



COCHRANE NIGERIA INFO SHEET

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



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New Things

This appears to be year of new things at the Cochrane Collaboration. Many changes are being made (for the better) and new ideas and products are being introduced. The Cochrane Database of Systematic Reviews is now published monthly instead of quarterly; the Cochrane library and Cochrane Collaboration websites are wearing a brand new look and have incorporated many new features. In addition, for the first time ever, the Cochrane Collaboration will be holding a joint Colloquium with the Campbell Collaboration. These all go to show that progress is being made and that the Collaboration is working hard to keep up with changes and to meet the changing needs of its members and users of its products. We look forward to more positive changes at the Cochrane Collaboration and welcome authors and other members to be part of this change.

Happy reading!



Collaboration News

- **CONSORT Statement Updated**
The CONSORT statement, which is a guide for reporting randomized controlled trials, has been updated. For more details visit: www.consort_statement.org/
- **Cochrane News – Issue 48 now Online:** To access this issue, punch: <http://www.cochrane.org/news/newsletters>
- **Name Change: Canadian Cochrane Centre** – The name of the Canadian Cochrane Network and Centre has been changed to Cochrane Canada and encompasses the work of Cochrane across the country. The centre will now be known as the Canadian Cochrane Centre.
- **Three Cochrane Networks now fields:** The Developing Countries Network, the Neurological Network and Nursing Care Network will now be known as Developing Countries Field, the Neurological Field and the Nursing Care Field respectively. This is to avoid confusion as the above Cochrane fields and other entities are also using the name network.

Cochrane Consumer Workshop

The Nigeria Branch of the South African Cochrane Centre (NBofSACC) held a one-day Cochrane Consumer Workshop on the 21st of April 2010 at the Institute of Tropical Diseases Research and Prevention, University of Calabar Teaching Hospital, Calabar. This is one of the workshops being carried out under the Cochrane Opportunities Fund grant to make Cochrane information accessible to Nigerian Consumers.

Sixteen participants, comprising of key persons from civil society organizations involved in advocacy in the areas of HIV/AIDS, Tuberculosis and Malaria as well as direct consumers of health care services, attended the workshop.

During the workshop, Dr. Ekong Udoh (Paediatrician, University of Calabar teaching Hospital) gave a presentation titled 'Evidence Based Health Care – What is it?'. In this presentation he explained to the participants in simple terms, the meaning of evidence based health care and why it is so important. Other presentations included an 'Introduction to the Cochrane Collaboration' by Professor Meremikwu (Director, NBofSACC), 'Role of Consumers/Civil Society Organizations in Evidence Based Health Care' by Mr Felix Eke (administrative officer of the Branch) and 'Finding Evidence about Malaria, Tuberculosis and HIV in the Cochrane Library by Dr. Friday Odey (Paediatrician, University of Calabar Teaching Hospital). Participants also had the opportunity to practice searching the Cochrane Library for themselves during a hands-on-session.

In the last segment of the workshop, participants were divided into groups where they experimented with drama as a practical means of communicating evidence based health care information from the Cochrane Library.

The participants were excited about the workshop and all indicated that they would recommend it to their colleagues.



Martin Meremikwu introducing the participants to the Cochrane Collaboration.

Upcoming Courses, Fellowships and Workshops



❖ **Advanced WHO/TDR Course on Immunology, Vaccinology and Biotechnology applied to Tuberculosis**

The WHO Special Programme for Research and Training in Tropical Diseases (WHO/TDR) in collaboration with the University of Lausanne, Faculty of Biology and Medicine, is organizing an advanced course on Immunology, Vaccinology and Biotechnology in Tuberculosis for English-speaking candidates from developing countries.

The course will run from 11-22 October 2010 and will be held at the WHO Immunology Research and Training Centre, Switzerland. For selection criteria and application procedure go to: <http://apps.who.int/tdr/svc/grants/calls/advanced-tdr-who-course>

Application Deadline: 15 June 2010

❖ **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/Grants/Fellowships-and-personal-awards/Public-health-and-tropical-medicine/WTD025881.htm>

Next Deadline for Applications: 6 August 2010

❖ **Wellcome Trust - Other Biomedical Grants/Fellowships**

For other biomedical grants/fellowships from the Wellcome trust visit:

<http://www.wellcome.ac.uk/Funding/Biomedical-science/index.htm>

❖ **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

The following reviews published in the Cochrane Library between February and April 2010 were published by a Nigerian Author or coauthored by Nigerians.

- Supplementary Vitamin E, Selenium, Cysteine and Riboflavin for preventing Kwashiorkor in Preschool Children in Developing Countries **by** *Chibuzo C Odigwe, Geir Smedslund, Regina I Ejemot-Nwadiaro, Chiedozie C Anyanechi, Michael B Krawinkel. Issue 4, 2010*

Other Recent Reviews

- Honey for Acute Cough in Children **by** *Olabisi Oduwole, Martin Meremikwu, Angela Oyo-Ita, Ekong E Udoh.*
- Treatment of latent tuberculosis infection in HIV infected persons **by** *Akolo Christopher, Adetifa Ifedayo, Shepperd S, Volmink J.*
- Interventions for HIV Associated Nephropathy **by** *Ismail Yahaya, Abdulrahman Olalekan Uthman, Muhammed Mubashir B Uthman.*
- Interventions for Preventing Unintended Pregnancies among Adolescents **by** *Chioma Oringanje, , Martin M Meremikwu, Hokehe Eko, Ekpereonne Esu, Anne Meremikwu, John Ehiri.*
- Vaccines for Preventing Invasive Salmonella Infection in People with Sickle Cell Disease **by** *Friday Odey, Uduak Okomo, Angela Oyo-Ita.*

Announcements

18th Cochrane Colloquium



The 18th International Cochrane Colloquium will take place in Keystone, Colorado from 18-22 October 2010 and will be held jointly with the Campbell Collaboration. For more details visit:

<http://www.regonline.com/builder/site/Default.aspx?eventid=766689>

- **Stipends Application for Keystone Joint Cochrane and Campbell Colloquium**
Stipend applications are now invited from contributors to the Cochrane Collaboration resident in developing countries and consumers. Stipends will cover travel, accommodation and registration at the forthcoming Joint Cochrane and Campbell Colloquium. For full details and eligibility criteria, visit: www.regonline.com/colloquium2010.

For queries contact: Caroline Rouse and Juliana Reid at consumerstipends@cochrane.org or dcstipends@cochrane.org

Deadline for submission of application: 1 June 2010

- **Issue 4, 2010 of the Cochrane Library is online**

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

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