

Campbell & Cochrane Economics Methods Group

Update Report September 2019

Website

Ian Shemilt and Eugenie Johnson will be working on updating the website. The work will involve:

- Updating the website (structure and content);
- Update or remove obsolete training materials;
- Agree a final version of the 'major update' of the website, for review and approval by convenors;
- Develop a slightly modified and improved process for keeping the website up to date to be outlined in a briefing paper for review and approval by convenors.

Cost convertor tool

The tool has been updated to incorporate the latest (April 2019) IMF and OECD datasets.

<https://eppi.ioe.ac.uk/costconversion/default.aspx>

Workshops and Colloquium

Since last meeting

- The Campbell South Asia Centre, the regional representative body of the Campbell Collaboration, was launched on July 2 at a formal event in New Delhi. Campbell South Asia aims to (1) promote Campbell and findings from Campbell studies across the region; (2) Provide training for researchers on producing evidence synthesis reviews and maps, and events for policy makers and practitioners on using evidence; and (3) undertake commissioned research synthesis studies. As part of the event, Denny John, made a presentation on 'Economic methods in systematic reviews with findings from citizen engagement in public services'. Website: www.campbellcollaboration.org/southasia/
- Denny John gave a workshop on Introduction to health economics at the University of Ghana, School of Public Health, for a workshop from May 20-24 for participants from the African region. A copy of the workshop is provided here:



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Forthcoming

- A pre conference early career workshop targeting on health economic methods within Cochrane is planned at the January meeting of the UK Health Economist's Study Group. The Conference will take place in Newcastle from Monday 6th to Wednesday 8th January.
- Denny John has a session on The methodological and reporting characteristics of economic methods and outcomes in Campbell reviews: A systematic review accepted at the what work global summit in Mexico City in October 2019.
- Denny John has a workshop on Integrating economic methods in systematic reviews related to social sciences accepted at the what work global summit in Mexico City in October 2019.
- Denny John has been invited by University of Ghana, School of Public Health, for a workshop from May 20-24 for participants from the African region. This will take a similar format to the Indian Workshop
- Denny John and Ian Shemilt have a workshop on Brief Economic Commentaries at the forthcoming Cochrane Colloquium in Santiago, Chile in October 2019. A second workshop on Integrated full review of economic methods will not run as it was allocated only 1 session but needs 2 sessions to cover the material
- Denny John and Ian Shemilt will attend the methods group executive meeting on behalf of the CCEMG at the Cochrane Colloquium in Santiago, Chile in October 2019

Wider Cochrane Developments

- Methods group convenors interview
Ian Shemilt and Luke Vale were interviewed by the Methods Executive in July. This aim of this interview was to ask about our experiences as Convenors, future direction as a Methods Group, and any barriers to managing or developing the group. The Methods Executive long-term aim is to continue to build and sustain a methods community that has the resources and support it needs to thrive. By having a better understanding of Methods Groups will help them achieve this aim. The findings from the interviews will be fed back at the Methods Group Co-Convenor Meeting in Santiago (Monday 21 October 2019), along with ideas for next steps. But a summary of the discussion is below.



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Papers

- There is scope to write a response to a paper on QALYs being fatally wounded. Peter Tugwell has indicated that they would welcome a commentary for JCE ("JCE would welcome a Commentary (up to 3000 words-details on JCE website) from you with whoever else you would like to invite to join you")
- Campbell review titled 'Citizen engagement in public services in low- and middle-income countries: A mixed-methods systematic review of participation, inclusion, transparency, and accountability (PITA) initiatives has been recently published. Denny John is a co-author and

guided the economic evidence component. A link to the study is:
<https://onlinelibrary.wiley.com/doi/full/10.1002/cl2.1025#>

Campbell update

- The International Development Coordinating Group (IDCG) is willing to consider linking CCEMG Members to support IDCG reviews on economic methods. Those willing to consider for this role can send a mail to Luke Vale (luke.vale@newcastle.ac.uk) and Denny John (djohn@campbellcollaboration.org).

Grants

None reported