

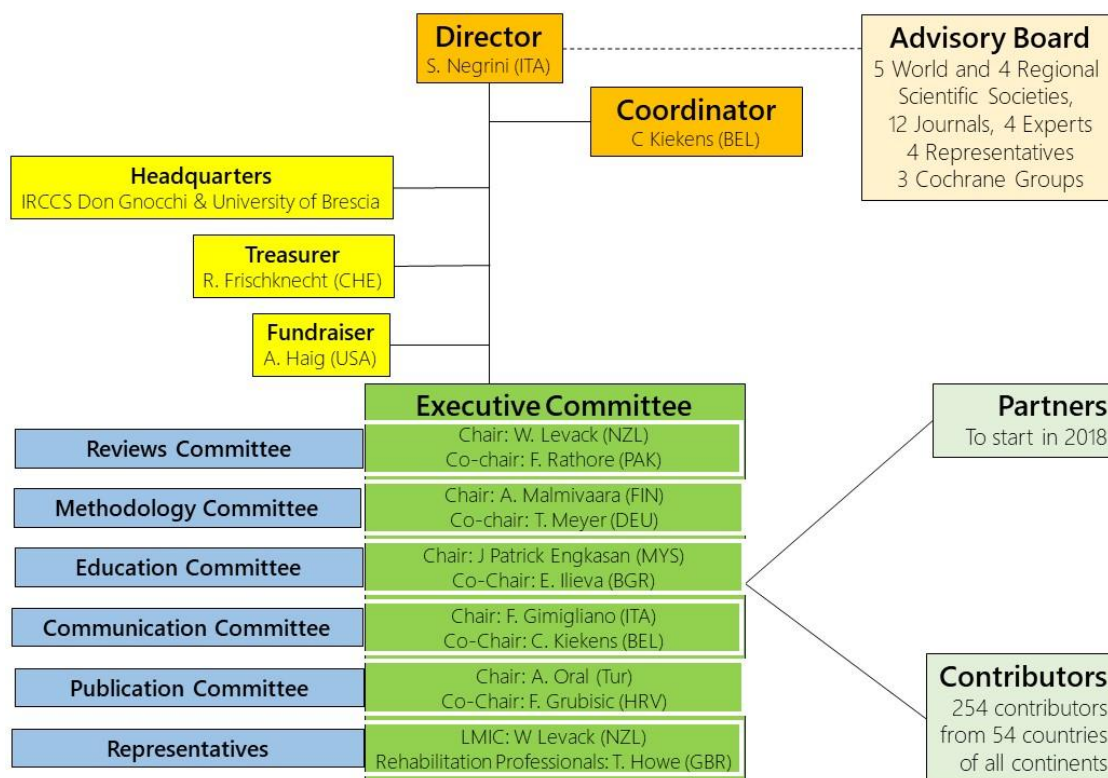
# Cochrane Rehabilitation First Annual Report

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Cochrane Rehabilitation was launched on 16<sup>th</sup> December 2016.

In this first year, Cochrane Rehabilitation has focused on setting up its different committees, thus organizing all the main activities for the organisation, in line with its mission and goals (<http://rehabilitation.cochrane.org/about-us/mission-and-goals>). Cochrane Rehabilitation has established an effective internal organization (<http://rehabilitation.cochrane.org/about-us/organizational-chart>) including its Executive Committee, Headquarters, and its five Committees. Members have been recruited and involved in the completion of several tasks through specific calls, and work has progressed towards the establishment of Cochrane Rehabilitation Units.



## Executive Committee

Cochrane Rehabilitation is led by the **Director**, Stefano Negrini, who is responsible for the Knowledge Translation Strategy (<http://rehabilitation.cochrane.org/about-us/field-director>); he is assisted by the **Coordinator**, Carlotte Kiekens, who is in charge of the Networking Strategy (<http://rehabilitation.cochrane.org/about-us/field-coordinator>). The **Executive Committee** is composed of the Chairs and Co-Chairs of the Committees and the Representatives of low-middle-income countries and of health rehabilitation professionals (<https://rehabilitation.cochrane.org/about-us/executive-committee>). The Executive Committee meets at least once a month to discuss the activities and actions performed by each committee (<http://rehabilitation.cochrane.org/about-us/committees>) and to plan future actions and strategies.

The **Reviews Committee** has been working to develop a database with all the Cochrane Reviews of rehabilitation interest. This database has been set up to permit a crowdsourcing approach to the tagging of reviews. The first tagged reviews include those published between January and May 2017 and are available on our website (<https://rehabilitation.cochrane.org/evidence>).

The **Publication Committee** has been working to create the relationship with the most important international and national rehabilitation journals and to define the structure to publish Cochrane Corners. The Committee submitted a project to produce an eBook on Cochrane Rehabilitation evidence that has been recently approved and will be financed starting from 2018 (<http://rehabilitation.cochrane.org/resources/publications>).

The **Education Committee** has been working to organize workshops and sessions in national and international scientific congresses. The aim is to disseminate knowledge on Cochrane Rehabilitations, to provide EBM training and to improve implementation of EBM in clinical practice. (<http://rehabilitation.cochrane.org/resources/education-and-training>; <http://rehabilitation.cochrane.org/news-events/events>).

The **Methodology Committee** has been working on methodological issues in the design, interpretation and implementation of systematic reviews of rehabilitation research; and trying to bridge the gap between Cochrane's requirements for high methodological precision and rehabilitation stakeholders' requirements for evidence that provide answers to clinically meaningful questions. Some papers on methodology have been published by this committee (<http://rehabilitation.cochrane.org/resources/methodology>; <http://rehabilitation.cochrane.org/resources/publications>).

The **Communication Committee** has been busy creating and constantly updating the website ([www.rehabilitation.cochrane.org](http://www.rehabilitation.cochrane.org)) and social media (Facebook, Twitter, YouTube) with all our latest news (<http://rehabilitation.cochrane.org/news>). Since June the committee started a quarterly Newsletter that has already produced three issues, available on the website (<https://rehabilitation.cochrane.org/news-events/cochrane-rehabilitation-newsletter>).

## Advisory Board

The Cochrane Rehabilitation's Advisory Board (<http://rehabilitation.cochrane.org/about-us/advisory-board>) had the first meeting on the 2<sup>nd</sup> of May 2017, in Buenos Aires, Argentina, hosted by the annual World Congress of the International Society of Physical and Rehabilitation Medicine (ISPRM). A full report of the meeting is available on our website (<https://rehabilitation.cochrane.org/first-advisory-board-meeting>). The second meeting will take place in Paris next July at ISPRM2018.

## Headquarters

The Headquarters (<http://rehabilitation.cochrane.org/contact-us>) is located in the "E. Spalenza" Fondazione Don Gnocchi Centre in Rovato, Brescia, Italy. It is supported by the Evidence Based Physical and Rehabilitation Medicine Centre of the Care and Research Institute (IRCCS) Fondazione Don Gnocchi of Milan and the University of Brescia. The Headquarters team is composed by the Director and the Coordinator, and is assisted by two researchers (Chiara Arienti and Joel Pollet) and a secretary (Roberta Bettinsoli). The main role of the team is to provide support to all the committee activities; they are also responsible to organize communications between the Field and Cochrane Central, to manage the new applications to Cochrane Rehabilitation, and to coordinate the activities of members and units from all over the world.

## Contributors

Contributors of Cochrane Rehabilitation are recruited according to a top-down approach through specific calls (<http://rehabilitation.cochrane.org/get-involved/calls>) following the

tasks gradually produced by the committees. All contributors providing support are credited in the website (<http://rehabilitation.cochrane.org/about-us/credits>). Currently, we have 256 people from 54 countries involved.

## Partners

Partners are organisations or groups of people who support the work of Cochrane Rehabilitation through direct financial support or through contribution in kind. In kind contribution can include the provision of service, completion of project or activities, or any other non-financial support for specific projects that contribute to the work of Cochrane Rehabilitation. Beyond the financing partners, we have defined the core functions, activities and requirements for partners who will be co-operating with Cochrane Rehabilitation, and contacted eleven groups. Partners are recruited according to a bottom-up approach to produce big tasks under the guidance of one or more Committees: specific memorandums of understanding are signed on an individual basis. Partners will be made visible on the Cochrane Rehabilitation website and will have the opportunity to use the Cochrane Rehabilitation logo for the actions defined together.

## Knowledge Translation activities

Cochrane Rehabilitation is working hard to carry on Knowledge Translation activities. Through our website, social media and newsletters we are sharing rehabilitation-relevant evidence. We are keeping our followers informed on the latest evidence, produced by Cochrane, synthesized as blogshots (<http://rehabilitation.cochrane.org/news-events/blogshots>). Our field is currently planning to start the translation of the website and the newsletter in different languages.

The field is participating actively in many worldwide scientific events of rehabilitation: a list of the events that we will join is available on our website (<https://rehabilitation.cochrane.org/news-events/events>) and as well as a list of all the events that we joined with the material presented (<https://rehabilitation.cochrane.org/news-events/events/past-events>).

## Funding

The funding of Cochrane Rehabilitation comes from the University of Brescia (Italy) and the Don Gnocchi Foundation (Italy), that have guaranteed funds for the field till the end of 2019. A financial contribution was given by ISPRM to reimburse some expenses of the EC members. In 2017 we also received the approval for the funding of 2 projects: the e-book of Cochrane Rehabilitation, by the European Physical and Rehabilitation Medicine Bodies (ESPRM, EARM, UEMS PRM Section and Board); a Special Issue of the European Journal of Physical and Rehabilitation Medicine about Methodology in Rehabilitation Research that will follow a focused Meeting to be held in June 2018 in Paris, by the New Zealand Catalyst Seeding Fund.

## Publications

All the publications related to Cochrane Rehabilitation are available on our website (<https://rehabilitation.cochrane.org/resources/publications>).

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