



Singapore  
**17<sup>th</sup> Cochrane Colloquium**

**11<sup>th</sup> - 14<sup>th</sup> October 2009**

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Convention & Exhibition Centre

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# •••• Welcome Message

The Lion City-state of Singapore is delighted to host the 17th Cochrane Colloquium in 2009, and extends a warm equatorial welcome to all who are passionate about generating, organising, disseminating and applying the best evidence for health care. This is the first time the Colloquium will be held in Asia, a region that has seen rapid growth in Cochrane activity in recent years. It thus provides an ideal opportunity to bring an Asian perspective to the Cochrane Collaboration, to explore topics of importance to our region, and to understand the health impacts of global trends and their implications for the work of the Collaboration. We encourage and look forward to a strong showing from Cochrane contributors and evidence enthusiasts from our region.

Singapore is not only a modern economic miracle but our society is a mix of modernity and multicultural traditions co-existing with mutual respect. For visitors from afar, treat your visit as a sampler of things Asian or an ideal starter for exploring the charming mysteries of the Asian hinterland. Come see, hear and taste the uniqueness that is Singapura – SELAMAT DATANG!\*

## Edwin Chan

Director

Singapore Branch of the Australasian Cochrane Centre

*\* Welcome – in our National Language*

## •••• Committee Chairs

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: Edwin Chan  
Sally Green

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: Miny Samuel  
Steve McDonald

Workshop Committee

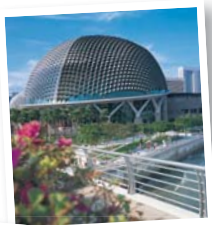
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## • • • • Programme

	Sunday 11 Oct	Monday 12 Oct	Tuesday 13 Oct	Wednesday 14 Oct
0730 - 0900	Registration	Meetings	Meetings	Meetings
0900 - 1030	Entity Meetings	Plenary 1	Plenary 2	Special Sessions
1030 - 1100	<b>Break &amp; Poster Presentations</b>			
1100 - 1230	Entity Meetings	Oral presentations	Oral presentations	Oral presentations
1230 - 1330	<b>Lunch</b>			
1330 - 1500	Entity Meetings/ Meet the Entities	Workshop 1	Workshop 2	Workshop 3
1500 - 1530	<b>Break &amp; Poster Presentations</b>			
1530 - 1700	Opening Session	Annual General Meeting	Meetings	Closing Session
Evening	Welcome Reception @ Chijmes	Free evening	Free evening	Farewell Party @ Asian Civilisations Museum

\* Provisional programme. For meetings outside these times, please contact the Colloquium Secretariat.

## • • • • Social Programme

For the Welcome Reception it's a short walk to Chijmes, a heritage landmark in the heart of Singapore's civic and cultural district that embodies the city's mix of old world charm and modern stylishness. To mark the end of proceedings we will gather at the Asian Civilisations Museum, an elegant venue with stunning views across the Singapore River.

On your free evenings, we can help you make the most of all that Singapore has to offer... head along Orchard Road for some serious retail therapy; experience the magic of the world-famous Night Safari; climb aboard the Singapore Flyer, one of the world's tallest observation wheels, for unparalleled views of the island-city; stimulate your senses with a stroll through the historic districts of Chinatown or Little India where markets, food stalls and temples vie for your attention; take in the impressive sweep of the Singapore River where traditional shophouses nestle beside the neo-classical splendour of the city's fine colonial buildings; or simply pick your spot, grab a plate of char kway teow and a bottle of Tiger and feel transported by the warmth of a tropical evening.

## • • • • Important Dates

*Abstract Submission :*  
**15 April 09**

*Notification of Abstract Acceptance :*  
**18 May 09**

*Consumer and Developing Country  
Stipends : 01 June 09*

*Notification of Stipend Acceptance :*  
**29 June 09**

*Early Registration :*  
**13 July 09**

*Meeting Room Request :*  
**10 August 09**

*Hotel Registration Deadline :*  
**01 September 09**

*Cancellation Deadline :*  
**14 September 09**

## •••• About Singapore

Located in the heart of Asia, Singapore thrives as an international financial and trading hub. It's a city of contrasts, where the ideas of the future mingle with the ways of tradition. Singapore offers you a diverse range of uniquely enriching experiences; from nature to nightlife and from culture to couture.

Singapore is one of the world's safest and family-friendly cities, renowned for its efficient public services and excellent transport system. Its tropical climate is heaven-sent if you like warm and humid conditions - temperatures vary slightly between the average maximum of 31°C and minimum of 23°C. Those not so keen on the tropical climate will quickly appreciate Singapore's air-conditioned everything.

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### •••• Conference Venue and Hotels

Suntec Singapore is a world-class fully integrated venue in the heart of Singapore that combines events infrastructure with hotels, retail and entertainment facilities. A range of accommodation options all within easy walking distance of Suntec will be offered as Colloquium hotels for those who wish to use the Secretariat's hotel booking service.

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