

Governing Board Elected Member Candidate Statement

Family name (surname):	Ghani
First name(s):	Fazal
Today's date:	02 July 2020
Are you a current member of the Governing Board standing for re-election?	NO
Are you a citizen or resident of a Lower- and-Middle-Income Country or Territory	YES - Pakistan

Questions 1-5: Experience and Motivation:

1. How and when did you first become involved in Cochrane and what has been your subsequent contribution to Cochrane's work (maximum 200 words)?

1. Member Cochrane Collaboration Since 26 May 2019.
2. Membership is due for renewal on 04 June 2025.
3. Contributed to 13 tasks.
4. Earned 5 badges.
5. Participated in 2 global challenges.
6. Number of sessions since March 2020 – 13
7. Number of classifications – 7821

8. Task Classifications

9. (Interventions for sexual dysfunction following treatments for cancer in women 3103
10. RCT Identification - 1553
11. CT Identification - 659
12. High versus low blood pressure targets for cardiac surgery with cardiopulmonary bypass - 516
13. Bone-modifying agents for the prevention of bone loss in women with early or locally advanced breast cancer: a systematic review and network meta-analysis - 459

Task Accuracy - CT Identification (98%), RCT Identification (48%)

Pathway progress –

1. Newcomers - Key Concepts, CT Identification, Understanding St
2. Student - Key Concepts, CT Identification, RCT Identification, Screen4Me, Understanding Studies Designs, Complete many Modules

2. What experience do you have serving as a member of a governing board, board of directors, management group or similar? This might be within a non-for-profit or charitable organization, or a hospital or University. Please include the name(s) of the organization(s), the roles you played and other relevant information (maximum 200 words).

1. Health Technology Assessment (HTA) / Research Project Evaluator / Reviewer For the UK National Institute of Health Research (NIHR) since 2016.

2. Member of the Experts Group for Strategic Technical Innovation at the Directorate of Science & Technology, Government of Khyber Pakhtunkhwa
3. Member, Pakistan Fellowship Advisory Group and Advisor International of The Royal College of Physicians & Surgeons of Glasgow (UK).
4. Member Expert Committee for Health Sciences Journals of the Pakistan Higher education Commission (HEC) Islamabad, Pakistan
5. Convener of Experts Panel on Oral Health (Term 2015-19) and Member Technical Advisory Committee of the Pakistan Health Research Council (PHRC), Islamabad (Pakistan).
6. Member & Director Research and Ethics Boards of Several Institutions since 1994
7. Member Faculty of Prosthodontics, Training supervisor, Member Panel of Examiners of College of Physicians Surgeons of Pakistan since 1994.
8. Member Selection Committees for Public Service Commission, Board of Governors of the Medical Teaching Institutions (MTI) Provincial Health Department, KPK, Pakistan.
9. Dean Postgraduate Dental Sciences, Peshawar Dental College, Peshawar Pakistan,
10. Recipient of the 2018 Federation Dentaire Internationale, (FDI) Geneva, Switzerland for attendance, observing and reporting on the FDI Parliamentary Business Meetings and the FDI World Dental Congress held in Buenos Aires, Argentina from 01-08 September 2018.
11. Co-opted Member of the Dental Education Committee (DEC) of the Pakistan Medical & Dental Council (PM&DC) Islamabad (Pakistan).
12. Recipient of the 2014 TC White Observer-ship Award of the Royal College of Physicians & Surgeons of Glasgow (UK) for visit to Specialists Clinics & Departments of Reconstructive & Restorative Dentistry & Dental Outreach Centers in Scotland, Glasgow University Dental School & Hospital, Glasgow (UK).
13. Member Panel of Examiners for MFDS Part-2 Examinations of the Royal College of Physicians & Surgeons of Glasgow (UK) and The Royal College of Surgeons of Edinburgh (UK) Since 2008 till May 2024.
14. Founder Editor –in- Chief, Journal of the Pakistan Prosthodontics Association (JPPA).
15. Name on the “Wall of Honour” among all the distinguished personalities who have contributed significantly to the College of Physicians & Surgeons Pakistan (CPSP). This Wall of honour has been erected in the CPSP Headquarters Karachi (Pakistan) on the occasion of the Golden Jubilee of the CPSP held from 8 to 13 November 2012.

3. Acting as a Board member requires a collaborative approach to decision-making, setting aside personal opinions and group affiliations and acting in the best interests of the charity. Please describe how you would fulfil this obligation, using examples from previous committee or other work (maximum 200 words).

Having involved in academic and research bodies with recognized status and as expert / member with details given in No. 2 above, has given me tremendous learning experience, expertise, vision and understanding of discussing and explaining issues and listening to colleagues and the importance of making decision based on consensus.

4. What do you think would make you an effective member of the Board (maximum 200 words)?

Having read and understood the job description and looking at my experience and exposure over the many years as academic and researcher and organizer, I feel confident to be effectively contributing to the implementation of set strategies and monitoring of the various task and activities ethically and morally.

<p>5. What do you believe are the most important strategic challenges for Cochrane from 2020 onwards (maximum 200 words)?</p>
<p>I agree to the approved five organizational targets set by Governing Board for this year, as part of its strategy to 2020, which the Central Executive Team and Cochrane community will focus on.</p>
<p>I will contribute to implementing these and the others as they may arise from time to time.</p>

Questions 6-12: Specific Skills

To function optimally the Governing Board requires a range of experiences, knowledge and expertise amongst its membership. We cannot expect any single Governing Board member to have all the necessary skills and experience. We are looking for diversity.

We do not expect you to answer “yes” to more than one or two of these questions.

If you do answer “yes”, please provide at least one example which best demonstrates your experience or expertise. You may wish to include:

- A description of the situation and the context
- What you did
- What skills and knowledge you deployed
- The outcome and your personal contribution

<p>6. Do you have experience of Knowledge Translation or science communication; and/or in widening access, participation, reach and impact of research?</p>
<p>Yes or No? If Yes, please provide details and examples below (maximum 200 words).</p>
<p>I have attended several meetings at the Higher Education Commission Pakistan and Pakistan Health Research Council on evaluation research proposals for funding and have specifically looked at this aspect. I have also attended many conferences highlighting the importance of translational research. I am actively involved with the activities of institutes’ Office Research Innovation and Translation (ORIT).</p>
<p>I am also Member of the Experts Group for Strategic Technical Innovation at the Directorate of Science & Technology, Government of Khyber Pakhtunkhwa, Peshawar (Pakistan).We hold workshops / Science Fairs to promote innovative research and its translation at all levels.</p>

<p>7. Do you have experience in evidence-informed policy making?</p>
<p>Yes or No? If Yes, please provide details and examples below (maximum 200 words).</p>
<p>I have published article and editorials for promoting evidence based research and clinical decisions. Have conducted several audits and researches of the kind. I am involved in such activities as Member Cochrane Collaboration since May 2019.</p>

<p>8. Do you have legal experience?</p>
<p>Yes or No? If Yes, please provide details and examples below (maximum 200 words).</p>
<p>I have learnt legal aspects of research from legal members sitting with us in the meetings of our Institutional Research & Ethics Board</p>

9. Do you have experience of advocating for evidence?
 Yes or No? If Yes, please provide details and examples below (maximum 200 words).
 Presenting, participation in meeting of Evidence based activities and educating my students to ensure they make decisions that are evidence based. I read regularly Evidence Based Dentistry Journal.

10. Do you have knowledge or experience of the issues around Open Access to research output?
 Yes or No? If Yes, please provide details and examples below (maximum 200 words).
 I am aware of several university and organizational based platforms. Some of them including some journals who are making money out of it by accepting poor researches for publication of those who pay to them.
 I am interested to learn more in this area.

11. Is there anything else you would like to say in support of your nomination (maximum 200 words)?
 Very much enthusiastic to be involved with an organization like Cochrane and to contribute to its vision and mission and learn from the experts it has.

Declarations:

To be eligible to stand for election, candidates must confirm the following by putting a 'tick' (✓) or their initials in the boxes below:

I hereby confirm that I:

1. Have accepted the Terms and Conditions of Cochrane Membership and have been a Cochrane Member for at least 30 days prior to the close of voting in this election	✓
2. Have read the following guidance produced by the National Council for Voluntary Organisations in the UK: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • What is a charity • What is a charity trustee • What trustees must do • How trustees look after the charity 	✓
3. Accept the Governing Board Charter	✓
4. Accept and will adhere to the Code of Conduct for Trustees	✓
5. Have completed the Cochrane 'Declaration of Interest' Statement (Annex 1 of this document)	✓
6. Have completed the 'Trustee Eligibility Declaration' required by the UK Charity Commission for all Trustees (Annex 2 of this document)	✓
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Annex 1: Cochrane Declaration of Interest Statement

Candidates must make a declaration of conflict of interest, including financial or non-financial relationships with other organizations, professional relationships to other members of the Board, and other Boards she/he may sit on. In writing this statement, candidates should refer to Cochrane’s [conflict of interest policy](#) (for Cochrane Groups) and the [declarations of existing members of the Board](#).

Please answer the following questions:

1. Financial interests	Yes/No (If yes, please provide details)
In the last three years, have you:	
a) Received funding: any grant, contract or gift, commissioned research, or fellowship from Cochrane or a related organization (i.e. any organization related to health care or medical research) to conduct research?	No
b) Had paid consultancies: any paid work, consulting fees (in cash or kind) from a related organization?	No
c) Received honoraria: one-time payments (in cash or kind) from a related organization?	No
d) Served as a director, officer, partner, trustee, employee or held a position of management with a related organization?	No
e) Possessed share-holdings, stock, stock options, equity with a related organization (excludes mutual funds or similar arrangements where the individual has no control over the selection of the shares)?	No
f) Received personal gifts from a related organization?	No
g) Had an outstanding loan with a related organization?	No
h) Received royalty payments from a related organization?	No
2. Do you have any other competing interests that could pose a conflict of interest that would reasonably appear to be related to the primary interest?	None

Annex 2: Trustee Eligibility Declaration

As required by the [UK Charity Commission](#)

Please tick or initial in the boxes below to confirm the following:

I declare that I:

Am willing to act as a trustee of The Cochrane Collaboration	Yes
Understand Cochrane’s purposes (objects) and rules set out in its Articles of Association	Yes
Am not prevented from acting as a trustee because I: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Have an unspent conviction for one or more of the offences listed here • Have an Individual Voluntary Arrangement, debt relief order and/or a bankruptcy order • Have been removed as a trustee in England, Scotland or Wales (by the Charity Commission or Office of the Scottish Charity Regulator) 	Yes

<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Have been removed from being in the management or control of any organization in Scotland (under relevant legislation) • Have been disqualified by the Charity Commission • Am a disqualified company director • Am a designated person for the purposes of anti-terrorism legislation • Am on the sex offenders register or equivalent in any country • Have been found in contempt of court for making (or causing to be made) a false statement • Have been found guilty of disobedience to an order or direction of the Charity Commission 	
<p>Will provide true, complete and correct information to the Charity Commission if elected as a Board member</p>	<p>Yes</p>
<p>Understand that it's an offence under section 60(1)(b) of the Charities Act 2011 to knowingly or recklessly provide false or misleading information</p>	<p>Yes</p>
<p>Comply with my responsibilities as a trustee that are set out in the Charity Commission guidance 'The essential trustee (CC3)'</p>	<p>Yes</p>