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## Tell us a bit about your professional background

I have been working full time at the Nordic Cochrane Centre for more than 10 years as a researcher after completing my medical degree and have been its Deputy Director for three years. I have extensive experience as a reviewer, trainer and as a guideline panel member supporting the Danish Health Authority in introducing GRADE. The Danish Ministry of Science and Innovation named me Young Elite Researcher in 2010.

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

The recent conflict within our organisation and Board has highlighted several issues that need attention, both related to the way in which our organisation is organised, how our rules and regulations are formulated and implemented, and in terms of how we ensure that the essential discussions between Cochrane members take place and remain constructive and respectful. My broad and extensive experience from various Cochrane roles provides me with the necessary background knowledge of our organisation and will help me see issues and various needs in a nuanced way. I wish to use this experience to contribute to setting the agenda for our collaboration beyond 2020 and to use my understanding of the diverse opinions within our organisation to make inclusiveness a priority for our next strategy.

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

The main challenges of the Board will be to re-establish its core functions and collaborative atmosphere following recent events and to set a strategy for our organisation beyond 2020. In my opinion, this strategy should primarily focus on making sure that Cochrane remains relevant to its users as the primary and logical first stop for evidence, whether the user is a patient, a clinician or a policy maker. Our reviews need to be

independent and perceived as such; retain their competitive edge in terms of methodological quality and methodological novelty; and be able to offer up to date information that is accessible to everybody. To meet these goals, our major challenges will be to secure and allocate resources; to decrease processing times for review groups; the introduction of new methods and implementing them in our software; while at the same time reducing our dependence on income from subscriptions and increasing access to our research.