



IRG eNewsletter

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Events

EQUATOR Scientific Symposium 2012: ACT now: Accuracy, Completeness, and Transparency in health research reporting
11-12 October 2012

Historisches Kaufhaus, Freiburg, Germany

<http://www.equator-network.org/courses-events/equator-scientific-symposium-2012/>

Managing references in your review – live webinar

Thursday, 8 November

12:00pm AEDT Online

<http://acc.cochrane.org/cochrane-live-webinars>

Advanced search techniques for systematic reviews, health technology assessment and guideline development

20th November 2012

York Health Economics Consortium, University of York UK.

http://php.york.ac.uk/inst/yhec/web/training/training_events.php?RecordID=19

Publications of Interest

Booth A, Papaioannou D, Sutton S. Systematic approaches to a successful literature review. Sage Publications, 2012. More information at: <http://www.uk.sagepub.com/books/Book235174>

Golder S, Loke YK. Failure or success of electronic search strategies to identify adverse effects data. J Med Libr Assoc. 2012 Apr;100(2):130-4. Available at:

<http://www.ncbi.nlm.nih.gov/pmc/articles/PMC3324801/>

Stansfield C, Kavanagh J, Rees R, Gomersall A, Thomas J. The selection of search sources influences the findings of a systematic review of people's views: a case study in public health. BMC Med Res Methodol. 2012 Apr 20;12(1):55. Available at: <http://www.biomedcentral.com/1471-2288/12/55/abstract>

Fyfe T, Dennett L. Building capacity in systematic review searching: a pilot program using virtual mentoring. Journal of the Canadian Health Libraries Association. 2012 Apr;33(1): 12-16. Available at:

<http://pubs.chla-absc.ca/doi/pdf/10.5596/c2012-009>

Website of Interest

Evidence for Policy and Practice Information and Co-ordinating Centre (EPPI-Centre)

<http://eppi.ioe.ac.uk/cms/Default.aspx?tabid=53>

From the website: The Evidence for Policy and Practice Information and Co-ordinating Centre (EPPI-Centre) is part of the Social Science Research Unit at the Institute of Education, University of London. Since 1993, we have been at the forefront of carrying out systematic reviews and developing review methods in social science and public policy. We are dedicated to making reliable research findings accessible to the people who need them, whether they are making policy, practice or personal decisions.

IRG Research Activities

HTAi 2012 presentations are now available! Overviews of the IR Reference Tool and HTAi Vortal were provided at the IRG annual meeting and also presented as oral sessions during the conference. The slides from these two presentations plus all 2012 Bilbao IRG workshop presentations can be found at: <http://www.htai.org/index.php?id=715>

The IRG will be sending out an email soliciting proposals for 2013 workshop content soon. Have you developed new searching or filtering techniques? Consider submitting a proposal and presenting ideas to your colleagues.

IRG Member Profile

Hayley Fitzsimmons co-manages the Information Services department at the Canadian Agency for Drugs and Technologies in Health (CADTH) where she shares the responsibility of ensuring searching, document delivery and referencing support for all CADTH reports/products. At CADTH Hayley is specifically in charge of supporting the Rapid Review product line, database subscriptions and for maintaining the grey literature checklists searched at CADTH for all product lines. Hayley has thirteen years of health librarianship experience, including seven years in the pharmaceutical industry and six years at CADTH. Hayley enjoys teaching evidence-based searching skills which always include focussed grey literature scanning.

The IRG eNewsletter is put together by the current Chair (Catherine Voutier, AU) and Chair-Elect (David Kaunelis, CA). Have any events, news, or interesting papers or websites you want to share? Just email catherine.voutier@mh.org.au or DavidK@cadth.ca