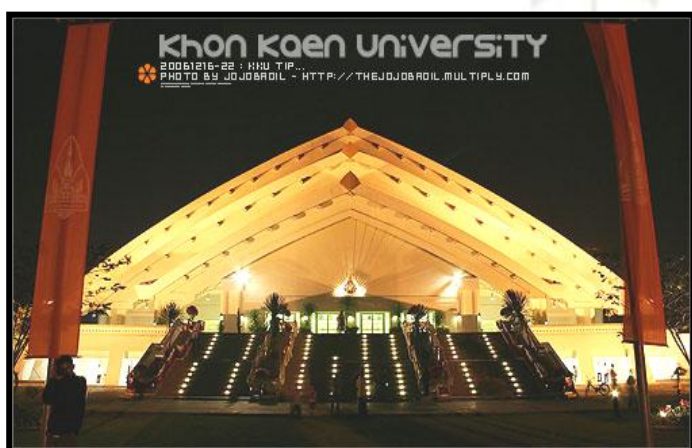




# The Cochrane Collaboration's 20th Anniversary



**FOR THE TCN CELEBRATION 20<sup>TH</sup> YEARS ANNIVERSARY  
"BETTER EVIDENCE FOR BETTER HEALTH"**

**AUGUST 21 - 22, 2013**

**FACULTY OF MEDICINE, KHON KAEN UNIVERSITY, THAILAND**





# The Cochrane Collaboration's 20th Anniversary



## [About The Cochrane Collaboration](#)

*"Our vision is that health care decision-making throughout the world will be informed by high quality, timely research evidence".*

Founded in 1993, The Cochrane Collaboration is the largest global network of scientists, researchers, health policy-makers and consumer advocates involved in the production of systematic reviews of healthcare evidence to answer questions about health care.

Some 28,000 individuals in 120 countries willingly contribute their time and expertise to a rigorous process of gathering, assessing, and synthesising research on the effectiveness of health care interventions to produce Cochrane Reviews. The results are then shared with practitioners, policy-makers and patients to help them make informed and effective choices.

Cochrane Reviews are widely considered the gold standard in systematic reviews of health evidence. They are published online in *The Cochrane Library* (there are currently over 5200 reviews) in English with a growing selection available in other languages.

Cochrane Reviews are unique because they are both produced by, and are relevant to, everyone interested in the effects of health care. The best available evidence allows healthcare policy-makers to decide if they should fund provision of a particular drug. Practitioners can find out if an intervention is effective in a specific clinical context. Patients and other health care consumers can assess the potential risks and benefits treatment.

The Cochrane Collaboration's contributors are a mix of mostly volunteers and only 500 paid staff, and many are world leaders in their field of medicine, health policy, research methodology or consumer advocacy. Cochrane groups are situated in some of the world's best academic and medical institutions.

In addition to our core mission of producing Cochrane Reviews, our contributors are involved in a number of related activities, including: advocacy for evidence-based decision-making; providing training in Cochrane Review preparation; developing methodology for preparing reviews; and translating reviews from English into a range of different languages. We are an independent, not-for-profit organization, funded by a variety of sources including governments, universities, hospital trusts, charities and personal donations. We operate to minimize bias and remain free from commercial influences.

In January 2011, the [World Health Organization \(WHO\)](#) awarded the Collaboration a seat on the [World Health Assembly](#), allowing us to provide input on WHO health resolutions. We were accepted as a Non-Governmental Organization in Official Relations with the WHO, establishing a partnership with formalized communication between our two organizations.



# The Cochrane Collaboration's 20th Anniversary



## [Welcome to Thai Cochrane Network](#)

We are the Thai Cochrane Network (TCN), a branch of The Australasian Cochrane Centre and part of The Cochrane Collaboration which is an international not-for-profit independent organization, dedicated to making up-to date, accurate information about the effects of healthcare readily available worldwide.

During the past 20 years, there has been a significant development in health care research in Thailand and a number of factors are responsible for this. The World Health Organization, the Ford Foundation, the International Development Research Centre, the British Council and other organizations have helped by providing some research training fellowship in various health fields. These well-trained researchers are now actively conducting health care research.

Clinicians in Thailand started to appreciate the importance of research synthesis more than 15 years ago, when the Oxford Database of Perinatal Trials was made available by the National Perinatal Epidemiology Unit, UK. Appreciation of the importance of research synthesis has increased steadily as evidenced by the number of institutes that are now actively collaborating with the Cochrane Collaboration. These include Chiang Mai University, Chulalongkorn and Mahidol Universities (Siriraj and Ramathibodi hospitals) in Bangkok, and Khon Kaen University.

In 2001, The Thai Cochrane Network (TCN) registered with the Cochrane Collaboration following support from the WHO, HRP, and the UK and Australasian Cochrane Centres. The Thai Cochrane Network (TCN) is based at Khon Kaen University in the Northeast of Thailand and has the nodes in different parts of Thailand. This group is the first registered entity for the Collaboration in SE Asia and aims to promote the use and generation of research synthesis relevant to health problems in Thailand by working in collaboration with other Cochrane entities.

# The Cochrane Collaboration's 20th Anniversary



## Key Date

Month	Activities
12 April 2013	Work in at Khon Kaen University
8 May 2013	Work in at Khon Kaen University
13 June 2013	Work in at Khon Kaen University
12 July 2013	Work in at Khon Kaen University
7 August 2013	Work in at Khon Kaen University
21 - 22 August 2013	TCN Symposium
12 September 2013	Work in at Khon Kaen University
18 - 19 September 2013	Protocol development work shop
11 October 2013	TCN & RHL Pre-congress workshop



# The Cochrane Collaboration's 20th Anniversary



## WORKSHOP SUBMISSION GUIDELINES

### FOR THE TCN CELEBRATION 20<sup>TH</sup> YEARS ANNIVERSARY “BETTER EVIDENCE FOR BETTER HEALTH”

AUGUST 21—22, 2013

FACULTY OF MEDICINE, KHON KAEN UNIVERSITY, THAILAND

#### August 21, 2013

1. Evidence for health care policy makers, providers and consumer  
“ How to increase understanding and accessing to the best evidence”
2. Paralleled workshops “How to conduct a Cochrane review” and  
“ How to access and interpret Cochrane reviews”

#### August 22, 2013

1. Increase Cochrane review authors in SEA with efficient productions.
2. 5 papers from SEA review authors. The papers have to be impact on any health care policy/ guideline development.

# The Cochrane Collaboration's 20th Anniversary



## Contact

Please contact : Asst Prof. Potjai Pattanittum

at pporja@kku.ac.th Tel : 66 862300217

: Mrs. Rabieb Poombankor

at rabiebp@yahoo.com Tel: 66 898402041

: Mrs. Jiranooch Naudom

at sofar\_awayzz@hotmail.com Tel: 66 85011545

For more information, please contact

<http://www.cochrane.org>, [www.tcn.cochrane.org](http://www.tcn.cochrane.org)