



CSzG Flier 2011

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Clive Adams - Co-ordinating Editor



We have 200 reviews in some stage of production. Because of remarkable re-coding project undertaken by **Karla Soares-Weiser** of [Enhance Reviews](#) - we have all trials well coded and now automatically generate review titles for every study (1000s of titles). Next

year we will have these really cropped into meaningful review titles connected to all trials in our register. This has [good] implications for both new and already established reviewers - see **Sam Roberts'** news, below.

The CSG is going to experiment with Twitter in 2012 and, because of our close working relationship with **Jun Xia's** [Systematic Review Solutions](#), we plan to mirror this set of messages in China - where Twitter Tweets do not go.

Impact of our reviews has been good in 2011 with the 2010 English version [WHO mhGAP Intervention Guide](#) - for which so many of our reviews were used - making it into French and Spanish. You can also be reassured that your reviews are having impact when they are all though [Wikipedia](#) - just one example is linked.

We are continuing to have our work heavily used in guidance including this year's UK's

[NICE guidance on people with psychosis with substance abuse](#). It just seems a pity that the new updated version of **Michelle Cleary's** review was not used. Also, working though the [James Lind Alliance](#), your Cochrane reviews have been used in a process of setting research priorities in the UK. Have a look at the [top 10](#).

CSG has been doing loads of teaching - [our course in Nottingham](#) is really running well but also we have been working in [China](#) and hope to start helping with courses in Finland and Brazil in 2012. These are a great way of getting new reviewers interested and publicising the work we do.

A great addition to our group this year has been **Ben Grey** from [RETHINK](#) helping produce plain language summaries.

Cochrane work continues to help push forward thoughtful and fair treatment of people with schizophrenia - but the job is not done.

2012 will be the year where the CSzG will take off into new levels of electronic dissemination and connectivity. There really is so much going on - see below - and thank you for your help.

Clive

Forthcoming events in 2012

February

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March

[UK & Ireland Contributors Meeting,](#)

[20-21st](#)

May

Systematic Review Course, Shanghai, China - exact dates to be **set**

June

Systematic Review Course, Rio, Brazil, - exact dates to be **set**

July

[Nottingham systematic review course](#)
[3-6th](#)

September

CSzG Editors meeting

October

[Cochrane Colloquium](#)

[Auckland, New Zealand 30 September - 3rd October](#)

Claire - Managing Editor



Hallo again from a chilly and VERY windy Scotland. I have survived! Not only whatever weather Scotland throws at me, but a full year as your Managing Editor.

For me it has been another busy year dominated by WORKFLOW - the new automated system for monitoring progress of reviews from title to publication. Mind you, I love workflows and am sure you will come to appreciate them soon too. In October a new flexible template for creating each workflow was introduced and all reviews are to be on this by April 2012. I am busy doing this - only 160 to go!! This should all help guide

your reviews though faster and [even more] efficiently.

Our Editors meeting in September was again really useful. **Adib** (Syria), **Evandro** (Brazil) and **John** (USA) could not make it but everyone else was there - **Maritta** (Finland) came for the first time. It was great to have lively and interesting input.

We also welcomed **Ben** - our new Consumer Co-ordinator from Rethink. Ben is going to be quite busy over the next few months - he is writing plain language summaries (PLS) on as many reviews as he can. We are now required to have PLS for all reviews and these will now be published on PubMed, again a task required to be complete by April 2012. Ben is also going to set up a Rethink blog and will be discussing our reviews from a consumer perspective on this.

In the near future he is also going to set up, co-ordinate and train consumers who could help us with the writing of new protocols from consumer perspective.

Some sad news. **Nancy Owens** (Wiley Copy Editor) announced she will be leaving Cochrane at the end of the year. We will really miss her but wish her all the best in her new job in Australia. So, regrettably we have lost our personal link to the Copy edit service and now waiting to hear who will replace her - I am sure things will; be sorted out swiftly.

2012 will be challenging. ALL reviews will be 'workflow-ed' and needs for updating will become more obvious - which means lots of author chasing and reallocating of titles. If you

want to hand on your title - just tell us. We are splitting larger reviews into more specific titles which are better reading and cut down the weight of updating for reviewers and editors. Refining the workflow system will help with this and also help new reviews get through the editorial system more efficiently. Much work, however, has to be done to get the system working really well, BUT we have a great editorial team and a brilliant dedicated base of volunteers - we will get there!

Wishing you a fantastic Christmas Holiday and looking forward to having you in early 2012.

Claire



Sam Roberts - Trial Search Co-ordinator



The Cochrane Register of Studies (CRS) is coming. Early next year the final tweaks will be complete then the live version of the CRS will be rolled out Collaboration-wide. It will hold all specialized registers of Cochrane groups. Training versions have demonstrated that the functionally is the same or improved on our old Meerkat system - CRS gobbles up most of Meerkat and improves some functionality - so roll on 2012.

You may be asking yourself "how will this affect me?" It will enable the Cochrane Central Register of Controlled Trials (CENTRAL) to move from quarterly to monthly publication. However, as we are still bound by the same copyright constraints it still will not contain

the whole of the Schizophrenia Group register - for that you will still have to talk to me.

We will be able to synchronise our register with our reviews to reflect merging of studies in reviews, *and mark references to be imported automatically into reviews without the need for text files.*

Therefore when you open your reviews your references will be sat in the awaiting classification section for you work with.

Throughout 2011 we have been working on improving how we organise our reviews, and code our trials. We now have a new topic list and we are working towards putting trials directly into relevant reviews following the model of the Pregnancy and Childbirth Group—all of which is helped by CRS.

This is very much in the early



stages but will enable us to assess whether reviews need or do not need an update search.

2012 will therefore be an interesting time on the searching front, so please bear with us while we make the transition.

Also thanks to **Chaithanya** in India who helped code our register. He is off to bigger and better things.



Sam

Visitors - Stella, Marianna, Ian



Hello, I am **Xiaohong Shen**, know as Stella in English. I joined the Cochrane Schizophrenia Group this year as an academic visitor. Though I come from China, a country with a rich oriental

culture, and work in the Traditional Chinese Medicine field, I never find barriers between this group and me. I am interested in clinical trial design and conduct. First I wrote a review to absorb knowledge on clinical trial design in the real world. Next - a study on pragmatic trials in China. The CSzG is a group with

an open attitude making more and more friendly bridges linking the world.

Stella



Marianna Purgato (Verona, Italy) was with us for a large part of 2011 - we still miss her in the office. Marianna undertook a review but also really important work seeing how our reviews line

up with the WHO Essential Drugs list - [how many are fully covered by our reviews, what are the gaps?](#) The Editorial

base is working with Marianna and **Corrado** in Verona to help establish a Mental Health Cochrane Satellite that could relate more efficiently to WHO. This would be a major step forward and really

great to collaborate on.

Do you recognise this diligent **medical student**, known to his friends as **Ian**, working on a review. If you do - first prize is free adenoid removal by Director of the UK Cochrane Centre (clue.....and joke).

It's the CSzG Christmas completion

The Nottingham Systematic Review Course 2012

Where: The University of Nottingham **When:** 3rd July—6th July 2012

What: This course will appeal to all interested in completing Cochrane-style reviews. Experienced tutors give practical and individual advice. After attending participants should be able to understand search strategies, extract data, manage the results of systematic searches, understand data syntheses, apply methods and conduct reviews.

Who: All people wishing to undertake reviews of randomised studies.

How: Small group teaching, workshops, library-based interactive tutorials with hands on practical work at computer stations and group work.

How much: £899. All learning materials, lunch and refreshments are included.

Read the opinions of a former delegate on the Nottingham Systematic Review

Course published in August 2009 - [BMJ Careers](#).



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2011 has been an exciting year for both myself and SRS. I had been coveting for Lindsey Air, while she's on maternity leave. During this period, I organised the Nottingham Systematic Review Course and the Editors Meeting for the Group. This experience not only improved my organisational skills, but also, gave me a more in-depth understanding of the Group's infrastructure.....but I am really pleased Lindsey is back ☺

In the new year, I will focus on a new task of developing an **online** tutorial series on 'how to use RevMan', as well as continue to support reviewers.

Systematic Review Solutions (SRS) delivered five training courses in China in 2011 - a total of 350 satisfied participants! We scheduled four traditional and two online courses in the new year. In 2012 we will also develop an intermediate course to support reviewers to complete a review.



Map of Medicine & Duodecim

The Map of Medicine is an online service linking pathways to care to the needs of health care commissioners. These malleable pathways are also linked to some evidence but this is where working with CSzG could have helped. We mocked up several new interfaces for consideration by both Map of Medicine and groups of clinicians, consumers and commissioners. Overall the reception was mixed. It may be that there is no commercial imperative to really get evidence to the users of Map of Medicine and - with no imperative comes no action.

However, we have also talked to **Duodecim** of the Finnish Medical Society who are interested in getting best evidence to the clinicians in a serviceable, practical way and understand how the data we have from your reviews and trials not yet used in reviews could be of use. Thanks to the project with Map of Medicine we do have a dataset that is second to none and - we are keen to use it to help improve care.



Cochrane Programme Grants - Stephanie Sampson

These grants are UK support to do some relevant reviews. Our last one allowed some additional work on dissemination - for example, the interactive [journal club documentation](#) was part of the last grant and has been used to help people run practical and clinically relevant journals clubs with your reviews.

The NEW Programme Grant focuses on a series of reviews relevant to cost saving care, cost saving by working closely with NICE and cost saving by getting Diagnostic Test reviews done that could help avoid

unnecessary testing.



post in CBT training.

We will be looking particularly at the potential impact that austerity measures may have on treatments and therapies for

I have recently joined the team as a systematic reviewer and will be working over the next couple of years. My predecessor **Mel Powney** undertook a huge review and then left for much sought after

schizophrenia, as well as covering other aspects of the condition, including reviewing the management of aggression.

I have certainly been thrown-in at the deep end, but have had a wonderful welcome and tremendous support from all members of staff who are truly passionate about this important work. I anticipate a greatly insightful, challenging and ultimately rewarding couple of years working with the Cochrane Collaboration. Until then, I wish everyone a very Merry Christmas and Happy New Year!

Stephanie

Trials

Gisele Huf (CSzG reviewer) and **Evandro** (CSzG editor) have finished randomising seclusion rooms vs restraints in Rio de Janeiro, Brazil.

This is ground breaking, is written up and out to peer review, came directly from our review's findings that no evidence existed, and is something that CSzG is very proud to be associated with.



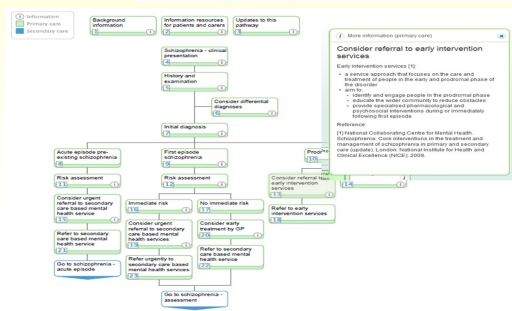
Maritta, CSzG's editor in Finland, and colleagues are now randomising short messaging (SMS) on mobile phones for people who need to take antipsychotic medication. Early days, yet, but recruitment is very high with about 1/3 of all people who are inpatients in the country being eligible.



Hello, I'm **Hannah** and I'm the new trial manager/PhD student for the CLAHRC dental trial. We are working with Early Intervention teams in the east midlands of England to improve oral health of people with serious mental illness. Managing a trial has been a steep learning curve as I've spent the last 3½ years writing Cochrane reviews - but I'm getting the hang of things - being based with the CSzG means I still get to be involved in the odd review now and then.....



Hannah



Vivek Furtado - Economics Editor



Vivek is a real gain to our group and joins us as Editor with a particular interest in health economics. Vivek is working on some standard text to add to reviews in order to help utilise any sort of relevant economic data.

He will be piloting these methods in a group of relevant reviews we are working on at the moment and see how that works out - if it is successful we will,

hopefully be able to use much more economics-type data in our reviews.



Editors list

C SzG has an editor near you! Call them to do a review or other related project.

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Evandro da Silva Freire Coutinho (Brazil)
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Lorna Duggan (UK)
Adib Essali (Syria)
Mark Fenton (UK)
Vivek Furtado (UK)
Mahesh B Jayaram (UK)
Stefan Leucht (Germany)
Chunbo Li (China)
Prathap Tharyan (India)
Maritta Välimäki (Finland)

Diagnostic Test Accuracy (DTA) reviews

We are undertaking a series of reviews of diagnostic test accuracy with close collaboration with [Enhance Reviews](#) and the [DTA Cochrane group](#). Without their help we would find them impossible. Not sure how they will turn out.....more next year.

Lindsey Air - Assistant to CSzG



Hello, I'm back!

As most of you are aware I have been away from the group for the last nine months on maternity leave

and am pleased to announce that I had a beautiful baby girl called Susie in March. With my family **now complete** you can rest assure that I won't be away from the group for any more long periods apart from annual leave!

I therefore have very little to report this

year apart from nappies and babies!!!

However, I can tell you that next year we have some very BIG plans on the social networking front. We now have a Twitter and Facebook page. Please follow us.

Next year we will disseminate your results via these two social networking sites and experiment in EBT (Evidence-based Tweeting).

twitter



@CochraneSzGroup



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Lindsey

Moving again - but not far



We are moving to a new build - again - in May 2012 - we are not quite sure of the address - but it is just up the road from the present building. Will let you know as soon as we get an address.



New building



'Old' building

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Please note the editorial base is closed on Fridays.

A peaceful and happy end to 2012 and a new year full of good things. Stay safe and well and we look forward to working with you in the new year and well beyond.....



From CSzG Editorial base.