Report from the 22nd Cochrane Colloquium

The 22nd Cochrane Colloquium was held in Hyderabad, India last week with the theme ‘evidence informed public health: opportunities and challenges.’ Hyderabad was described as a city of diverse colours, sights and sounds. This was certainly true, with people stopping in the street to take photos, or to say hello.

We ran a very well received oral presentation – nearly everyone in the room had their camera/ipod out taking photos of the slides as I talked through how the Nursing Care Field ‘measures success’. The next day our workshop on ‘Starting and Sustaining a Field’ that was jointly held with the Emergency Care Field (Dr Patricia Jabre) based in Paris was again well received and showcased the Nursing contribution to Cochrane.

The Colloquium was a good opportunity for the Nursing Care Field to network and raise profile.
There is a lot of interest in the Nursing Care Field, especially in how we manage our programs of activity, how we collaborate with nurses around the world, and grow and manage a large member base of active contributors. Cochrane is investing significant time and resources in better establishing impact and effectiveness of its resources and activities. During the Colloquium, I suggested that ‘engagement’ with practitioners was a far more complex, yet accurate measure of success both for the Nursing Care Field and for Cochrane overall. If you are ready to engage, build your collaborative network and be a contributor, contact Kristy Giles or Craig Lockwood and let us know how you would like to participate. Visit us at http://cncf.cochrane.org/home for contact details, ideas and resources for nursing care.

Evidence Transfer Program (ETP) Update

Summaries published since last newsletter:


Survey

The CNCF is currently surveying members on what issues you consider as hot topics where systematic reviews will be valuable and useful. A brief survey was sent out late last week to give all members an opportunity to nominate areas where Cochrane might develop priority systematic review topics. The survey goal is to identify the top topics you consider important to nursing. The responses will be collated and sent to the Editor of the Cochrane Library for future review planning, please ensure you complete the survey (it takes 3 minutes) quickly so we can move on this project.