

Summary Notes
CCTR/CENTRAL Advisory Group (CCAG) Teleconference
July 9, 1998

Present: Kay Dickersin (KD), Carol Lefebvre (CL), Mark Lodge (ML), Mark Starr (MS), Karen Robinson (KR), Lorinda Simms (LS), Mike Clarke (MC), Joanne Telenta (JT)

Absent: Ellen Sogolow (ES)

AGENDA

1. What should be published in the next issue of the Library?
2. How should CENTRAL be made available?
3. Merger of BCC and NECC.
4. Master List.
5. Acknowledgements.
6. Plan for CENTRAL management.
7. CENTRAL submission.

1. What should be published in the next issue of the Library?

→ Until the Cochrane Controlled Trials Register (CCTR) and CENTRAL have been separated, CENTRAL should remain on Cochrane Library.

2. Master List

→ The CCAG wants to help see that the needs of the Collaborative Review Groups (CRGs) are met, with regard to knowing which journals have been and are being searched. They agree that putting the Master list on Cochrane Library is not likely to be the best way to accomplish this. CCAG agrees that CRGs could put the internet address for the Master List on their modules in the Cochrane Library so that all those interested can get access to the most up-to-date information at a given time. An electronic link is also a possibility.

3. Merger of Baltimore Cochrane Center (BCC) and New England Cochrane Center (NECC).

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→ The Steering Group has agreed that after the Colloquium, the BCC will close and merge with the NECC. Eric Manheimer is being trained to perform the tasks currently being performed by Karen Robinson. The BCC will remain open through November 1998 (2 more CENTRAL submissions).

4. Acknowledgments.

→ Acknowledgments will be by entity in their own modules (ie, each entity is responsible for acknowledging whomever it would like to acknowledge). BCC will acknowledge non-entity submissions. In addition, in "About CENTRAL / CCTR" we will give general thanks and state where to find individual acknowledgments.

5. Plan for CENTRAL management

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- In the short term, CRGs will send registers to Update only.
- Update is contacting CRGs directly and soliciting files to Update.
- This is a one time only submission to Update.
- Update will contact each CRG personally.
- CRG registers should be sent to BCC / NECC (under separate cover with separate form.)

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- MC and KR: Will send CENTRAL Management plan to CCAG next week.
- CCAG should read Carol Lefebvre's Guidelines for soliciting CRG input and gives her feedback.
- TD will write Chris and Andy and ask for central support for telephone conference calls.

6. How Should CENTRAL be made available?

Carol Lefebvre and Mark Starr favored keeping CENTRAL on the Cochrane Library. CCTR could be sold and made available outside The Cochrane Library. The other members of the

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CCAG did not agree with this suggestion.

→ This issue cannot be resolved by CCAG.

→ Project money is needed to make clean register.

Provision of clean subset of CENTRAL (CCTR) is necessary. [CL would like it noted that she is not convinced of this necessity].

7. Guidelines For Soliciting Input From CRGs, etc.

People should read what Carol has prepared and give her feedback.

8. Payment for calls

→ TD will write Chris and Andy and ask for Central (CCSG) support for CCAG calls.
