Living Evidence Network activities in 2018

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Update on our activities

Membership

- 228 members at Sept 2018 (160 members in Sept 2017)

- Continues to be an international mix of Cochrane contributors and non-Cochrane researchers, with some guideline developers and health agencies

- Increasingly, new and existing members are doing/planning LSRs

- Growing practical expertise now within membership about LSR approaches

- Anecdotally, members seem very happy with direction of LE Network, learning opportunities and opportunities to contribute
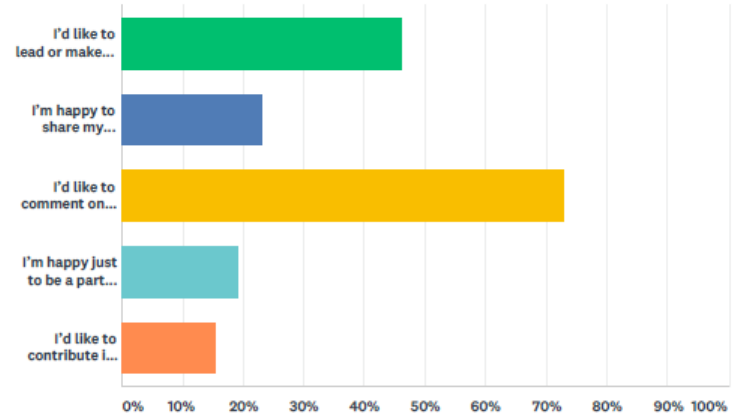
How members would like to contribute

- Commenting on papers and other documents (73%)

- Lead or make an active contribution (46%)

From LSR SuggestFest, Feb 2018, 26 respondents

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Q2 Your role. How would you like to contribute to the LSR Network? (Tick as many as you like, and suggest your own ideas).
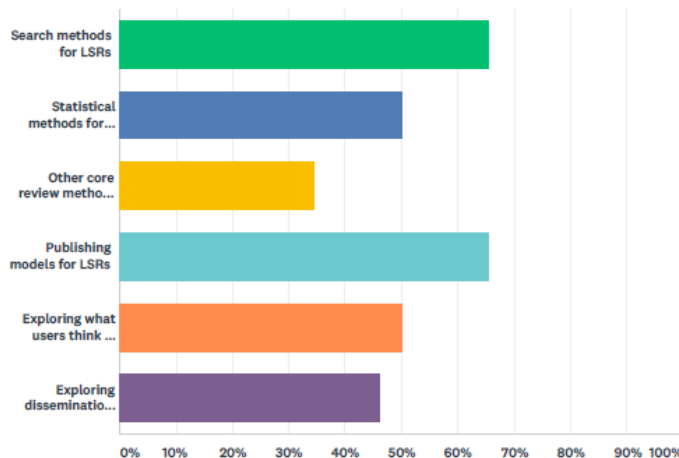
Answered: 26   Skipped: 0

ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
I'd like to lead or make an active contribution (Tell us how or what you'd like to contribute to under 'Please describe...')	46.15%	12
I'm happy to share my knowledge and experience with LSRs, but I'm not sure how. Please ask me!	23.08%	6
I'd like to comment on papers and other documents when they are circulated	73.08%	19
I'm happy just to be a part of the buzz or I'm not able to/interested in making an active contribution right now	19.23%	5
I'd like to contribute in another way (please describe below)	15.38%	4
Total Respondents: 26		

Members' priority areas for LE Network

- Search methods & publishing models top priorities

- But fairly even spread overall

Q1 Our focus. What would you like to see the LSR Network focus on in 2018? No promises we will be able to do all these but we'd love to have your thoughts! (Tick as many as you like, and suggest your own ideas).

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ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
Search methods for LSRs	65.38%	17
Statistical methods for updating meta-analyses	50.00%	13
Other core review methods for LSRs	34.62%	9
Publishing models for LSRs	65.38%	17
Exploring what users think of LSRs and how they would like to use them	50.00%	13
Exploring dissemination and knowledge translation implications of LSRs	46.15%	12
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Name and governance changes

- March 2018
  - Proposals originally discussed in LSR Network meeting

- May 2018
  - Draft governance document circulated to Network for consultation

- June 2018
  - Poll on name change (LSR Network to Living Evidence Network) – 51 votes – 96% yes
  - Poll on new governance arrangement – 49 votes – 100% yes
  - Call for nominations for interest group leads and steering group leads

- August 2018
  - Steering group members and interest group leads announced

- October 2018
  - planned first steering group meeting

Summary of new governance arrangement

- Steering group
  - Approximately 12 members drawn from membership
  - Responsible for developing and agreeing on strategic and operational agenda

- Interest groups
  - Bring together members with similar interests, to share information and activities
  - Each coordinated by an interest group (co-)lead

- Working groups
  - Formed as needed to deliver specific programs of work; open to all members

- Members (includes all LE Network members)

- Secretariat (includes the Cochrane Australia LSR team)

Steering Group members

- **Thomas Agoritsas,** MAGIC Foundation, Norway
- **Elie Akl,** American University of Beirut, Lebanon
- **Julian Elliott**, Cochrane Australia, Australia
- **Jonathan Kay,** Education Endowment Foundation, UK
- **Rebecca Hodder**, University of Newcastle and Hunter New England Population Health, Australia
- **Hector Pardo Hernandez**, Guidelines International Network Updating Working Group, Spain
- **Steve McDonald**, Cochrane Australia, Australia
- **Mark Simmonds**, Centre for Reviews and Dissemination, UK
- **Nicole Skoetz**, University Hospital of Cologne, Germany
- **Anneliese Synnot**, Cochrane Australia, Australia
- **James Thomas**, University College London, UK
- **Tari Turner**, Cochrane Australia, Australia
- **Laura Weeks**, Canadian Agency for Drugs and Technology in Health, Canada
- **Harriet MacLehose**, Cochrane, UK

Interest group leads

- Search
  - Steve McDonald and Justin Clark (Bond University, Australia)
- Methods
  - Mark Simmonds and Tari Turner
- Technology
  - James Thomas and Anna Noel-Storr (University of Oxford, UK)
- Publication
  - Harriet MacLehose and Michaela Torkar (F1000, UK)
- KT and Stakeholder Engagement
  - Nicole Skoetz and Annie Synnot

- LSR team priority to connect interest groups post-Colloquium

State-of-the-Science webinars

- Topics selected per member priorities in SuggestFest (Feb 2018)

- Webinars delivered (speakers drawn from LE Network members)
  - Living guideline recommendations: key challenges, questions and progress (April)
  - Practical experiences of piloting an LSR (May)
  - Getting better all the time: Considerations and approaches for LSR searching (June)

- Good attendance (15 – 30 members), excellent informal feedback

- Planned webinars for 2018
  - Publishing
  - Technological enablers

Cochrane LSR pilots

- Supporting the Cochrane LSR pilots, and undertaking the evaluation have been the main focus of LSR team's activities in 2018

- Currently 5 LSRs on Cochrane Library

- 2 more protocols nearing publication (Cochrane Musculoskeletal)

- Discussions with other author teams/Review Groups ongoing

Papers, resources and other activities

- Intention to publish papers on the following topics (early discussions only)
  - Search methods
  - Knowledge translation
  - Publishing
  - Consumer engagement

- Update planned for 'Interim guidance' document (in light of evaluation results)

- Working through authorship implications and potential guidance