The Cochrane Collaboration as an International Organization

Translations help to get Evidence into Practice

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Why prepare & maintain systematic reviews?

Cochrane Mission Statement

The Cochrane Collaboration is an international organisation that aims to help people make well-informed decisions about healthcare by preparing, maintaining and promoting the accessibility of systematic reviews of the effects of healthcare interventions.

Source: May 2003 Strategic Plan

Mind the gap

To fulfil the Collaboration's mission, we need to bridge the divide between

Know & Do
Science & Service
Research & Practice

How do we bridge the divide?

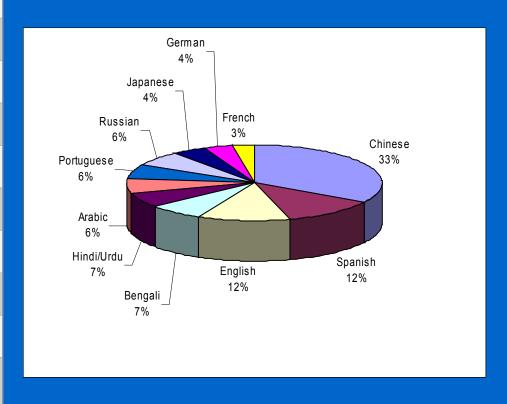
Many varied and subtle barriers to getting research into practice – time, finding the evidence, applicability

One obvious and easily addressed barrier:

LANGUAGE

World Languages - Top 11

	Language	Number of native speakers
1	Chinese	937,132,000
2	Spanish	332,000,000
3	English	322,000,000
4	Bengali	189,000,000
5	Hindi/Urdu	182,000,000
6	Arabic	174,950,000
7	Portuguese	170,000,000
8	Russian	170,000,000
9	Japanese	125,000,000
10	German	98,000,000
11	French	79,572,000



Internet Languages – Top 10

Language	% of all Internet Users	Internet Users by Language
English	29.7 %	322,600,837
Chinese	13.3 %	144,301,513
Japanese	7.9 %	86,300,000
Spanish	7.5 %	81,729,671
German	5.4 %	58,854,682
French	4.6 %	49,660,498
Portuguese	3.1 %	34,064,760
Korean	3.1 %	32,372,000
Italian	2.7 %	28,870,000
Russian	2.2 %	23,700,000
Rest of World	20.5 %	222,268,942
WORLD TOTAL	100.0 %	1,086,250,903

Source: http://www.internetworldstats.com/reports.htm. Internet usage information comes from data published by Nielsen//NetRatings, International Telecommunications Union, Computer Industry Almanac, and other reliable sources.

Does translation make a difference?

Case History:

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www.BibliotecaCochrane.net

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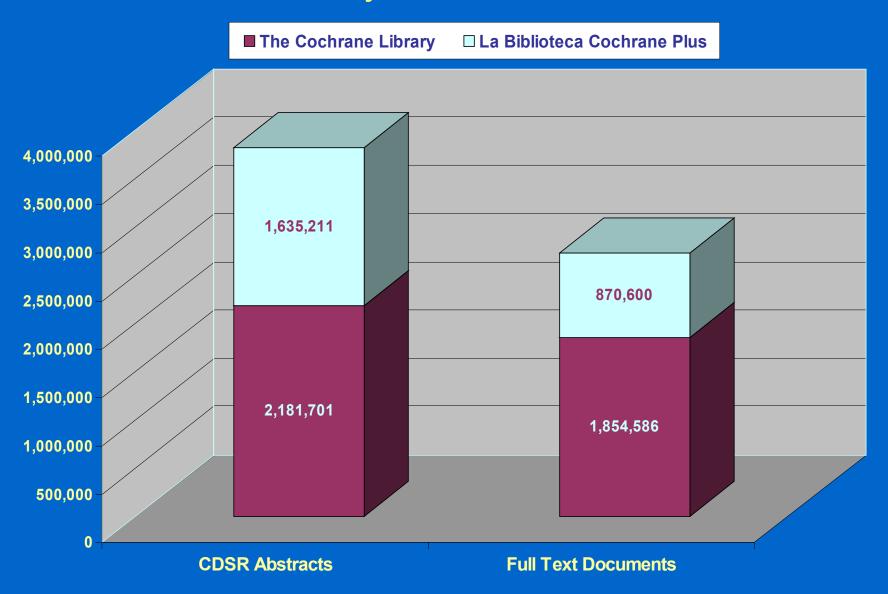
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Question: What's being done?

La Biblioteca Cochrane Plus (BCP) & La Biblioteca de Salud Reproductiva de la OMS (BSR)

Chinese efforts – hear more today

Some abstracts have been translated - but is there anything current?

The report "The dissemination of Cochrane evidence" (2004) does not mention any non-English versions of Cochrane reviews (with the exception of BCP & BSR)

Little mention of translations on www.cochrane.org (again, out of date)

Answer: Not much

What could be done?

- Make Cochrane abstracts, summaries & full reviews freely available for translation
- 2. Waive charges and royalties on translated versions allow income from sales or sponsorship to be reinvested in further translation efforts
- 3. Allow commercial sponsorship of translations
- 4. Don't try to control everything allow communities of users and translators to emerge
- 5. Be transparent: Publish a translation policy on the Web & encourage people to participate

Social responsibility

The Collaboration:

- is dependent on the goodwill of people participating in trials, assisting with reviews, and paying the taxes which fund the grants on which the organisation depends
- has a responsibility to make knowledge available to the people who need it, as is encapsulated in its mission statement
- could & should do something to promote accessibility of systematic reviews in languages other than English

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