Digitizing Working Group
Notes from Webex call on 5 June 2020
https://mcmaster.webex.com/meet/rise

Participating in call:
Alfonso Iorio
Brian Alper
David Tovey
Gabriel Rada
Gunn Vist
Jerome Osheroff
Kaelen Moat
Linn Brandt
Tamarra Navarro

Secretariat: Anna Dion, David Tovey, Safa Al-Khateeb

---

1. DISCUSSION OF SOLUTIONS FOR WORKING GROUPS

Digitizing WG Google document:
https://docs.google.com/document/d/1kiSwBeUzcMJFhOcyYFfXUuo2x3Gx QFWXplvcd__mKgU/edit#

"Improve my RIS file" service Google document:
https://docs.google.com/document/d/1t2vtgVs4IwcJ2-zc8SypQN7OKldV_qK9iuJ_UVK7WJY/edit

- *Alfonso shared "Improve my RIS file" mock-up as extension of existing McMaster PLUS. RIS page provides return set according to McMasterPLUS categories with identifier and by quality criteria, with the possibility of sharing all meta-data to accompany returned set. Can also paste PubMed ID or load CSV file.*
  - *Should work to agree on a standardized RIS file (as common fields, with options for user-defined fields) and agree on how we call the evidence pieces we are interested in*
- *Gabriel shared mock-up embedded within Epistemonikos repository*
  - *Developed with two use cases in mind: one to compare across repositories, other to check added coverage provided by additional repository*
  - *Integrated within COVID-19 L*VE platform, which has additional organizational layers and filters for coronavirus.*
  - *Using "compare" toggle returns coverage results by study type providing feedback about what reviewers are missing across specific parts of the platform and then export those that are not in RIS file*
  - *Possible to expose all meta-data regularly captured and user selects what to download or implement eventual standard*

- *COKA FIHR standard working at the level of data exchange. Working through a PMID-DOI-citation combination, de-duplicates by ID, but can also assign a COKA ID to support cross-repository communication*
- *Sharing evidence classifiers (while not forcing same definition), but being able to see across sets and how evidence products are classified*
- *Evidence report specification (show all content end to end; LSR; FAIR data representations from on-going RCTs*
- *Possible to extend capture to also include non-published evidence products (e.g. rapid reviews) by capturing adjacent data. COKA has extensive structure to capture and code information that doesn't fit into journal publication needs (incl over 8000 styles of citations). Many are not required but can be tailored to capture most available information.*
- *If there was a shared definition and codeable identifiers, could add this to the code collections*
- *Working group requested time at next week's partners meeting to present challenge and potential solutions, both immediate and where it could lead to in a longer term*
- *Presentation will need to be relatively short and using clear language*

ACTION: Secretariat to confirm protected time for Digitizing group at the June 11th partners meeting

ACTION: Working group members to meet before then to prepare and finalize presentation