We are happy to announce that Julian Higgins (University of Bristol, UK) has taken up the position of co-convenor of the Bias Methods Group. We welcome Julian to the group and look forward to collaborating.

For more information about Julian and other co-convenors of the group, please visit the Bias Methods Group website.

The Cochrane methods training event for 2019 will focus on new risk-of-bias tools, including RoB 2, ROBINS-I and tools in development for assessing conflicts of interest and non-reporting biases. This 3-day event will be held in Bristol, UK from 10-12 July 2019. Attendance will be restricted to nominees from Cochrane groups (maximum one per Cochrane Review Group). If you are keen to represent your group and provide ongoing support in implementation of these tools in Cochrane, please contact your Managing Editor or Co-ordinating Editor.

The complete content of the book version of the Cochrane Handbook for Systematic Reviews of Interventions is now available to Cochrane members on the Cochrane
We welcome your thoughts

As of March 2019, the Bias Methods Group has 246 registered members. It is our wish to engage with our members as much as possible. Therefore, we welcome all members to use the e-mail list of the Bias Methods Group to distribute any important information or engage in discussions. This is an opportunity to reach a large group of researchers across the world who are interested in bias.

If you wish to distribute any information through the BMG List, please send an e-mail with the text for the e-mail and a brief introduction to camilla.hansen3@rsyd.dk.

March reading list

We have been keeping an eye on the methods literature, and think our members may be interested in the following articles published recently:


Jefferson T, Doshi P, Boutron I, et al. When to include clinical study reports and regulatory documents in systematic reviews. BMJ Evidence-Based Medicine 2018;23(6):210-217. PMID: 30309870

Lunny C, Brennan SE, McDonald S, McKenzie JE. Toward a comprehensive evidence map of overview of systematic review methods: paper 2 – risk of bias assessment; synthesis, presentation and summary of
the findings; and assessment of the certainty of the evidence. Systematic Reviews 2018;7(1):159. PMID: 30314530


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