



Spanish translation of the Joint Position Statement on Medical Publications, Preprints, and Peer Review

We are proud to announce the posting of our first translation of the Joint Position Statement into Spanish by Almudena Pardo Mateos and reviewed by Sabrina Silano.

Read the Spanish translation on the EMWA website:
<https://www.emwa.org/about-us/position-statements/amwa-emwa-ismpp-joint-position-statement-on-medical-publications-preprints-and-peer-review/spanish/>.

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



First face-to-face meet-up of the Swiss Medical Writers and Communicators Group

Finally, our first meet-up took place on Saturday, August 21, 2021, in Bern, Switzerland. It was a gathering of people from different demographics but who share a common passion for health communications. Of the 12 attendees – a majority already EMWA members but some non-EMWA members too – three were freelance, and four were exploring a transition into the field. We had three attendees who got their first break at the EMWA Vienna conference in 2019, which was key in their medical writing career path. One attendee transitioned from academia to medical writing after hearing a talk by an EMWA ambassador. The experience and interests of the attendees include medical comms, editing, pharmacovigilance, regulatory writing, and consultancy. The medical technology sector was especially well-represented with four attendees working fully in the medical device sector. The meet-up was slightly dominated by female attendees, but we have been assured by the men in our group that they will be at the next one. We hope to continue this success and plan more meet-ups in the near future. We hope you will join us next time! You can find the group on Swiss Medical Writers & Communicators | Groups | LinkedIn.

Raquel Billiones and Laura Kehoe

EMWA on Facebook

We periodically review our communication activities with the membership. In light of a changing social media landscape, we have decided to disable the EMWA Facebook group. The page will be deleted soon. Many thanks to those of you who did contribute to EMWA on Facebook over the years.

Our main social media channel is the EMWA LinkedIn Group:
<https://www.linkedin.com/groups/2717752/>.

We are looking forward to your continued contributions on LinkedIn and our other social media channels.

EPDP badges – have you got yours already?

Have you gained a foundation or advanced certificate at EMWA and want to prominently display it as an electronic certificate on LinkedIn, your website, and emails?

Then contact EMWA Head Office at info@emwa.org.



Plans for the November 2021 EMWA conference

Sadly, we have concluded that we will not be able to run the conference in Cascais, Portugal, in November. Our priority has to be our members' health and safety. We made this decision in light of the continuing uncertainty about the COVID-19 situation, which makes it difficult for speakers, workshop leaders, and delegates to commit to travelling to Cascais, and the tight restrictions on activities set by the venue.

This is very disappointing because we know many of you were very much looking forward to meeting other EMWA members face-to-face. HOWEVER, for November, we are planning an exciting new concept, a *hybrid conference*.

For the preliminary plan, please refer to this link:
<https://www.emwa.org/news/plans-for-the-november-2021-emwa-conference/>.



The latest recipient of the Nick Thompson Fellowship Award

The Nick Thompson Fellowship Award is a recognition of service to EMWA above and beyond the regular responsibilities of the membership or elected offices. It confers lifetime free EMWA membership on the elected fellows. Fellow 2021 is **Phil Leventhal** for his outstanding contribution to *Medical Writing* as Editor-in-Chief from 2011 to 2020; we are honoured to award Phil the Nick Thompson Fellowship Award and name him Editor Emeritus of the journal.

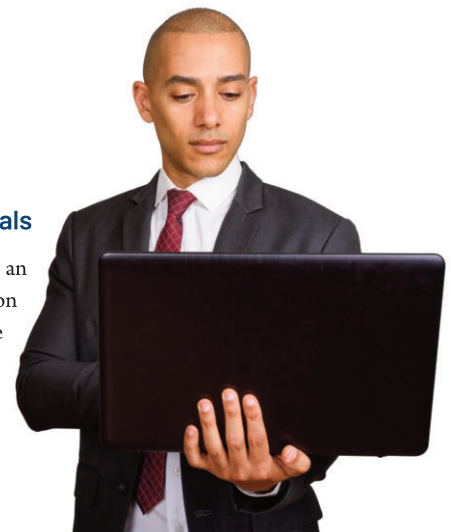
Congratulations workshop leaders!

Congratulations to **Thomas Schindler** and **Uma Swaminathan**, who have each presented 20 EMWA workshops, and to **Raquel Billiones** and **Sarah Tilly**, who have now run 10 workshops each.

EMWA web editorials

As the name suggests, a web editorial is an opinion piece published online that touches on a topic related to medical writing. It may be serious or light, descriptive or opinion-led.

Explore our latest web editorials:
<https://www.emwa.org/about-us/emwa-news/web-editorial/>



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EMWA's contribution to sustainability

As you most likely already know, EMWA has turned its attention to sustainability in recent years. The recent founding of the Sustainability SIG is evidence of this:
<https://www.emwa.org/sigs/sustainability-sig/>.

These days, there are many companies assisting associations like ours to play our part. One such company is **I Plant A Tree**. Their website contains league tables, and EMWA is currently ranked 6th in the NGO sector. We hope to plant more trees and climb even higher up the table.