Extending the reach of the Cochrane Skin Group into French-speaking countries

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French Cochrane Satellite of the CSG

- Creation in March 2012
- Located in the department of Dermatology at Henri Mondor hospital, Créteil, France
- Director : Olivier Chosidow
Collaborations and Interactions

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- French Society of Dermatology aRED
- Centre of Evidence in Dermatology
- French Satellite of the Cochrane Skin Group
- French Cochrane Centre
- Cochrane Skin Group

"The truth is out there"
Centre of Evidence in Dermatology

■ Shared objectives with the French Satellite of the CSG
  ■ Provide regularly updated and analysed bibliography
  ■ Design tools for decision making

■ Means and skills useful for both entities:
  • Dermatologists
  • Biostatistician
  • Webmaster
  • Librarian
The objectives of the satellite

- to **introduce** The Cochrane Collaboration to French-speaking dermatological communities;
- to **promote** evidence-based dermatology among French-speaking dermatologists;
- to **teach**
  - French-speaking dermatologists to perform and interpret systematic reviews;
  - clinicians to use the results of systematic reviews as an evidence base to guide their practice;
- to **contribute**
  - to the production and updating of Cochrane reviews in the field of Dermatology.
French speaking countries
Mbuagbaw L, MacLehose H. Why should we translate Cochrane Reviews into French? A view from Cameroon.

….greatly undermines the potential of Cochrane Reviews as building blocks for decision-making in many low- and middle-income countries, ..

Cochrane Reviews aim to alleviate disease burden, their efforts should be directed at the region with the highest burden – Africa. …;Africa has the highest number of French speakers, with approximately 115 million people spread across 31 countries.
The map is modified taking account of the number of Cochrane authors/country
Current and future actions
Promoting Cochrane reviews (1)

- Translation in French:
  - 56 Skin Cochrane Group review summaries
  - 45 to 55 000 views per month
- Trimestrial letter: what’s new for dermatologists in Cochrane library:
  - 4 issues, 488 Followers
Promoting and Cochrane reviews (2)

- All these materials are visible on websites from any French speaking country
  - Summaries.cochrane.org
  - French Satellite CSG website
  - Cochrane.fr

- Free access to Cochrane Library for the SFD members in January 2014
  - 150 members from French speaking countries
Teaching

- 3 two days training sessions for Cochrane authors (2010-2013)
  - Tools in place for training sessions in French speaking countries

- Teaching session during the next ADF congress in Abidjan –Ivory Coast-2015

- Teaching session during the annual congress :Journées Dermatologiques de Paris -JDP:
  - 157 countries, 5500 attendees
Support new authors in conducting a Cochrane Review(2)

- Two out 7 ongoing Cochrane reviews led by French speaking country dermatologists
  - Interventions for chronic palmoplantar pustulosis
  - Antistreptococcal interventions for guttate and chronic plaque psoriasis
Support new authors in conducting a Cochrane Review

- Two annual grants
  - French society of Dermatology
  - 6 months in France
  - Research project on evidence based medicine and training
- Mandatory to obtain the grant: attend Cochrane training, collaborate with the CSG in the future
Involving structure and people

- Collaboration with the French Speaking Dermatologists Association (ADF)- Pr Nadia Ismaili –Rabat – Marroco
- Khaled Ezzedine: dermatologist, epidemiologist, ethnic skin specialist
Build up a network