Welcome to the latest edition of enGINe. With the challenges that many of us will have faced around COVID-19 and trying to stay connected and informed, online meetings have become the new norm for the majority of us, meeting with colleagues and hosting information sessions virtually rather than in person. There has been some great work going on and we have all excelled in embracing the changes that have been required with this new way of working. This short edition of enGINe will focus on our upcoming webinars as well as providing information on some which have already taken place across the network. There have been some excellent and informative sessions taking place and many more are planned – we hope you find some that are of interest and helpful to you!

In response to the ongoing Covid-19 Pandemic, G-I-N recently delivered a webinar entitled: COVID-19 Pandemic: Navigating Evidence and Guidance in a crisis. Across the globe, policymakers, health care professionals and patients risk making ill-informed decisions if not supported by trustworthy guidance customised to their needs. This webinar set out to help people understand how to best navigate evidence and guidance through global collaboration and networking, something which is directly aligned with our vision at G-I-N.

The webinar was delivered twice in different time zones to reach as many of our members and interested colleagues as possible. A recording can be accessed here. We were delighted that Professor Per Olav Vandvik agreed to present these sessions, supported by G-I-N Trustees Associate Professor Zac Munn and Dr Craig Robbins who each chaired a session.

Attendees were presented with information on many prominent initiatives set up to tackle the challenges of decision making against a background of limited and often poor-quality evidence; This led on to engaging interactive discussions and questions.

Following the success of this webinar, the following webinar will be taking place on 21 July 2020 at 12 noon BST: COVID-19 Pandemic: Living Evidence & Guidance for COVID-19; opportunities and challenges for developers, publishers, and end-users.

This event will be presented by Professor Christine Laine, Associate Professor Julian Elliott, and Dr Britta Tendal, and chaired by Senior Researcher and G-I-N Trustee, Dr Pablo Alonso Coello.

Learning objectives for this webinar include reporting requirements for living evidence reviews and guidelines, what methods information should authors include and processes for the publication of surveillance reports and updates that ensure appropriate linkages and indexing and challenges experienced during Annals of Internal Medicine’s early experience with the publication of living reviews and guidelines. It will also cover the living evidence model: rationale and approach in evidence synthesis and guideline development experiences to date: what worked and what we are still learning and application in COVID-19: the experience of the Australian National COVID-19 Clinical Evidence Taskforce. For full details, including how to register, please visit our website.
Looking out for more details on a new webinar coming in August: COVID-19 Pandemic: Global guidance and local application during the COVID-19 pandemic: best practice for adaptation and guidelines. This webinar will take place on 19th August 2020 – more details will be communicated soon.

G-I-N Covid-19 Resources

We recently set up dedicated webpages with the aim to provide a comprehensive overview of available and reliable resources for our members, and to ensure that we avoid duplicating efforts, especially as evidence in this area is constantly under review and being updated. We would encourage you to bookmark this as your go-to page for Covid-19 resources and to please get in touch if your organisation has any new evidence or guidance we can add, especially in languages other than English, please email the links and a short description to: covid-19@g-in.net

We also have a discussion board dedicated to COVID-19. This can be viewed here and is open to anyone to access. Non-members can request a login to participate in discussions.

Our partner, Cochrane is also presenting a series of monthly webinars open to everyone, through their Cochrane Learning Live programme.

Topics so far have included COVID-19 Rapid Reviews: Cochrane’s response so far and How to disseminate reviews with network meta-analysis (NMA).

Additional webinars include Identifying publication bias in meta-analyses of continuous outcomes, Public Engagement and Involvement in Health Research: How well are we doing? Views from the global north vs the global south and The TRANSFER Approach for assessing the transferability of systematic review findings (5th August).

Full details on all events, including how to register and access previous recordings, can be found here.

GINAHTA Webinar

The first GINAHTA webinar - HTA & Guidelines: What can we learn from each other? took place on 29th June 2020. This webinar explored the shared learnings and practical guidance on how to cultivate effective collaboration between guideline developers and HTA producers. Two current experiences at the intersection of HTA and guideline production were presented followed by discussion.

The webinar was hosted by Dr Holger Schünemann and Dr Mouna Jameleddine, co-chairs of GINAHTA and included presentations from Dr Dalia Dawoud and Ms. Michelle O’Neill. A total of 142 registrants participated. A recording of the event can be accessed here. Look out for more details on future webinars in the coming months.

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Look out for G-I-N Instagram – coming soon!

G-I-N Vision – Trustworthy and accessible guidance for better health

G-I-N Mission – To lead, strengthen and support collaboration and work within the guideline development, adaptation and implementation community