

**Minutes
US Contributors' Meeting
11th Cochrane Colloquium
Barcelona, Spain**

**Tuesday, October 28, 2003
6:00 - 8:00 p.m.**

34 people attended the meeting (see email list)

- 1. Introductions (Kay Dickersin)**
- 2. Ten years on (Kay Dickersin)**
- 3. What's happening in the US (All)**
- 4. Progress Report:**
 - Colorectal cancer group issued 80 protocols
 - Individuals at the University of Utah organized training programs (for 34 people) resulting in new protocols and reviews
 - Internet training was held for South African and South American entities
 - Lisa Bero, San Francisco Branch of the USCC, reported that more people now know about the Cochrane Collaboration; name recognition is increasing
- 5. North American training opportunities (Nancy Owens)**
- 6. Outreach: Dissemination of Cochrane in the US (Lisa Bero)**
 - Create a password-protected web page for resources as a link at www.cochrane.us (Contact Eric Manheimer about archives, teaching slides, etc.)
 - Discuss new marketing opportunities with John Wiley and Sons, Inc.
 - Create a subscribers list to *The Cochrane Library* (WileyInterscience)
 - Create a US version of *The Cochrane Library* that addresses spelling issues (UK/US)
 - Organize more workshops for consumers (AHRQ), e.g., workshop in May 2004
 - Organize CEVG workshops (NIH grant), e.g., workshops in Sarasota, FL, January 2004
 - Hire a PR person (problem with funding) or recruit opinion leaders
 - Have an active press release
 - Become a source for the press
 - Hire/contact a news reporter who would be interested and aware of the Cochrane news
 - Target/contact the following groups of people:
 - Academicians (for new reviews)

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- Practitioners
- Higher level people like politicians
- Medical school teachers
- Lawyers
- Grass roots

- 7. Recruitment: Increasing Cochrane involvement in the US (Virginia Moyer)**
 - 8. Developing Cochrane Collaboration interaction in the US and beyond (George Rutherford)**
 - 9. Funding: Attempts, successes, future plans (Lorne Becker)**
 - Take as an example the Oral Group's idea to have contract with DELTA for funding the reviews
 - Involve young academicians to write and publish reviews
 - 10. Upcoming events (Nancy Owens)**
 - US Contributors' Meeting, April 1-2, 2004
 - Reconstruction of the US website
 - 11. Other business (Kay Dickersin)**
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