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Events

Understanding Searching Techniques to Inform HTA, Systematic Reviews and Guideline Development
University of York, 9th May 2012
http://php.york.ac.uk/inst/yhec/web/training/training_events.php?RecordID=15

Trials Registers, Trials Results Registers and Other Research Registers: Challenges and Opportunities
University of York, 10th May 2012
http://php.york.ac.uk/inst/yhec/web/training/training_events.php?RecordID=2

Economic Evaluations and Economic Evidence in Healthcare: Finding Information to Inform Technology Assessments and Economic Models
University of York, 12th June 2012
http://php.york.ac.uk/inst/yhec/web/training/training_events.php?RecordID=3

IRG Pre-Conference Workshop: Transforming Information Services in a Changing HTA Environment
Euskalduna Conference Centre and Concert Hall, 24th June 2012
http://www.htai2012.org/Registration.htm Book before April 30th and save!!

IRG Panel Session: Accessing Unpublished Evidence: Can we rely on trials registries and regulatory agency submissions?
Euskalduna Conference Centre and Concert Hall, 26th June 2012
http://www.htai2012.org/Registration.htm Book before April 30th and save!!

Publications of Interest


Website of Interest

PubMed Health

From the website:

PubMed Health specializes in reviews of clinical effectiveness research, with easy-to-read summaries
PubMed Health is a service provided by the National Center for Biotechnology Information (NCBI) at the U.S. National Library of Medicine (NLM).

PubMed Health provides summaries and full texts of selected systematic reviews in one place. The reviews were generally published or updated from 2003. There is also information for consumers and clinicians based on those reviews.

A search on PubMed Health runs simultaneously in PubMed. A filter is used to identify all the indexed scientific articles at the NLM that might be systematic reviews. This search includes articles from before 2003.

**IRG Research Activities**

**The new vortal will be presented at HTAi 2012**

The new HTAi vortal is in preparation. A demonstrator has been developed to test new concepts, a subgroup of the IRG members audited it and endorsed the new design, structure, additional functionalities and scheduled content. At this step, the demonstrator is awaiting a transfer to HTAi webservers before being further developed.

The demonstrator is a dedicated website branded with HTAi logo and color scheme, is structured in four main sections: 1) Directory of HTA agencies organised by geography, links to their homepages and further information (projects, publications etc.). 2) Repertory of web resources on HTA (data, articles etc.) organised by categories. 3) Information Retrieval reference tool (current IRG subgroup project). 4) Repertory of educational resources. The demonstrator also includes a bibliography module to view and export selected references (standard formats), and offers links to PubMed and Google scholar, if possible. The demonstrator will contain all existing and some new information; more information resources will be added step-by-step.

The new HTAi vortal will be presented at HTAi2012, see you there!

Patrice Chalon and Sigrid Droste

**IRG Member Profile**

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I trained as a sports scientist and worked at the German Central Library of Sport Sciences before switching to work in IQWiG’s Information Management Group in 2008. I have headed the newly established Information Management Unit since December 2011. My main responsibilities are the development of comprehensive search strategies and the review of the quality of literature searches. My research focus is on the further development of methodological principles of information retrieval in systematic reviews.

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