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## Tell us a bit about your professional background

I'm the Managing Editor of Cochrane Musculoskeletal. I joined Cochrane in 1997, fresh out of my degree in Journalism. I quickly became infected by the Cochrane virus and I have remained a steadfast contributor ever since. I've been involved in all elements of review production, from raising funds, to deciding on clinical questions, searching, screening, involving referees and consumers, extracting data, reporting and disseminating in different languages. I have contributed to and led many training activities, both in English and Spanish. I have the experience of participating in a variety of leadership roles in Cochrane such as my current roles as co-chair of the Managing Editors' Executive and member of the Cochrane Council.

## Why do you want to become a member of Cochrane's Governing Board?

There are two main reasons. First, Cochrane is facing challenging times **that are dividing people**. I'm a firm believer that we were given two ears and one tongue to listen twice and speak once. I think I can help build bridges and pull our diverse and wonderful collaboration together. Secondly, Cochrane is at a pivotal crossroads in its development. The horizon of systematic review production has changed dramatically with the advent of online tools and artificial intelligence. However, our approach to create and edit reviews has remained relatively unchanged to how we were working 20 years ago. From my extensive experience of editorial processes within Cochrane, I can contribute to make this challenge an opportunity for global improvement.

## What are Cochrane's key opportunities and challenges and what can the Board do to help address them?

When I started with Cochrane, few people were conducting systematic reviews. Now, systematic review production **has been described as an "epidemic"**. Cochrane **has always been the lighthouse** of quality methods for reviews: as new methods and new technologies are developed & implemented, we need to quickly embrace these new challenges and opportunities. While change is already happening within many Cochrane groups, not all groups are working to the same beat. The Governing Board can identify best practices through consultation and monitoring, then promote and assist with implementation, to ensure these collaboratively agreed best practices are disseminated effectively and rapidly. We desperately need more balance between implementing new policies and methods, and ensuring current best practises are homogeneously applied.