2023
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Highlight:
Led on a substantial update of ‘Module 3: Searching for studies’ of the
Cochrane Interactive Learning modules, and completed a substantial
update to the searching for and selecting studies chapter of the Cochrane
Handbook for Systematic Reviews of Interventions

Research and development
- Maintaining and developing the InterTASC Information Specialists’ Sub-Group Search
  Filter Resource, which aims to identify, assess and test published and unpublished
  search filters.
- Maintaining and developing the SuRe Info website.
- Joined Editorial Board of the newly released Cochrane Evidence Synthesis and Methods
  journal, to bring an information retrieval methods perspective.

Best practice and guidance
- Submitted and had accepted a workshop abstract for the 2023 Cochrane Colloquium
  entitled: Searching for studies for inclusion in Cochrane Reviews: a core Cochrane
  methods introductory workshop for Cochrane Review authors and others.
- Involved in an international Delphi study to develop guidance on the conduct and
  reporting of citation tracking for searching for studies for evidence synthesis.

Methods implementation
- Continued regular joint meetings with the Cochrane Information Specialists’ (CIS)
  Executive, to ensure good communication and to offer support to CISs via the CIS Exec
  during this time of uncertainty for many CISs.
- Attended quarterly meetings of the newly re-launched Campbell IRMG, to ensure close
  collaboration between Cochrane and Campbell on information retrieval issues.