

## Covering Costs of Editorial Functions

CEE is a not-for-profit organisation but we have to cover the costs of our core activities that enable the collaboration to function. Our policy is to provide a CEE library of systematic reviews as an open access resource for the whole environmental sector. As a consequence we do not receive any income from subscriptions. The services provided in processing a systematic review carry a significant commitment in staff time and we need to maintain a professional editorial team and office that receives and processes submissions in a rigorous and timely manner.

We therefore ask all Review Teams undertaking systematic reviews to further contribute to the Collaboration by including the costs of the processing of their systematic review in their application when requesting funding or negotiating contracts.

For 2010, the publication cost that we need to cover is

US\$ 1500 or Euro € 1160 or GBP £ 975 per systematic review.

This is split between 500 US\$ (1/3<sup>rd</sup> of the total sum whatever currency is chosen above) on posting of the finalised protocol and 1000 US\$ (2/3<sup>rd</sup> of the sum) on posting the finalised review.

We do not make a mandatory charge to cover these costs at this time and the Review Team may write to the Editor and request an exemption from the charges stating the financial grounds for the request. We understand that obtaining such financial support will not be possible in all cases and we will not discriminate on the grounds of ability to pay. Charges may be waived upon request for authors in developing countries listed by Online Access to Research in the Environment initiative (OARE; see <http://www.oaresciences.org/eligibility/en/index.html>).