

The Newsletter of the Cochrane Lung Cancer Review Group (LCG)
October 2005

A brilliant Lung Cancer Conference in Barcelona!

Last July, over the Lung Cancer Conference held in Barcelona, some of the authors, editors, peer-reviewers and members of the editorial office of the Lung Cancer Group (LCG) had the chance to meet and discuss some of the issues concerned with the running of the group.



Members of the LCG

That was a fruitful and enjoyable meeting. We want to thank all the people who were able to make it for their enthusiasm and for bringing a pack of great ideas to allow the LCG to grow and to carry on with a sound work.

Besides the LCG submitted a poster about the work of the group that was well visited and has generated interest in the group, in the

development of systematic reviews on lung cancer and in the work of the Cochrane Collaboration.



Sera next to the LCG poster

We have had many new contacts over the last months and we now have a few protocols and reviews in editorial process. Everybody interested in lung cancer or in our work is welcome to the LCG. Shall we meet again in 2007 in Korea?

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12th World Conference on Lung Cancer
Seoul, Korea, September 2-6, 2007

FAREWELL JOSEP MARIA, WELCOME IVAN

Josep Maria Garcia resigned as a Trial Search Co-ordinator of the LCG last June. We are extremely thankful for all the hard work and enthusiasm that Josep Maria has brought during the last years, and we wish him great opportunities in his new job.

Then, now is the time to introduce you Ivan Solà. He was already involved with the group as an author of a review. He has accepted the challenge to be our new Trial Search Coordinator. His e-mail address is ensayos@cochrane.es and here you'll find his photo!



LCG Specialised Register Update

Because of an invaluable donation from a member of the group last summer, the Group Specialised Register has been updated. From now, we will perform quarterly electronic searches in CENTRAL and in MEDLINE to maintain the Specialised Register. These electronic searches will be completed with the handsearching performed in a group of relevant journals (we deeply appreciate the efforts made by our tireless handsearchers). The Register now includes approximately 3300 references.

Publications of LCG authors

Congratulations to Jason Lester and colleagues for having published their Cochrane review "Prophylactic cranial irradiation for preventing brain metastases in patients undergoing radical treatment for non-small cell lung cancer" in the International Journal of Radiation Oncology, Biology and Physics (The 'red journal') and also to Elinor Thompson and colleagues for having published their Cochrane review "Non-invasive interventions for improving well-being and quality of life in patients with lung cancer" in Lung Cancer. Our authors are doing well!!!!

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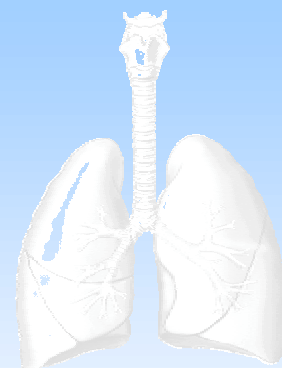
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HOT TOPICS FOR FUTURE REVIEWS

The following topics for potential new reviews have been identified in consultation with our Editors.

DISEASE	PROPOSED TITLE
NSCLC	Induction radiotherapy for NSCLC
NSCLC	Irinotecan for NSCLC
NSCLC	Erlotinib for NSCLC
NSCLC	Topotecan for NSCLC
NSCLC	Surgery in stage III NSCLC
SCLC	Second line chemotherapy in SCLC
SCLC	Platinum vs non-platinum agents for SCLC
SCLC	Combined chemoradiotherapy for SCLC
SCLC	Bone marrow colony stimulating factors for SCLC

SCLC: Small Cell Lung Cancer ; NSCLC: Non-Small Cell Lung Cancer

If you are interested in undertaking one of these reviews or if you have another topic that you think is relevant for a review please could you email Marta Roqué, Review Group Co-ordinator (on leave till February 2006): estadistica@cochrane.es or Jordi Pardo (acting Review Group Co-ordinator): com@cochrane.es

Cochrane Reviews will have an impact factor!

Wiley (the publisher of The Cochrane Library) has received an e-mail from ISI (Institute for Scientific Information) confirming that The Cochrane Database of Systematic Reviews (CDSR) has passed their technical evaluation. Coverage in The Science Citation Index Expanded (tm) (SCIE) and Current Contents/Clinical Medicine (CC/CM) will now go forward. Then, from issue 1 2005, all the reviews published will be included on Science Citation Index, and will count on the impact factor. However, due to the slow process they use for counting, the number of the impact factor will only be available at mid 2008. The expected impact factor is about 4. This marks a very exciting time for Cochrane reviews.

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<http://www.thecochranelibrary.com/>

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LET'S GO TO DUBLIN!! XIVth Annual Cochrane Colloquium, *Dublin 2006*

The UK Cochrane Centre will host the 14th Cochrane Colloquium in Dublin from October 23rd to October 26th, 2006.



Further details will be available soon in: <http://www.cochrane.co.uk/>

NEW MEMBER OF THE LUNG CANCER GROUP!

She is Laia, the youngest member of the Lung Cancer Group. Her mother, Marta Roqué, Review Group Co-ordinator of the Group, delivered her on October 13th. Both mother and daughter are perfectly well.

Marta is enjoying now her new times with a maternity leave. During this time, Jordi Pardo, Administrator of the Iberoamerican Cochrane Centre, will act as an acting Review Group Co-ordinator.



WELCOME TO RICHARD GRALLA, NEW EDITOR OF THE COCHRANE LUNG CANCER GROUP

Dr. Richard Gralla is a medical oncologist based in New York, whose practice and research interests have concentrated on lung cancer, new agent development and supportive care in cancer. Professional positions that he has held include: Chief of the Thoracic Oncology Service at Memorial Sloan-Kettering Cancer Center (New York), Director of the Ochsner Cancer Institute in New Orleans, Louisiana, and Professor of Medicine, Columbia University, in New York. Dr. Gralla is currently President of the New York Lung Cancer Alliance, and is the immediate past president of the Multinational Association of Supportive Care in Cancer.



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