



# COCHRANE NIGERIA INFO SHEET

*News Sheet of the Nigeria Branch of the South African Cochrane Centre*



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## **From the Editor**

The Cochrane Collaboration continues to take giant strides — this time with an impressive impact factor for 2010. This good news is highlighted along with other news about our branch in this issue. Welcome to the July issue of the Cochrane Nigeria Info Sheet. We wish you happy reading.

Moriam Chibuzor  
*Editor*

## **Collaboration News**



- **2010 Impact Factor for Cochrane Database of Systematic Reviews: 6.186**

The impact factor is a tool for ranking, evaluating, and comparing journals. It is a measure of the frequency with which the “average article” in a journal has been cited in a particular year. The 2010 Impact factor for the Cochrane Database of Systematic Reviews (CDSR) is **6.186**. This is an increase on the 2009 Impact Factor which was 5.653 and the 4<sup>th</sup> consecutive year that the CDSR Impact Factor has increased. The CDSR is now ranked in the top 10 of the 151 in the Medicine, General and Internal category.

- **Web-based Training on Impact Factor**

Wiley–Blackwell will be hosting web-based training and telephone sessions (webinar) for Cochrane groups and entities to provide an overview of the bibliometric data available for the CDSR in 2010 and to answer any queries regarding the calculation and interpretation of the impact factor and associated metrics. The webinars will take place in July and September. To register your interest: Please email Gavin Stewart at [gstewart@wiley.com](mailto:gstewart@wiley.com) and include any questions or areas of interest.

- **Cochrane Collaboration Steering Group: Election results for 2011**

The following members have been elected to the Steering Group of the Cochrane Collaboration:

Representing Centres (Director Position): Steve McDonald, (Australia);

Representing Methods Groups: Julian Higgins, (UK);

Representing Co-ordinating Editors: Rachel Churchill, (UK);

Representing Managing Editors: Sally Bell-Syer, (UK);

Representing Fields: Denise Thomson, (Canada);

Representing Authors: Mona Nasser (UK).

The above representatives were elected unopposed and they will join the Steering Group at the Madrid Colloquium AGM for a term of three years.

- **Miranda Cumpston: Training Coordinator for the Collaboration**

Miranda Cumpston has been appointed the Training Coordinator of the Collaboration. This post, which is a new one, has been created to support the efficient implementation of *Cochrane Training*. *Cochrane Training* is a new Collaboration-wide initiative that covers all aspects of training related to the preparation and production of Cochrane Reviews. Among Miranda's tasks as Training Coordinator, she will lead the ongoing development and implementation of standardized author training materials, including in languages other than English, and manage the integration and dissemination of training resources and support mechanisms through the *Cochrane Training* website.

- **Research Fellow/Managing Editor - Incontinence Group - Aberdeen, Scotland, UK**

Applications are invited for the following post of Research Fellow/Managing Editor for the Cochrane Incontinence Review Group, University of Aberdeen, Scotland.

*Application Deadline:* Monday 8 August 2011

For more details visit: <http://www.cochrane.org/news/news-events/cochrane-opportunitiesjobs/research-fellowmanaging-editor-incontinence-group-aberde>

## **SPREADING THE NEWS ABOUT COCHRANE SYSTEMATIC REVIEWS**

Every Wednesday, the Department of Paediatrics, University of Calabar, holds in-house seminars on various issues relevant to paediatricians. Dr. Ekong Udoh (Senior Research Associate, Nigerian Branch of the South African Cochrane Centre) made a presentation on Study Designs and Systematic Reviews during one of such seminars held on the 18<sup>th</sup> of May 2011 at the Department of Paediatrics, University of Calabar Teaching Hospital.

A total of 26 medical doctors comprising house officers, registrars, senior registrars and consultant paediatricians were present. During the presentation, Dr. Udoh talked about the different kinds of study designs which he classified broadly under Descriptive and Experimental Study designs. Under Experimental Designs, he explained that Randomized Controlled Trials were the Gold Standard. This led him to talk about systematic reviews. At the end of the seminar, he asked those who were interested in knowing more about Cochrane Systematic Reviews to contact the Nigerian Branch of the South African Cochrane Centre.



**Dr. Udoh Making Seminar Presentation**



**Doctors listening to Seminar Presentation**

## Upcoming Courses, Fellowships and Workshops



### ❖ **ICO–Helmerich RRF Fellowships for Ophthalmologists in Developing Countries**

The ICO – Helmerich RRF International Fellowship aims to support young ophthalmologists from developing countries who wish to obtain advanced subspecialty training and are committed to return to home countries to enhance ophthalmic education and patient care. The fellowship, which lasts for 12 months, includes one year salary and air transportation support. For full details and how to apply please visit:

<http://icoph.org/downloads/ICOHelmerichRRFFellowship2012.pdf>

*Deadline:* 1 September each year

### ❖ **University of Otago Special Health Research Fellowship**

The University of Otago Special Health Research Fellowship provides funding to outstanding doctoral students who are contemplating a career in health research. Graduates in any discipline intending to undertake research at PhD level on a topic relevant to human health are eligible to apply. For full details visit:

<http://www.otago.ac.nz/study/scholarships/database/otago016136.html>

**Deadline for Applications:** 1 November 2011

### ❖ **Global Health World Fellowship**

The Global Health World Fellowship provides outstanding recent college or public health graduates with an opportunity to engage in a high impact frontline global health programme. It is a one-year full-time paid job.

For full details and mode of application visit:

<http://www.uniteforsight.org/global-health-university/global-health-fellowship>

Next available opening begins Summer 2011.

### ❖ **Unite for Sight Global Health Certificate Courses:**

A number of online certificate courses are available at the Unite for Sight Global Health University for a reasonable fee. These include certificate courses in Global Health, Global Health Practice, Global Health Research, Health Education Strategies, Public Health Management, Cultural Competency, Responsible NGO Management, among others. To register for courses visit:

<http://www.uniteforsight.org/global-health-university/>

❖ **Wellcome Trust –Masters Fellowship in Public Health and Tropical Medicine**

Fellowships are available for residents of developing countries carrying out research projects at master's degree level in the areas of public health and tropical Medicine. For full details and eligibility criteria visit:

<http://www.wellcome.ac.uk/Funding/Biomedical-science/Funding-schemes/Fellowships/Public-health-and-tropical-medicine/WTD025881.htm>

**Next Deadline for Applications:** 5 August 2011

❖ **Free online courses in Research Ethics and Good Clinical Practice**

The African Malaria Network Trust (AMANET) is an organization located in Tanzania which promotes capacity strengthening and networking of malaria Research and Development in Africa. AMANET provides free online courses in the following areas: Basic Health Research Ethics (available in English and French); Advanced Health Research Ethics; and Good Clinical Practice. Certificates can be printed online once the courses are completed.

To register and take the courses see: <http://webcourses.amanet-trust.org/>



## **New Reviews from the Cochrane Library**

The following reviews published in the Cochrane Library between May and July 2011, were authored or coauthored by Nigerians.

- Interventions for Mooren's Ulcer **by Mahmoud B Alhassan, Mansur Rabi, Idris Agbabiaka. Issue 6, 2011.**
- Interventions for Improving Coverage of Immunization in Low and Middle Income Countries **by Angela Oyo-Ita, Chukwuemeka C. Nwachukwu, Chioma Oringanje, Martin Meremikwu. Issue 7, 2011.**

### **Other Recent Reviews**

- Routine vitamin A supplementation for the prevention of blindness due to measles infection in children **by Segun Bello, Martin Meremikwu, Regina I Ejemot Nwadiaro, Olabisi Oduwole. Issue4, 2011.**
- Sperm washing to prevent HIV transmission from HIV-infected men but allowing conception in sero-discordant couples **by Ahizechukwu C. Eke, Chikelue Oragu. Issue1, 2011.**

- Steam inhalation or humidified oxygen for acute bronchiolitis in children up to three years of age **by Rachel Umoren, Friday Odey, Martin Meremikwu. Issue 1, 2011.**

## Announcements



### ▪ 19th Cochrane Colloquium

The 19<sup>th</sup> International Cochrane Colloquium will take place in Madrid, Spain from 19-22 October 2011. For more details visit: <http://colloquium.cochrane.org/>

#### *Colloquium: Important Dates to Note*

Stipend Notification

**1 Aug 2011**

Early Registration Deadline

**5 Aug 2011**

Meeting Request Deadline

**12 Sep 2011**

Workshop and Meeting Sign-up

**3 Oct 2011**

Registration Cancellation Deadline

- **Issue 7, 2011 of the Cochrane Library is now online:** To access full text reviews, visit: [www.thecochranelibrary.com](http://www.thecochranelibrary.com)
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