

EMWA News

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Recipient of the Nick Thompson Fellowship Award 2022: Raquel Billiones

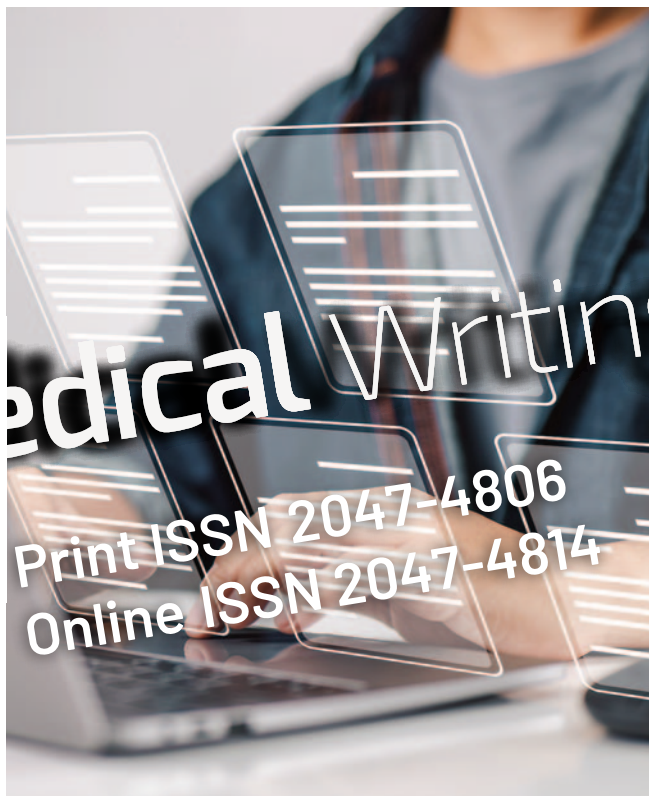
The **Nick Thompson Fellowship Award** recognises service to EMWA above and beyond the standard responsibilities of membership or elected office.

It is a pleasure to recognise a 16-year member and current MEW editor-in-chief **Raquel Billiones**, as one who has contributed to the evolution of EMWA in many ways since becoming a member in 2006. She has worn many different hats, including co-founder and co-chair of the Medical Device Special Interest Group, which led to establishing the medical device education track. Medical device training has become an integral part of EMWA's curriculum and nearly all workshops are fully booked, demonstrating the recognition of the value of training in this discipline.

Raquel marshals her energy and dedication to embody the very spirit of the Nick Thompson Fellowship, and it is with great pleasure that we welcome Raquel to the Band of Fellows.



Art Gertel presents Raquel Billiones the Nick Thompson Fellowship Award at the Berlin EMWA Conference in May



EMWA's official publication Medical Writing goes fully OPEN ACCESS in 2022!

All content, from full feature articles to contributions in the regular sections are now publicly accessible. Check out <https://journal.emwa.org/>



Save the date!



Freelance Business Group subcommittee: come join the team!

The Freelance Business Group (FBG) focuses on all things freelance. We have a subcommittee of 5 people and are looking for new volunteers. We have several new initiatives that we want to push forward this year and seek proactive freelancers who can dedicate some time every month to these projects. If you are a freelancer, enthusiastic about volunteering for EMWA, and have some time to spare, please contact FBG chair **Laura A. Kehoe** at freelance@emwa.org

Ambassadors Programme News

The EMWA Ambassadors Programme is continuing its efforts to reach out to new audiences to promote medical writing and EMWA.

On June 11, **Sally Hill** introduced medical writing and EMWA to a group of 18 translators, interpreters, editors, and copywriters in Utrecht. These language experts attended a workshop organised by SENSE, the Society of English-language professionals in the Netherlands. The SENSE Medical Special Interest Group organised the full-day workshop on medical translation, medical editing, and writing. Some attendees were old hands, while others were at the early stages of their careers. Several expressed an interest in EMWA, and one medical editor based in Germany has already become an EMWA member!

In October 2022, **Beatrix Doerr** will present an online webinar in German to young scientists who are members of the German Association for Medical Informatics, Biometry and Epidemiology (GMDS). The topic and date of the webinar will be announced.

If you are an experienced medical writer and EMWA volunteer and are interested in becoming an EMWA Ambassador or know of any upcoming career events in your locality, please contact **Abe Shevack** (aspscientist@gmail.com).



The 54th EMWA Conference: Riga (November 3–5, 2022)

The EMWA spring and autumn conferences provide a medium for networking, active discussions, and extensive, cost-effective professional training. It is also an opportunity to benefit from the experiences of other medical writers.

The venues, facilities, and training programmes offer the best possible learning environment. In addition to the

formal training sessions, a relaxed, friendly conference atmosphere provides for ideal networking opportunities and enables all those attending to meet medical writers and communicators at all stages in their careers.

Registration for this event is due to open in September 2022.