

## President's Message



### Dear EMWA Members

The Malmö conference in November was a great success with thanks going to the workshop leaders as well as the organisers including Head Office – and YOU; it was very good to see so many of you there.

Preparations are now well under way for the next meeting, a landmark for EMWA – its 50th conference, which will be May 5–9, 2020 – and an amazing achievement, especially remembering the small beginnings: see <https://www.emwa.org/about-us/about-emwa/history-of-emwa-1992-2008/>.

If you have any photographs or memorabilia from previous conferences, please do scan and send them; next year, we'll be sharing some of the highlights over the last 28 years, from the first meeting in February 1992 to date.

Just a short message from me this time but a reminder: If you would like to be more involved with EMWA and can spare a little time, we are always looking for more volunteers. Keep an eye on *EMWA News* on the website and the monthly *Newsblast* email for updates and opportunities. All offers of help are welcomed.

Wishing you a lovely Christmas, whatever you do and however you mark this time of year, and a happy, healthy and successful year ahead.

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## EMWA News



### Joint Position Statement on Predatory Publishing translated into Italian

The American Medical Writers Association (AMWA), the European Medical Writers Association (EMWA), and the International Society for Medical Publication Professionals (ISMPP) recognise the challenges to scientific publishing being posed by predatory journals and their publishers, which employ practices undermining the quality, integrity and reliability of published scientific research. The joint position statement complements several other sets of guidelines that have helped define the characteristics of a predatory journal.

By joining with AMWA and ISMPP in both developing and publicising the Joint Position Statement on predatory journals, EMWA is providing a valuable service to publication professionals around the world by enabling them to more easily read, understand, and apply

the principles of this JPS.

In order to raise awareness among non-English speakers about the responsibilities of medical writers and publication professionals concerning this significant issue, EMWA has initiated the translation of this statement into European languages. We are proud to announce the posting of the first JPS translation into Italian by Andrea Rossi and reviewed by Tiziana von Bruchhausen. The translation is available at: <https://www.emwa.org/about-us/position-statements/joint-position-statement-on-predatory-publishing/italiano/>.

We are currently looking for translators. If you would like to volunteer please contact Abe Shevack (asp scientist@gmail.com) or the EMWA Head Office (info@emwa.org).



## Webinar on EMWA conferences now online for everyone

EMWA conferences offer a wide range of worthwhile activities to our members – both those new to the profession and experienced medical writers. On the one hand, the training workshops, seminars and sessions on medical

writing and current “hot topics”; on the other hand, networking and socialising opportunities with colleagues from all over Europe.

“Oh Vienna!” Impressions of first EMWA conference” is a video now online at

<https://youtu.be/iQywvmuyAgs>.

The video shows EMWA delegates as they share their impressions from the Spring 2019 conference in Vienna.

## Report on the Freelancer Business Forum in Vienna is online

EMWA members should log in and go to the Freelance Resource Centre (<https://www.emwa.org/freelance/freelance-resource-centre-1/>) to read about changes to the committee, the invited speaker and the results of the eight lively table discussions.

Table discussion topics included:

1. Additional Training Required to Run a Freelance Business
2. Value in Attending EMWA Conferences and FBF Event
3. Working With Clients Outside Your Country/Continent
4. Price Wars: Competing with Non-European Writing Hubs
5. Personal Liability Insurance: Do You Really Need It?
6. Managing Downtime Between Projects
7. Developing and Delivering Writing in Newer and More Specialised Areas
8. Getting Started in Freelance Regulatory Writing

