

Here is a brief summary of meetings of the Campbell Collaboration (C2) Steering Group and the C2 Social Welfare Coordinating Group (SWCG) in London 13-17 May 2007.

C2 Steering Group Meetings

The Campbell Collaboration (C2) Steering Group (SG) met on 13, 14, and 17 May 2007.

Rotation of SG members and co-chairs. SG members will rotate on and off the SG with 1/3 members replaced each year. SG Co-chairs will be elected by the SG to specific terms. Arild Bjørndal was elected SG Co-chair to replace Haluk Soydan, effective immediately. A nominations committee was constituted to identify a slate of names for election of the next SG Co-chair (the committee includes Arild Bjørndal, Amanda Sowden, Chad Nye, and David Weisburd). This election will occur at the SG meeting in November 2007.

Core funding. The current C2 agreement with the American Institutes for Research (AIR) ends on 30 June 2007, but the two organizations will continue to work together on C2 colloquia, information system, and other research projects. Phil Davies resigned as Executive Director, but continues his work with AIR on a full-time basis.

The Norwegian government offered support for core C2 functions for 2008-10. This includes funds to relocate and organise the C2 secretariat in Oslo for the three-year period, support for core group functions (including editors, coordinators, and peer-reviewers) and other functions to be prioritized by the SG (i.e. training in systematic review methods). In addition, there will be some funds available to support core C2 functions for the remainder of 2007. The SG voted to approve this proposal.

Work in progress. The SG formed several ad hoc working groups to work out selected issues and present proposals at the next SG meeting.

1. Ad hoc group on *membership and voting rights* (Jeff Valentine, chair, Amanda Sowden, David Wilson). This group will sort out types of membership in C2 and criteria for voting, using input from the breakout groups (Coordinating Group meetings at the Colloquium).
2. Ad hoc group on *governance and communications* (Julia Littell, chair, David Weisburd, Becki Herman). This group will identify the governance issues that need to be addressed in C2, including roles and responsibilities of the SG and the C2 Board, the process and schedule for elections in SG and Coordinating Groups, and term limits for elected positions. It will then work with SG members and others to set priorities and move ahead to clarify essential governance and communications issues.
3. Ad hoc group on clarifying steps in the *C2 review process* and incorporating these into a *new information management system* (AdTracker) (Becki Herman, Julia Littell, David Wilson). This group will work to articulate the C2 editorial process and ensure that this process is reflected in and supported by new information systems.

4. Ad hoc group on *publishing* will pursue discussions with Wiley/Blackwell (David Weisburd, chair, Arild Bjørndal, plus a consultant).

5. Ad hoc group to develop a policy limiting the amount of *indirect costs* C2 pays on subcontracts/grants (legal issues in USA and UK) (Jeff Valentine, Nick Royal, Arild Bjørndal).

6. Ad hoc group to consider how the *C2 Board* should be reconfigured (Arild Bjørndal, Bob Boruch, Dorothy de Moya). Sol and Diane Pelavin will step off the C2 Board on 30 June 2007.

New partners. The SG voted to approve two proposals for two new C2 partner organizations: University of Toronto School of Social Work (Aron Shlonsky, lead) and York University in Toronto (David Phipps, lead). A third proposal for a C2 partner organization will be voted by 30 June 2007; this proposal is from the Canadian group CanKnow (Phil Abrami, lead) and its leaders have been active in C2 and the C2 Education group. The SG will initiate discussions with the partner organizations in order to specify more clearly what each partner can expect to contribute to and receive from C2.

Next SG meeting. The next meeting of SG was tentatively set for 8-10 November 2007 in Copenhagen.

Next colloquium. The 2008 C2 Colloquium will be in Vancouver, Canada, 12-14 May 2008. The Scientific Committee (SC), responsible for the content of the program, will include Terri Piggott (as co-chair) and a representative from the Canadian coalition (U of Toronto, York University, CanKnow, and others).