project as part of the one-off Cochrane prioritization funding programme. This involves prioritization of Cochrane reviews for consumers and the public in low-and high-income countries as a way of promoting evidence-based health care for individuals (for use with their healthcare providers), patient support groups, and organizations. The need for development of clear and appropriate communication pathways between CCNet, Cochrane Groups, and other organizations is well recognized as part of this one year project.

Janet Wale
Convenor of the Cochrane Consumer Network (CCNet)

Prioritizing reviews

- *Identify criteria for prioritization of reviews under different healthcare areas.*
- *Initiated this at the consumer session of the Australasian Cochrane Centre Symposium for Australasian Review Authors in July*

In memory, and with thanks

It is with sadness that we acknowledge the passing of Ann Qualman on 25 June 2007. She led a rich full life and, among her many activities, contributed significantly to the Cochrane Consumer Network, playing a pivotal role in the Cochrane Musculoskeletal Review Group. Through her many contributions, modest approach and warm personality, she leaves a marvellous legacy that will remain with us for a long time. For a detailed tribute to Ann, read the latest CCNet newsletter at: www.cochrane.org/newslett/CCNetNews_June07.pdf

Janet Wale, Convenor of the Cochrane Consumer Network (CCNet)

Report from the Copy Edit Support training day

Members of the Copy Edit Support team met in Oxford in April for a one-day training workshop regarding changes to the way we work. Copy Edit Support is transitioning from its current system of working in a Microsoft Word environment to copy editing RevMan files within Archie. We hope this change will facilitate participation for Review Groups, streamline copy editing with other stages of the editorial process, and improve the quality of reviews.

The workshop included a brief introduction to RevMan 5, a demonstration of Archie, and a practical session that looked at ways in which copy editing can overlap with other parts of the editorial process. This was the first face-to-face meeting for the group, proving to be a useful opportunity to get to know each other, and a welcome change from the usually solitary pursuit of copy editing!

If you would like more information about the changes to Copy Edit Support, please contact Laura Mellor at lmellor@wiley.co.uk

Laura Mellor, Associate Editor, The Cochrane Library



Left to right: Margaret Carver, Janet Wale, Elizabeth Royle, Kirsty Loudon, Laura Mellor, Nancy Owens

News and Announcements

New EPOC website

The Cochrane Effective Practice and Organisation of Care Group is pleased to announce the release of a new website. Please bookmark www.epoc.cochrane.org. The focus of EPOC is on reviews of interventions designed to improve professional practice and the delivery of effective health services. Look for a new issue of EPOC's newsletter to be published shortly.

New Review Group Co-ordinator

Helen Collins has recently joined The Cochrane Collaboration as Review Group Co-ordinator for the Dementia and Cognitive Improvement Group. Helen is based at the John Radcliffe Hospital, Oxford, UK and can be reached at: Helen.Collins@ndm.ox.ac.uk

New Convenor

Dr John Carlisle has assumed the role of Convenor of the Feedback Management Advisory Group (FMAG), as successor to Dr Sherri Sheinfeld Gorin, whose term has come to an end. This change took effect 1 July 2007. The Steering Group would like to thank Dr Sheinfeld Gorin for the leadership and guidance she has provided to the FMAG during her time as Convenor. Dr Carlisle is a Cochrane author and Feedback Editor for the Cochrane Anaesthesia Review Group.

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13 September 2007; Cork, Ireland
 29 Oct - 2 Nov 2007; Beijing, China

9th International Workshop on Therapeutic Endoscopy

In collaboration with The UK Cochrane Centre
 Cochrane Evidence-Based Practice Workshop
 11 December 2007
 Cairo, Egypt
 Contact: Mostafa Ibrahim cochrane@egyptendoworkshop.com

Mark your calendar!**Canadian Cochrane Symposium**

Big Sky: New Horizons for Systematic Reviews in Health Care
 6-7 March 2008
 Edmonton, Canada
 Contact: Krystal Harvey Krystal.Harvey@ualberta.ca

13th Annual Meeting of UK and Ireland Contributors to The Cochrane Collaboration

11-12 March 2008
 Park Inn Hotel, York
 Further details available at: www.cochrane.co.uk

Did you know?

A new website on reviews of diagnostic test accuracy has been launched by the UK and Continental Europe Support Units (UKSU and CESU) for systematic reviews of diagnostic test accuracy.

Visit <http://srdta.cochrane.org> for the latest news and updates regarding Cochrane diagnostic test accuracy reviews.

For additional information, contact the CESU at: cesu@amc.uva.nl

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