

1. INTRODUCTIONS

- a. **Jeremy welcomed three new participants in the call:**
 - i. **Ivan Florez from Colombia, who is the head of the AGREE Collaboration and co-chair of COVID-END's Recommending working group (but who cannot normally join the partner's call because of its timing)**
 - ii. **Yasser Amer from Saudi Arabia, who has been conducting research on the quality of the first wave of COVID-19-related guidance**
 - iii. **George Wells from Canada, who is replacing Andrea Tricco on the partner calls**

2. REVIEW OF COVID-END ACTION ITEMS AND BACKGROUND DOCUMENTS

- a. **Jeremy pointed partners to the partner notes from August 20th (see attachment 2) and the co-chairs meeting notes from September 8th (see attachment 3)**

3. COVID-END NETWORK UPDATES

- a. **John and Jeremy provided a debrief about:**
 - i. **the horizon-scanning panel held on August 26th, and they encouraged partners to review the inputs to and most importantly the outputs from the panel (see attachments 4, 5 & 6)**
 - ii. **the last WHO ECC-19 webinar, and they noted that there appears to be a groundswell of interest in supporting a pivot from sprint to marathon in the evidence response to COVID-19**
Ruth McQuillan asked about the mechanics of how we will operationalize the call to action to address gaps in living evidence syntheses emerging from the combination of the priorities emerging from the global horizon-scanning panel and the existing stock of 'best evidence syntheses' represented in the COVID-END inventory, and Jeremy and John noted that we need to additional thinking about this and bring back our thoughts to the partners for discussion (and Ruth volunteered to contribute to the thinking)
Per Vandvik noted that a critical question is what role COVID-END should play in orchestrating/governing and supporting all the actors involved in the COVID-19 evidence response and stressed the importance of contextualizing this role in an evidence ecosystem model (and he pointed partners to a recent paper by WHO, MAGIC and BMJ folks: <https://blogs.bmj.com/bmj/2020/09/04/trustworthy-and-living-guidance-for-covid-19-time-to-join-forces-in-the-evidence-ecosystem/> and also volunteered to contribute to the thinking)

ACTION: COVID-END Secretariat to engage Ruth, Per and others in conversation about a draft proposal for how COVID-END can support the creation of a global stock of living evidence syntheses that address all of the key recurring and emergent issues related to COVID-END, and then bring the draft proposal to a partners meeting for discussion

- b. Jeremy introduced the issue of how to efficiently handle COVID-END publications, including a first draft of group authorship guidelines and a first example of a proposed COVID-END 'group' publication (for the Cochrane Library)**
 - i. Per noted a 'red flag' on the manuscript, namely the missing link to guidance and suggested, and suggested adding a sentence or two to highlight the connection between evidence synthesis efforts and trustworthy guidance (HTA, clinical practice guidelines, and public health guidelines)**
 - ii. Jerry Osheroff agreed and suggested also mentioning guidance adaptation and implementation as examples of key steps downstream from evidence synthesis**
 - iii. ACTION: Jeremy to draft an email with a structured set of questions about the draft**

5. NEWS AND INITIATIVES OF INTEREST TO PARTNERS

- a. *Epistemonikos is collaborating with a team of journalists across Latin America to create a user-friendly and interactive online dashboard describing available treatment options for COVID-19. Currently available in Spanish ([link](#)), will be translated into English in coming weeks.***

6. ANY OTHER BUSINESS

- a. *No other business***