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PAST EVENTS

WORKSHOP ON 'DIAGNOSTIC TEST ACCURACY REVIEWS

The workshop was run in Gargnano, Italy on September 30 to October 3, 2009. It was organized by Centro Interuniversitario "Thomas C. Chalmers" Italy, Università degli Studi di Milano, Facoltà di Medicina e Chirurgia, Cattedra di Gastroenterologia Fondazione IRCCS Ospedale Maggiore Policlinico Mangiagalli e Regina Elena, U.O.C. di Gastroenterologia 2; The Copenhagen Trial Unit (CTU), Centre for Clinical Intervention Research, The Cochrane Hepato-Biliary Group, Rigshospitalet, Copenhagen, Denmark; and The Cochrane Multiple Sclerosis Group, Fondazione Istituto Nazionale Neurologico Besta, Milan, Italy. There were about 40 participants from Italy as well as abroad. Participants were taught in systematic reviews on diagnostic test accuracy. The workshop programme is on the CHBG website under Newsletters and Letters, with links to the presentations <http://ctu.rh.dk/chbg>.

As participants expressed satisfaction of the workshop, a similar one is planned in Italy on 11 to 15 of September 2010. Information will be posted on The CHBG website. You are welcome to contact the Editorial Team office if you are interested in it.

17TH COCHRANE COLLOQUIUM

It was held in October 11 to 14 2009 in Singapore. It was hosted by the Singapore Branch of the Australasian Cochrane Centre.

Multimedia from the plenary sessions at the 17th Cochrane Colloquium in Singapore, October 2009 are to be found on the Cochrane website under Events >> Colloquia.

VISIT TO BEIJING UNIVERSITY OF CHINESE MEDICINE
S Wieland from the Complementary Medicine Field (USA) and C Gluud and D Nikolova from The CHBG



(Denmark) were invited to the Beijing University of Chinese Medicines to meet a group of students working on Cochrane reviews on Chinese herbal medicine from October 17 to 23 2009. During the visit, the students were presented to different aspects of the review preparation as well as RevMan 5 and Archie. The work is ongoing and we expect that at least one student from China will come to the Editorial Team office for a year to work on reviews on Chinese herbal medicines.

THE 25TH BI-YEARLY CHBG MEETING AND EXHIBITION STAND DURING THE 60TH ANNUAL AASLD MEETING

The CHBG meeting on November 1, 2009 was well attended. We thank all people who showed interest in the work of the CHBG either by presenting or attending the meeting, or visiting the CHBG stand.

FUTURE EVENTS

THE 26TH BI-YEARLY CHBG MEETING AND EXHIBITION STAND DURING THE 45TH ANNUAL EASL MEETING, WIEN, AUSTRIA. APRIL 14 TO 18, 2010

The CHBG meeting will be run April 15 from 08.30 am - 10.30 am in hall Schubert 4 in the Reed Messe Exhibition and Congress Center, Messeplatz 1, Postfach 277, A-1921, Vienna, Austria.

Attendance is free, and we will be happy if you can come. The hall has 80 seats. The programme is given at the end of this Newsletter.

We are obliged to the EASL scientific secretariat for providing the hall for The CHBG meeting for free as well as The CHBG stand.

COCHRANE SYMPOSIUM ON COLON CANCER SCREENING AND SURVEILLANCE. MAY 2, 2010 DURING THE DIGESTIVE DISEASE WEEK (DDW), NEW ORLEANS, LOUISIANA, USA

As in the past, there will be a Cochrane Symposium during Digestive Disease Week in New Orleans, Louisiana, USA. The topic will be Colon Cancer Screening and Surveillance and the faculty include Ronald L. Korretz, USA (chair), Paul Moayyedi, Canada, Otto Lin, USA, and Paul Collins, UK. The symposium will take place on Sunday, May 2 (Room to be announced).

The program will be the following:

1. Introduction: Selection, lead-time, and length-time biases and cancer screening. *Ronald L. Korretz, USA.*
2. Colon cancer screening by testing for occult blood in the stool. *Paul Moayyedi, Canada.*

3. Colon cancer screening by visualizing the lumen of the colon. *Otto Lin, USA.*
4. Colon cancer surveillance in inflammatory bowel disease. *Paul Collins, UK.*
5. Post-surgical surveillance after curative resection for colon cancer. *Ronald L. Korretz, USA.*

The objectives are

- to understand the influence of bias in assessing cancer screening and surveillance;
- to become aware of the available evidence (randomized trials in particular) that has assessed the utility of colon cancer screening;
- to become aware of the available evidence (randomized trials in particular) that has assessed the utility of colon cancer surveillance in inflammatory bowel disease and after colon cancer surgery.

The Colorectal Cancer Group's stand during the DDW exhibition is No. 1552.

More information may be available on the DDW 2010 website <http://www.ddw.org>.

JOINT COLLOQUIUM OF THE COCHRANE & CAMPBELL COLLABORATIONS. OCTOBER 18 TO 22, 2010

This year, the Joint Colloquium of the Cochrane and Campbell Collaborations will be held at the Keystone Resort in Colorado, USA. This will be the first time for the two organisations to hold a combined colloquium.

This colloquium will focus on raising evidence-based decision-making to new heights. Submissions for abstracts, posters, and workshop presentations will open 15 February 2010.

For information regarding Abstracts and Posters, email abstracts@cochrane.org.

For other information visit <http://www.colloquium09.com/index.shtml> or the cochrane.org website.

Abstracts from the previous colloquia are to be found at <http://cochrane.org/colloquia/abstracts/>.

A COCHRANE CLINICAL SYMPOSIUM DURING THE UEGW MEETING IN BARCELONA, SPAIN. OCTOBER 23 TO 27, 2010

Four Cochrane groups will run a symposium during this year's UEGW meeting, ie, the Upper



Gastrointestinal and Pancreatic Diseases Group and its Satellite Centre, Cochrane Colorectal Cancer Group, Inflammatory Bowel Disease and Functional Bowel Disorders Group, and the Hepato-Biliary Group. The symposium is entitled: “Can evidence based medicine help reduce cancer burden in gastroenterology?”

The following presentations are planned:

1. Population H. pylori screening and treatment to prevent gastric cancer: is there enough evidence and in which populations? *David Forman, International Agency for Research on Cancer, Lyon, France.*
2. Colon cancer screening: colonoscopy, sigmoidoscopy or fecal occult blood? *Paul Glasziou, University of Oxford, UK.*
3. How to prevent colon cancer in inflammatory bowel disease. *Brian Feagan, University of Western Ontario, London, Canada.*
4. Alpha-fetoprotein and/or liver ultrasonography for liver cancer screening in patients with chronic hepatitis B. *James Dickinson, University of Calgary, Canada.*

More information may be available on the UEGW website <http://uegw10.uegf.org/about-uegw-2010.html>

We will be happy to see you in the audience.

VISITS 2010

Goran Bjelakovic, Serbia arrived January 25 and will stay with us at the Editorial team office for two months. Goran is working on three reviews, ie, Vitamin D for prevention of cancer, Vitamin D for prevention of mortality, and Antioxidant supplements for liver diseases. If time permits, Goran will also update Antioxidant supplements for prevention of mortality in healthy participants and patients with various diseases.

MONTHLY PUBLICATIONS OF REVIEWS AND PROTOCOLS IN 2010

The Cochrane Database of Systematic Reviews (CDSR) and the ‘About The Cochrane Collaboration’ database has moved to monthly publication from 2010. The increased publication frequency enables us to publish new evidence as soon as it is prepared and approved for publication by the Editorial Team, and readers, authors, and editorial teams will benefit from this alike.

The CHBG has published in Issue 1 2010 its first overview of reviews. This overview of reviews is entitled “Open, small-incision, or laparoscopic

cholecystectomy for patients with symptomatic cholelithiasis. An overview of Cochrane Hepato-Biliary Group reviews”. It is prepared by F Keus et al. It consists of three previously published by the same author reviews, ie, Laparoscopic versus small-incision cholecystectomy; Laparoscopic versus open cholecystectomy; and Small-incision versus open cholecystectomy.

COCHRANE JOURNAL CLUB

The Cochrane Journal Club is comparatively new. Its aim is to present a recent review together with relevant background information and resources, podcasts by the authors explaining the key issues of the review. There are discussion questions to help listeners to explore the review methods and findings in greater depth. You may join the www.cochranejournalclub.com to join the debate.

PODCASTS

Since 2008 there have been over one hundred Cochrane podcasts published on www.cochrane.org/podcasts. Some of the reviews are also presented in non-English language.

The Cochrane website is worth a regular visit in terms of what is happening within Cochrane entities.

HOW TO WRITE RESPONSES TO COMMENTS FROM PEER REVIEWERS

Authors of reviews and protocols are asked to submit a cover letter with point-to-point replies to the raised comments by the peer reviewers, contact editor, or editors, alongside with the revised version of the protocol or review. While the protocol or review is uploaded on Archie, the cover letter is usually sent by e-mail to the Managing Editor but addressed to the Contact Editor. The cover letter is a different document than the protocol or review checklists, which checklists are to be sent when submitting the protocol or review for editorial consideration.

When you start preparing your cover letter, start with the title of the review and the names of the authors. Address the cover letter to the Contact Editor, writing also his or her name. Copy or retype the comments of all peer reviewers.

Assuming that the revision of the protocol or review is performed with the common efforts of the authors and that all review authors have approved of the revised version, you shall start providing answers under each of the raised items by the peer reviewers how you have addressed their comments. When you have made



a change based on a comment or a suggestion, write for example: Thank you for the good comments. We have now written; or the sentence now reads, etc (and then you shall cite exactly the way the text reads in this new version of the protocol or review). When you decide to not make a suggested change, you shall justify why you think the change you are requested/suggested to make would not be appropriate. Continue in the same way. You may allow yourself to structure the comments of the peer reviewers into major and minor comments if they are scattered. However, be sure that you do not omit any raised point.

Usually, changing sentences and their structure, adding text, etc requires another global polishing of the whole review text, tables, figures, references, etc. Be sure that your text is grammatically sound. Please manually check for spelling errors and typos.

It could be that the Contact Editor has also made comments. You shall address these comments in the same cover letter. Finish your cover letter with your full name plus the names of the review authors who have contributed to the revision. Do not forget to write the place and the date when you have written the letter.

If you receive additional comments, you should follow the same strategy as outlined above.

You may also upload the cover letter on Archie within the Notes section of the protocol or review document. However, please do not forget to share it with the authors and the editorial team. Otherwise we cannot read it. The help function in Archie will guide you how to work with 'Notes'.

Do not forget to mark for 'Editorial Write Phase' the protocol or review when you check it back on Archie. This will create an automated e-mail to the Managing Editor.

The protocol or review checklists can be downloaded from The CHBG website (<http://ctu.rh.dk/chbg>) under Newsletters and Letters.

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THE 26th COCHRANE HEPATO-BILIARY GROUP

BI-YEARLY MEETING

DURING

THE 45th ANNUAL EASL MEETING,

Vienna – Austria

Date: 15 April 2010.

Time: 8:30 a.m. to 10:30 a.m.

Meeting room: Schubert 4.

Place: The Reed Messe Exhibition and Congress Centre Vienna, Austria.

M E E T I N G P R O G R A M M E

Chairs: Ronald L Koretz and Christian Gluud

8:30 am – 8:35 am	Welcome and presentation of the programme.	C Gluud (DK)
8:35 am – 9:00 am	Nutritional support for liver disease. A CHBG Systematic Review.	<u>R L Koretz</u> (USA), A Avenell (UK), T O Lipman (USA).
9:00 am – 9:25 am	Branched-chain amino acids for hepatic encephalopathy. A CHBG systematic review - update.	<u>LL Gluud</u> (DK), C Gluud (DK), N Risum (DK), H B Timm (DK), B Als-Nielsen (DK), R L Koretz USA.
9:25 am – 9:50 am	Antioxidant supplements for liver diseases. A CHBG Systematic Review.	<u>G Bjelakovic</u> (SER), LL Gluud (DK), D Nikolova (DK), M Bjelakovic (SER), A Nagorni (SER), C Gluud (DK).
9:50 am – 10:10 am	Hepato-biliary randomised clinical trials and controlled clinical trials, and their inclusion in the Cochrane Hepato-Biliary Group trials register and systematic reviews: an overview.	<u>C Gluud</u> (DK) and The CHBG Editorial Team.
10:10 am – 10:30 am	Questions and Closing remarks	R L Koretz (USA)



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