

Evidence-Based Research Network.  
Steering Group Meeting  
Monday 23 March 14:00 – 15:00

**Members present:** Hans Lund, Hanna Nykvist, Bertil Dorch, Peg Ford, Karen Robinson, Malcolm Macleod, Klara Brunnhuber

**Agenda:**

1. **Welcome to Peg Ford from CUE.** We are very glad to welcome Peg Ford to the Steering Group. It is important for the patient community to know how, and which, research is being funded and for patients to know they get the right care. Therefore it is important for the EBRNetwork to have Peg as a representative of the patient community on the Steering Group.
2. **Cochrane Colloquium** – Mona used the Evidence Live abstract as abstract for a poster and has already made preparations for a special session. We will also submit an abstract for a workshop on the 25<sup>th</sup> of March. Everyone in the Steering Group will be co-authors.
3. **BMJ paper “The systematic EBR review”** – David Wright and Hans have discussed some search strategies and when they are done Klara will prepare the last synopsis. The search strategy must be right because otherwise we have a lot of effort filtering out the noise. Once that is ready we can run it by everyone and get through with the work. Only those who contribute will become co-authors. As soon as the outline and search strategy is ready the paper will be registered in PROSPERO.
4. **BMJ paper “The Bergen Statement”** – As soon as Klara, Hans and Iain have agreed on an outline it will be mailed to all possible co-authors (see item 5)
5. **Publication plan** – Matt wants to participate in #4 and #9 and he can help us identify someone who will participate in paper #5. We will discuss who the best people to work with are. Klara can also assist in identifying someone to work on #5. The timeline will be decided by the author group, but for #1 and #2 it should be approved by the Steering Group so we have some control over when it will be finished. Bertil and Hans have discussed the possibilities for funding Open Access through the University of Southern Denmark. Malcolm can also arrange funding for the animal studies. Hans will send out a new Road Map of Publications to all possible authors, i.e. those who were at the Bergen meeting and everyone can indicate which part of the systematic review they want to work with.
6. **Bibliography** – Bertil/Library at University of Southern Denmark has helped us to set up Zotero where we have 40 different papers of interest within the area of EBR. Karen and Mona would like to suggest how to make sub-group of those papers. The bibliography is available on the website and if anyone wants to add to it they will have to send an email to [bibliography@ebrnetwork.org](mailto:bibliography@ebrnetwork.org), which only Hans and Hanna have access to. Hanna will set up the email account.
7. **AOCB** -
  - Hans is preparing the text for a newsletter that Hanna will send out to everyone. Remember that everyone has to register on the website to receive the newsletter, even Steering Group members.
  - We need to open a bank account and the best way to do it is to register as an NGO. Hans and Hanna will discuss the best place to set it up, but it should be close to the administration of the EBRNetwork.

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- Karen will submit an abstract for the COMET conference which is due this week. It will be a slightly adjusted abstract as the one we used for Evidence Live. All in the Steering Group are co-authors.
- Evidence Live is coming up where Hans will present. He will also present at the BMJ and inform them about the EBRNetwork.
- There are currently 66 members
- Everyone needs to send a tweet about themselves and a picture of them to Hanna so we can introduce all Steering Group members on Twitter.
- **Note** the change in time for the coming Steering Group meetings – 7.00pm CET.