

## Career guide for new medical writers

The Getting into Medical Writing (GIMW) group is delighted to announce the recent publication of the updated **Career Guide for New Medical Writers**, which you can access here: <https://www.emwa.org/about-us/getting-into-medical-writing/career-guide-for-new-medical-writers/>

If you are new to medical writing, this guide is a useful resource that will help you take your first steps on this rewarding career path.

If you have comments or suggestions, we would love to hear from you. You can email us at [gettingintoMW@emwa.org](mailto:gettingintoMW@emwa.org).



## Creating a national network in Italy

The first meeting of Italian Medical Writers was held at the Mario Negri Institute on March 6, 2023. The meeting was organised by **Andrea Rossi** (EMWA Ambassador and Past President), **Johanna Chester** (EMWA EPDC member), and **Laura Collada Ali** (EMWA Co-Education Officer) to facilitate the exchange of experience among local professionals and create a national network.

The event hosted over 50 attendees. Most were Italian native speakers, and over 75% had a scientific degree. Over a third were self-employed, and a third were employed in a business environment. A small percentage were business owners, translators, or newcomers interested in starting a career in medical writing.

Johanna and Andrea prepared presentations for the morning session. They included: an introduction to medical writing; the benefits of joining EMWA; professional use of social media; and future challenges for medical writers.

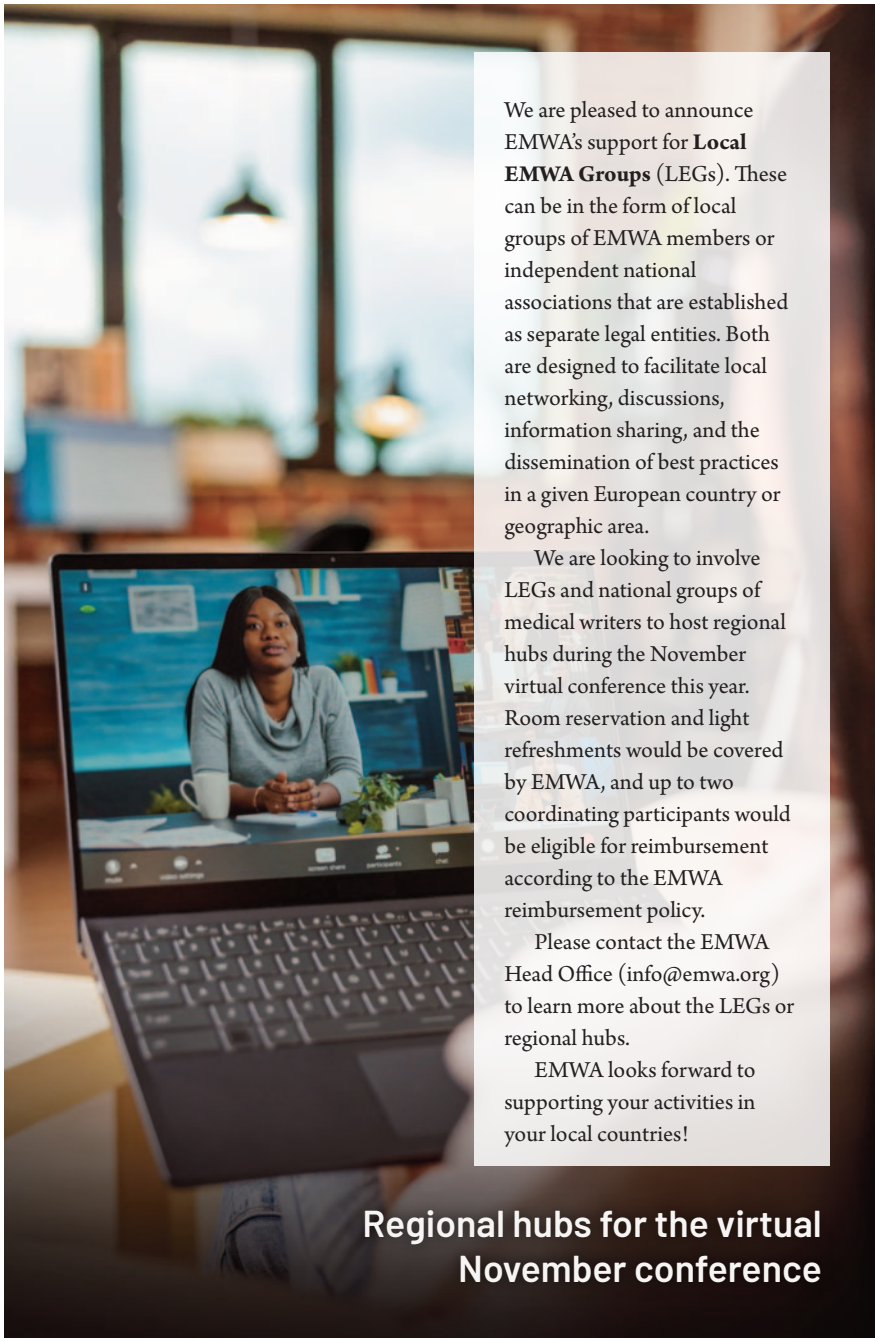
The afternoon offered a change of pace. Laura managed interactive discussions around critical issues of national

and international interest for medical writers, encouraging brainstorming and contributions based on personal perspectives and experiences. The exchanges were dynamic and animated.

The group concurred that a consensus of the medical writing profession in Italy is essential for the definition of a national framework. They created a private LinkedIn group, “Professionisti della Comunicazione Scientifica e Medical Writers Italiani”, and are also looking forward to working with EMWA on developing an Italian Local EMWA Group (LEG). They are actively preparing a second meeting to be held in conjunction with the virtual opening of the Autumn EMWA Conference in November.

If you are living or working in Italy, or are an Italian living abroad, and are interested in joining this group, please contact them at [medicalwritersitaly@gmail.com](mailto:medicalwritersitaly@gmail.com).

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We are pleased to announce EMWA's support for **Local EMWA Groups (LEGs)**. These can be in the form of local groups of EMWA members or independent national associations that are established as separate legal entities. Both are designed to facilitate local networking, discussions, information sharing, and the dissemination of best practices in a given European country or geographic area.

We are looking to involve LEGs and national groups of medical writers to host regional hubs during the November virtual conference this year. Room reservation and light refreshments would be covered by EMWA, and up to two coordinating participants would be eligible for reimbursement according to the EMWA reimbursement policy.

Please contact the EMWA Head Office ([info@emwa.org](mailto:info@emwa.org)) to learn more about the LEGs or regional hubs.

EMWA looks forward to supporting your activities in your local countries!

## Regional hubs for the virtual November conference

## EMWA Ambassador Programme news

The EMWA Ambassador Programme is continuing its efforts to reach out to new audiences to promote medical writing and EMWA and has supported the following events:

On May 10, at the EMWA Spring Conference in Prague, the Ambassadors held a lunchtime meeting to discuss the current status and plans. The meeting was attended by Andrea Rossi, Evguenia Alechine, Ricardo Milho, Arunon Sivananthan, Nadia Grewal, and Maria Koltowska-Hägström. The group is currently in the process of organising a standing committee to coordinate future events.

On June 22–23, **Andrea Rossi** presented on careers in medical writing at the University of Florence. He then followed up with a presentation at the university career day on July 4–5.

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 ([asp scientist@gmail.com](mailto:asp scientist@gmail.com)).

## EMWA Professional Development Committee update

The EMWA Professional Development Committee (EPDC) has two new members: **Sergey Sulima** and **Johanna Chester**, who will take the place of outgoing members **Sarah Tilly** (President-elect) and **Raquel Billiones** (Journal Editor-in-Chief). We warmly welcome our new EPDC members and thank our outgoing members for their work.

To learn more about the EPDC activities, please check EMWA's education page: <https://www.emwa.org/education/the-epdp-programme/>

## Erratum:

### Abstracts from the EMWA Spring Conference Poster Session

In the June 2023 issue of *Medical Writing*, the author list for one of the conference posters was incorrect. The online version has been corrected. The correct authors for the poster "A case study of whether ChatGPT can produce abstracts that meet CONSORT for Abstracts requirements" (Poster 10) are:

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