

Campbell & Cochrane Economics Methods Group

Update Report ~ April 2015

Workshops and Colloquium

Cochrane Collaboration, Vienna September 2015

Luke Vale, Erin Graybill and possibly Ian Shemilt are planning to attend. Workshops have been submitted for brief economic commentaries and for incorporation of health economics into Cochrane Intervention Reviews and we are awaiting to hear if they will be accepted.

A two day satellite workshop on health economics pitched at the level of an economic module on a masters of public health will be held prior to the conference. Approximately, £5000 has been secured to pay for room hire and the costs of attendance of Dr Laura Ternent (from Newcastle) who will lead on this with support of the others in the group.

Uk Contributors Meeting, Dublin April 2015

The group do not have any formal workshops at this meeting but Dawn Craig will attend on behalf of the convenors and feed back anything of relevance.

Although none of the regular workshops are presented the Group were offered the opportunity to give a workshop at the UK cochrane centre. LV will explore the options for this building upon the very successful workshop help in Bath in October 2014.

Update on Information resources

NHS EED and HEED

As already reported NHS EED has ceased being updated from 31st December 2014 and HEED has also been withdrawn from the market. NHS EED is still searchable but will increasingly become obsolete. We understand that discussions are still ongoing with the Centre for Reviews and Dissemination at York (which hosts NHS EED), Wiley (which published NHS EED on the Cochrane Library along with the companion data base: 'Database of Abstracts of Reviews of Effectiveness;' DARE) and Cochrane.

Ian Shemilt has proposed a pilot of using data mining methods to develop low cost approaches to updating NHS EED. We have been asked to think about the potential costs of providing such as service or a route to publication.

As an interim fix Erin Graybill, Shannon Robalino (an information specialist in Newcastle) have worked on developing an alternative way of identifying relevant economic material. A draft of this work is copied at the end of this document for information and comment. The key task at the moment is to identify opportunities to pilot this. A request is made to convenors to identify opportunities and a request will go to members to ask for help in this.

Priority Setting

Ed Wilson has circulated a proposal around developing priority setting methods for updates of Cochrane reviews. Comment are requested by the 24th April.

Cochrane Updates

Methodological Expectations for Cochrane Intervention Reviews (MECIR) update

We have been asked to comment on the latest set of guidelines (email for comment was circulated to convenors).

Economics Group

LV has asked that the Economic method Group is rebranded within Cochrane as 'Economics'

Cochrane Methods Supplement

A call has come out for articles for the Cochrane methods Journal. Deadlines and type of article vary (see email attachment Cochrane Methods Supplement 2015 and the future) (this call was announced at the last meeting but is still relevant:

ACTION	NOTIFICATION	SUBMISSION DEADLINE	Additional information
1. Articles (800-1200)	27 February	20 th April	We are happy to consider a broad range of articles: early results of methodological work, debates on different available methods, feature articles that detail developments and other articles related to broader issues pertinent to the methods community. Diagrams are welcome. *PLEASE PROVIDE COMPLETE REFERENCES UP TO 6 AUTHORS*
2. News items (300-500)	Up to 20 th April	20 th April	Any relevant information of past activities, developments in progress and future developments. Photographs are welcome.
3. Key publications for commentary (500-600)	27 February	15 th May for submission of commentary	Please provide lead author and as much of reference as possible published in 2014/15 in your field of expertise and if possible a nomination for someone who could provide commentary on the paper (not an author).
4. Methods Groups' Annual Reports (600-800 Words).	Not required	15 th May	Please follow template with headers: <i>Highlights of 2013 to 2014</i> <i>Introduction</i> <i>Research and Methodological development</i> <i>Training and support activities</i> <i>What's new</i> <i>Looking ahead</i> <i>Key publications for 2014 to 2015</i> Photographs are welcome
5. Future international meetings of relevance	Any time up to final copy edit	Mid July	