

Abstract
Train the Trainers Workshop
XIV Cochrane Colloquium 2006, Dublin

1. **Title:** Train the Trainers: Techniques for Training Systematic Reviewers
2. **Abstract Text**

- a. **Objectives:**

The workshop will provide planners and instructors of workshops for training systematic reviewers with the knowledge and skills to organize and to lead a successful program. At the conclusion of the workshop, participants will be able to:

- i. Identify and access appropriate materials useful in teaching others how to start and complete a systematic review;
- ii. Decide on inclusion of program topics given time constraints;
- iii. Provide examples of how to explain and to demystify the review process.

- b. **Description:**

Cochrane systematic reviews follow a particular methodology, and prospective reviewers need support in the processes of review development, revision, and completion.

The facilitators of this workshop will share their techniques for planning and implementing successful training workshops for systematic reviewers. Topics will include: resources to identify and access materials useful in teaching others; participants registration information needed to customize workshop content; and communication of complex concepts to novice reviewers.

The session will include a brief presentation, small group exercises for developing an agenda for a protocol development workshop, and identification of resources to develop workshop content followed by discussion. Examples of workshop evaluation instruments will be distributed.