# PAHO Ibero-American Cochrane Network AWARD Health Agenda for the Americas 2008-2017 Theme 2013: "Prevention of chronic non-communicable diseasese through healthy lifestyles

The Pan American Health Organization (PAHO/WHO) supports and promotes development and use of research for the improvement of the lives and the well-being of the Latin American population, as reflected in Policy on Research for Health of PAHO (<a href="www.paho.org/researchportal">www.paho.org/researchportal</a>). PAHO/WHO and the Cochrane Collaboration share the values and objectives of the policy, which seeks to contribute to the advancement of the 2008-2017 Health Agenda for the Americas as agreed upon by governments of the Americas in 2007.

PAHO in collaboration with the Ibero-American Cochrane Network has created this award in hopes of inspiring Cochrane Collaboration authors and other young investigators to address key research questions in public health and health systems of the Americas. The award should motivate Cochrane investigators and others to develop relevant and methodologically robust protocols and systematic reviews that that contribute useful solutions to priority subjects for governments of the Americas.

Link to the previous award winners: 2011 <u>Barcelona</u> –2010 <u>Keystone</u>

## Submission Process 2013

The theme of the 2013 award is **Prevention of chronic noncommunicable diseases through healthy lifestyles**. This award aims to promote research on healthy lifestyles as a means of preventing noncommunicable diseases. The prize will be awarded to a systematic review and a protocol that answer questions about prevention of chronic noncommunicable diseases that are relevant to the Americas. The award will be presented during the Cochrane Colloquium to be held in Quebec, Canada in October 2013.

**Deadline to submit works:** Works must be submitted on time to be published in the May issue of the Cochrane Library. Works submitted directly to PAHO must be presented until April 30. Please submit works to <a href="mailto:RP@paho.org">RP@paho.org</a> and indicate PAHO Cochrane Award 2013 on the subject line.

# Criteria for pre-selection:

- Authorship criteria. Works selected will be written by:
  - o Ibero-American authors, living in a Latin American or Caribbean (LAC)
  - o Ibero-American authors living outside the countries of LAC but affiliated with a LAC institution.
  - Non-Ibero-American authors, living in or living outside but affiliated with a LAC institution.

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- Titles perceived as relevant for the `Health Agenda for the Americas` 2008-2017, specifically to the prevention of the chronic noncommunicable diseases in Latin America or the Caribbean, through healthy lifestyles.
- High methodological quality
- Concrete and applicable recommendations

A panel of accredited investigators will pre-select the protocols and reviews among works published in *The Cochrane Database of Systematic Reviews* in *The Cochrane Library or in the Library Cochrane PLUS* between January 2010 and 31 May 2013. Systematic reviews published in other databases or libraries will be also taken into account if they are received directly by the Pan American Health Organization. On equal terms preference in order to receive the award will be given to Cochrane protocols and Cochrane Systematic Reviews.

#### Selection criteria:

- Authorship criteria will be applied in this order.
  - o Ibero-American authors, living in a Latin American or Caribbean (LAC) country and affiliated with a LAC institution.
  - o Ibero-American authors living outside the countries of LAC but affiliated with a LAC institution.
  - Non-Ibero-American authors, living in a LAC country and affiliated with a LAC institution.
  - Non-Ibero-American authors, living in outside LAC but affiliated to a LAC institution.
- Relevant for the prevention of chronic noncommunicable diseases in Latin America through healthy lifestyles.
- High methodological quality: Presents a structured abstract and recommendations which are concrete and applicable

Desirable criteria, unrequired but that will be considered a bonus:

- Perception by the panel of selection, as useful for the national health system.
- Aspects of equity are taken into account.

### The award

- 1. **Systematic review**. It recognizes the authors of a systematic review judged based on the selection criteria. The prize consists in the recognition of the research team during the Colloquium and covers the participation (registration to the Colloquium, economy class air tickets and accommodations in Quebec) of one author designated by the team and agreed upon by with the organizers. We encourage the team to provide the opportunity for participation by a young researcher and / or not yet established researcher. All the authors of the winning review and the finalists will be recognized during the Colloquium in Quebec and will receive a diploma and be recognized in the PAHO Research Newsletter.
- 2. **Protocol.** It recognizes the authord of the best protocol judged based on the selection criteria. The prize consists in recognition of the author team during the

Colloquium, the delivery of a certificate for each of the authors and a note of recognition in the PAHO Research Newsletter.

All else equal, priority will be given to Cochrane protocols and systematic reviews.

**Note**: PAHO/WHO employees and first degree family members who submit reviews will be mentioned in recognition but are not eligible to receive the participation in the Colloquium. Jury members will declare their conflicts of interests upon being designated and upon meeting for deliberations.