



Recommendations for setting up a Special Interest Group (SIG)

EMWA Special Interest Groups (SIGs) are focus groups comprising EMWA members with a common interest who want to meet, discuss, and share information and best practices in their respective areas.

Such groups allow EMWA and its members to contribute to important conversations around topics that will impact medical writing in the future. EMWA SIGs are open to all EMWA members, and any EMWA member may propose and start a new SIG. The proposal to start a SIG should be sent via EMWA Head Office (info@emwa.org) to EMWA's Executive Committee for review and approval.

Please follow the recommendations for setting up a SIG described in this document: <https://emwa.org/media/4629/sig-guide.pdf>

EMWA Ambassador Programme News

On Nov. 10, **Ricardo Milho** (EMWA Sponsorship Officer), **Sarah Choudhury** (EMWA Treasurer), and **Arunon Sivananthan** (EMWA member) (shown in the picture above) represented EMWA at the NetworkPharma Medcomms Career Event (“Working in and around #MedComms”) that took place at the Radisson Hotel & Conference Centre in London Heathrow.

The event was well attended, with around 500 participants, including employers from Medcomms and Regulatory Writing agencies and newcomers with diverse backgrounds interested in starting a career in Medical Writing.

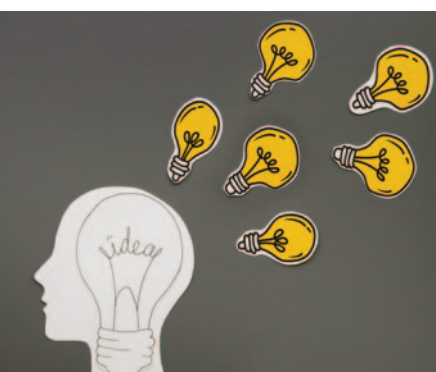
Sarah, Ricardo, and Arunon staffed an exhibitor table at the event and were extremely busy answering many questions about training for medical writers and the

benefits of joining EMWA. They demonstrated the resources on the EMWA website and provided promotional information and copies of the EMWA journal *Medical Writing*.

Sarah also hosted a discussion panel in the afternoon entitled “Meet the Regulatory Writers”, with 3 other writers from Regulatory Writing agencies who shared their career journeys and talked about what it is like to work in regulatory writing. Overall, it was a very successful day, and we look forward to further collaborations with **Peter Llewellyn** and NetworkPharma.

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

Entrepreneurship Special Interest Group



The Entrepreneurship Special Interest Group (#EMWAEPSIG) intends to support EMWA members looking to expand their business.

The aim is to create a network of members who have taken the next step from working solo to running a company, whatever the business model. The intention is to create a professional space where members can access business advice and learn from the experiences of others at varying stages of their business development journey. Each member's contribution to the group's activities is valuable and unique. The

EPSIG met on Thursday, December 1, 2022, to discuss the group's agenda for the next and future meetings. It was agreed to hold meetings on the last Wednesday of each quarter (1–2 pm UK time) in 2023.

Meeting dates:

- Wednesday, March 29, 2023
- Wednesday, June 28, 2023
- Wednesday, September 27, 2023
- Wednesday, December 20, 2023

EMWA Membership Hardship Fund

Would you like to remain or become an EMWA member again but cannot because of financial difficulties and challenging times? If so, EMWA would like to provide some assistance.



To be considered, you must be an existing or past EMWA member. There is no limit to the number of applications. With support from the EMWA Executive Committee (EC), the Treasurer will review each application and judge them on a case-by-case basis. We ask you to tell us a little about yourself through these questions:

- What are your career aspirations? (300-word limit)
- What are your plans for any future EMWA involvement? (300-word limit)
- Why do you need this fee waiver? (300-word limit)

In return, we ask you to make whatever monetary contribution you are able – and the rest EMWA will cover. If you cannot make any contribution at all, EMWA will not discriminate.

If you qualify, we will then review your case yearly. Hopefully, your situation will change; otherwise, we will consider supporting you through EMWA's hardship fund for a maximum of 3 consecutive years.

Details of anyone who qualifies will be kept strictly confidential by EMWA's Head Office.

This organisation's policy is to provide equal opportunities regardless of race, colour, religion, national origin, gender, sexual preference, age, or disability. EMWA, as a UN SDG partner organisation, aims to ensure inclusive and equitable quality education and promotes lifelong learning opportunities for all (UN SDG 4; <https://sdgs.un.org/goals/goal4>)

Please contact info@emwa.org and ec@emwa.org to apply.

EMWA volunteers

EMWA volunteers help to further the development of your association.

You can get involved in a very limited way or become part of a larger project. The choice is yours, and everyone shares in the benefits.

- Help promote the role of medical writers and strengthen our association.
- Help to raise the standards of your field.
- Increase your visibility and communication opportunities with other medical writing members.
- Add some prestige to your CV while participating in exciting activities.
- Improve your knowledge of medical writing and related topics.

If you are a member of EMWA and eager to support ongoing initiatives, please check the following page:

<https://www.emwa.org/about-us/emwa-volunteers/>

Alternatively, contact the Public Relations officer (pr@emwa.org) to discuss other opportunities available.

EMWA Podcasts to be launched soon

EMWA will commence in 2023 with another outreach programme added to our menu – EMWA Podcasts.

The EMWA Podcasts programme is designed for a broad range of individuals, from those who are yet to begin a career in medical writing to those interested in staying informed on cutting-edge topics in medical writing or regulatory affairs.

With the goal of expanding the EMWA Podcasts programme, we are looking for volunteers to join the Podcasts team. If you are an EMWA member interested in joining the team, please email info@emwa.org.

