President’s Message

Dear EMWA Members,

Our Munich 2016 Spring conference was a great success that showcased a mature association leading on important topical issues. EMWA’s outward-looking perspective developed over the past couple of years is the focus of my final President’s Message.

EMWA has set new standards with the publication of the CORE Reference (Clarity and Openness in Reporting: E3-based) – the outcome of a 2-year enterprise. This open-access resource to support authoring of clinical study reports for interventional studies can be downloaded from: http://www.core-reference.org. In addition, EMWA’s involvement in 2016 with external protocol template initiatives has come about because we are now a recognised and respected industry player.

Two Special Interest Groups (SIGs) – the Pharmacovigilance (PV) SIG and Regulatory Public Disclosure (RPD) SIG – allow experienced members to engage in important ‘conversations’ in developing areas with external industry counterparts and regulators. Stay updated through the dedicated EMWA web pages.

The Expert Seminar Series (ESS) provides experienced and senior professionals with an in-depth perspective on cutting-edge topics. ESS has the effect of returning experienced members to conferences and thereby encouraging cross-fertilisation of ideas that benefit all members.

EMWA’s influence and reach are increasing as a direct result of these, and other, initiatives. Your voluntary efforts have contributed to the success that we all share.

In Munich, I stepped down as President and handed over to Alison Rapley. Welcome to the new Executive Committee members, Abraham Shevak, Vice President and Marian Hodges, Education Officer. Good luck to the new EC and you, as together you shape the EMWA of the future.

Finally, “thank you for having me”, to all of you, and especially to my wonderful and highly professional EC colleagues who have supported, challenged and accepted this (sometimes) outspoken Yorkshire woman with smiling good grace and the gift of friendship.

Best wishes,

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