

Campbell & Cochrane Economics Methods Group

Update Report January 2020

Chair and convenors update

Following the announcement that Luke Vale would be stepping down as chair (lead) convenor a process to identify a new lead has been followed. Progress with this is outlined in the attached in the document below. Denny John (current convenor) has been nominated to take over the lead role. At present we are awaiting feedback from the Cochrane Methods Executive that this change is acceptable. Campbell appear happy with this change.



New Lead
Convenor for the Ca

Following the September meeting Ian Shemilt also announced his intention to step down as a convenor. This will occur either after Luke Vale has stepped step down or once the process to identify and elect a new Lead Convenor of the CCEMG has been agreed, whichever happens latest. It would be for new Lead convenor and convenor group to decide how whether Ian will be replaced as a convenor following any decisions about the governance and structure of the group that are made.

Administrative support for the CCEMG

It has been confirmed support for the methods group currently leveraged from within the Health Economics and Evidence Synthesis Groups at Newcastle University will continue. Discussions will be held between the Newcastle University based members of staff and the new lead as to how this might operate.

Website

A briefing document on proposed updates to the website has been prepare for review by convenors. This document is to be discussed at the convenors group meeting on the 21st January 2020.



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Workshops and Colloquium

Since last meeting

- Denny John at What Works Global Summit (WWGS), Mexico City, Oct 14-18, 2019
 - **Workshop:** Integrating economic methods in systematic reviews related to social sciences
 - **Panel Presentation:** The methodological and reporting characteristics of economic methods and outcomes in Campbell reviews
 - **Panel Presentation:** Pilot study of the utility of machine learning tools to accelerate systematic reviews in economic evaluation
- Session on Brief Economic Commentaries due to be presented at the Santiago Colloquium was withdrawn. Note the Santiago Colloquium was cancelled.

- Cochrane Colloquium – Toronto. The following core workshops have been flagged for presentation in Toronto:
 - **Economic Methods Group) – x3 core training workshops:**
 - Economic Methods are planning to submit 3 workshops. The second and third might be possible to combine but that has been hard to do in the past.
 - Both Workshops are directly based on methods and materials in Ch20 of the Handbook.
 - 1. How to develop brief economic commentaries for Cochrane intervention reviews
 - 2a. How to include economics in Cochrane review protocols (part one): background, objectives, outcome measures and types of studies.
 - 2b. How to include economics in Cochrane review protocols (part two): searches, risk of bias and methodological quality, data collection and analysis
 - The ranking is 1 and 2. All are training. Previous feedback is that these have been very well received
- UK Health Economist’s Study Group.
 - A paper was presented entitled: Incorporating economic evidence into Cochrane systematic reviews. Authors: Pauline Sobiesuo, Patricia Aluko, Catherine Henderson and David Mcdaid on behalf of the Campbell and Cochrane Economics Methods Group
 - Pre-conference training workshop entitled: Economic Methods for Cochrane Reviews. Presenters: Ashleigh Kenohan (Associate Economics Editor, Cochrane Eyes and Vision Group)

Forthcoming

- 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.

Papers

- Ch20 Cochrane Handbook. Patricia Aluko will take on contact author role. Revised version will be circulated to co-authors by the end of February 2020.
- Pauline Sobiesuo will take on the role of the contact author of the chapter on the integrated full review of economic evaluations. This section when signed off by the convenors can be submitted to the editors of the Cochrane Handbook for publication as an additional online material. Before submission potential peer reviewers need to be identified.
- CCEMG Glossary. This document is ready for publication on the CCEMG website.

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 and Denny John (djohn@campbellcollaboration.org).
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Grants

None reported