



COCHRANE NIGERIA INFO SHEET

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



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From the Editor

Welcome to the April issue of the Cochrane Nigeria Info Sheet. This quarter's newsletter features news on a Cochrane title Registration workshop held here at the branch as well as recent collaboration news. We wish you happy reading.

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Editor

Collaboration News



- **Training Coordinator for the Cochrane Collaboration Worldwide**

The Cochrane Collaboration is looking to appoint a Training Co-ordinator, who will take responsibility for a programme of funded projects that addresses its training and support needs.

The person should have a research background (e. g. higher degree or experience in research methodology) with expertise in teaching and training related to systematic reviews. An interest in web-based training and high-level project management and administrative skills are most important. Familiarity with the work and structure of The Cochrane Collaboration is expected.

The location: The post would ideally be based with a registered Cochrane Centre, providing there is local support. Secondment from an academic institution or other appropriate organization will be considered. Role-related expenses will be reimbursed in accordance with the relevant policies of The Cochrane Collaboration.

For full details, or to request an application pack, please e-mail the Cochrane Collaboration Secretariat at callen@cochrane.org with 'Training Co-ordinator' in the subject line.

Deadline: Applications to be received by Claire Allen at callen@cochrane.org by noon BST (GMT+1) on Monday 6 June 2011.

- **Website for 19th Cochrane Colloquium now online**
- **Registration for the 19th Cochrane Colloquium is now open.**

Cochrane Title Registration Workshop

The Nigeria Branch of the South African Cochrane Centre recently held a mini workshop on 18th March 2011 at the Conference Hall of the Institute of Tropical Diseases Research and Prevention, Calabar.

The primary objective of the workshop was to train those who had formed review titles in previous workshops on how to go about registering these titles and to pair them with mentors who would assist them in getting their titles registered. Three persons (two medical doctors and one biochemist) attended the workshop.

Resource persons at the workshop were Dr. Angela Oyo-Ita (Department of Community Medicine, University of Calabar Teaching Hospital), Dr. Emmanuel Effa (Nigeria Branch of the South African Cochrane Centre) and Dr. Ekong Udoh (Department of Paediatrics, University of Calabar Teaching Hospital) and Mr. Ekpereonne Esu (Department of Public Health, University of Calabar).



Group Photo of Participants and Resource Persons

The participants were taught how to register a review title with the Cochrane Collaboration, the reasons why title registration sometimes fails, what to expect after submission of a title for registration. One of the highlights of the workshop was a presentation by Ekpereonne Esu titled 'My romance with Cochrane Collaboration' in which he gave an account of his experience with the Cochrane Collaboration.

Participants had the opportunity to ask questions in a question-and-answer session. At the end of the workshop, the participants were paired with mentors who are to help them through the process of submitting their titles for registration.

Upcoming Courses, Fellowships and Workshops



❖ **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

❖ **EHA Partner Fellowship Research Programme**

The EHA Partner Fellowship Research Programme which is funded by the European Haematology Association aims at supporting the career development of young scientists from new accession or EU candidate countries as well as developing countries who are involved in basic and clinical research in haematology by facilitating opportunities to work at host institutes in Western Europe. For full details and mode of application visit: <http://www.ehaweb.org/Career-Development/EHA-Partner-Fellowship-Program>

Deadline for Applications: 8 July 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 masters 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 in January were authored or coauthored by Nigerians.

- 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.**

Other Recent Reviews

- 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 19th 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

28 March 2011

Call for Abstracts and Workshop

Call for Stipend Applications

21 April 2011

Workshop Submission Deadline

29 April 2011

Abstract Submission Deadline

25 May 2011

Abstract and Workshop Notification

30 May 2011

Stipends Applications Deadline

4 July 2011

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 4, 2011 of the Cochrane Library is now online:** To access full text reviews, visit: www.thecochranelibrary.com
- **New Baby**
Emmanuel Effa and his wife Norah, were blessed with a beautiful baby girl on 11th December 2010.

- **How can we serve you better?**

Please feel free to contact us and let us know how we can tailor the *Info Sheet* to better meet your needs. Send your emails to cochranenigeria@yahoo.co.uk

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