

**North American Conference on Systematic Reviews
Encompassing Diversity in Systematic Reviews**

Thursday, July 13, 2006

- 7:00 - 8:00 am **Registration and continental breakfast**
- 8:00 - 9:30 am **Pre-conference workshop:** *Introduction to systematic reviews*
Hannah Rothstein, PhD
- 9:30 - 9:45 am **Welcoming remarks**
Kay Dickersin, PhD
Mike Busch, State of Maryland, Speaker of House of Delegates
- 9:45 - 10:30 am **Keynote address:** *The state of systematic reviewing in North America*
Cynthia Mulrow, MD, MSc
- 10:30 - 10:45 am **Break**
- 10:45 - 11:30 am **Plenary:** *Mapping the landscape of what's happening in systematic reviews*
Chair: Lorne Becker, MD
Government supported systematic reviews
Jeffrey Lerner, PhD
Non-government supported systematic reviews
Jesse Berlin, ScD
Open discussion
- 11:30 am - 12:30 pm **Panel:** *Different topics, different data, different audiences: What methods are appropriate?*
Chair: Sally Morton, PhD
Panel members:
Randy Elder, PhD
Michael Borenstein, PhD
Hannah Rothstein, PhD
Tracey Woodruff, PhD, MPH
Open discussion
- 12:30 - 1:30 pm **Lunch and concurrent poster session**
- 1:30 - 2:15 pm **Post-lunch think tank:** *Is there a common starting point for doing a systematic review?*
Chair: Dan Fox, PhD
Is there a standard framework? Opinion
Mark Helfand, MD, MS, MPH
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Julia Littell, PhD
Open discussion

- 2:15 - 3:00 pm **Plenary: *Incorporation of systematic reviews into medical education***
Chair: Luis Gabriel Cuervo, MD
Graduate medical education
 Scott Richardson, MD
Undergraduate medical education
 Frank Domino, MD
Open discussion
- 3:00 - 3:20 pm **Break**
- 3:20 - 5:00 pm **Panel Discussion: *Ethical dimensions and consequences of systematic reviews: A case study of apronin***
Chair and speaker: Steve Goodman, MD, PhD
The (potential) role of systematic reviews in IRB oversight
 Jeremy Sugarman, MD, MPH, MA
View of journals and journal editors
 Trish Groves, MBBS, MRCPsych
View of funding agencies
 Jean Slutsky, PA, MSPH
View of policy makers
 Sean Tunis, MD, MSc
Open discussion

Friday, July 14, 2006

- 7:30 - 8:30 am **Continental breakfast**
- 8:30 - 10:00 am **Plenary: *Everybody's problem: Ensuring quality and defending systematic reviews***
Chair: Karen Robinson, MSc
Academic recognition
 Kirby Lee, PharmD, MA
Conflicts of interest & outcomes of reviews
 Joel Lexchin, MD
Heterogeneity of the evidence
 Jeff Valentine, PhD
Quality of systematic reviews: what will it take to get a clinician to pay attention?
 Richard Roberts, MD, JD, FAAFP, FCLM
Open discussion
- 10:00 - 10:30 am **Break**
- 10:30 - 12:00 noon **Plenary: *Everybody's problem, continued: Ensuring quality and defending systematic reviews, cont'd***
Chair: Eric Bass, MD, MPH
Assuring quality training: is there a gold standard and if so, how do we ensure it?
 Kay Dickersin, PhD
Expanding capacity: How do we get more people well-trained?
 Virginia A. Moyer, MD, MPH
The elephant in the room - When important reviews are not well done
 Susan Norris, MD, MPH, MSc
Attacks on systematic reviews
 Mark Gibson
Open discussion
- 12:00 - 1:00 pm **Lunch**

- 12:00 - 3:00 pm **Concurrent poster session**
- 1:00 - 2:30 pm **Simultaneous Workshops**
- Workshop 1.** *Improving the quality of reviews submitted for publication*
Facilitators: Steve Goodman, MD, PhD
Cynthia Mulrow, MD, MSc
- Workshop 2.** *Updating reviews*
Facilitators: Lorne Becker, MD
Roberta Scherer, PhD
- Workshop 3.** *Drug Evaluation Review Project*
Facilitator: Mark Gibson
Speakers: Marian McDonagh, PharmD.
Anthony V. Merola, RPh, MBA
Duane Thurman
- 2:30 - 2:45 pm **Break**
- 2:45 - 4:15 pm **Panel discussion:** *Policy and practice based on best available evidence: The role of systematic reviews: A case study of implantable defibrillators and cost*
Chair: Gil Ramirez, DrPH
Panel members:
Steve Phurrough, MD, MPA
Naomi Aronson, PhD
Barbara Warren, PsyD
Gillian Sanders, PhD
Open discussion
- 4:15 - 4:30 pm **Close and evaluation**