



## Executive Committee election 2022

We are excited to announce that the results are in, and you have elected your new Executive Committee members! We value your support. Huge congratulations to the new EC members!

- **Maria Kołtowska-Häggström** – Vice President
- **Slávka Baróniková** – Conference Director
- **Laura C Collada Ali** and **Jules Kovacevic** – Education Officer (job share)

We are happy to inform you that **Allison Kirsop** is our new Website Manager (the Website Manager and the EMWA Journal Editor are both appointed positions and are members of the Executive Committee). Welcome, Allison!



Carola Krause and  
Jocelyne Basseal

## EMWA to participate in developing document standards for medical devices

In late 2021 an expert group was set up in the UK to create a horizontal standard for clinical evaluation. The group includes representatives from a regulatory authority, a notified body, EMWA, a trade association, and from some medical device manufacturers and consultancies. It is intended that the draft standard will be developed into an ISO standard on clinical evaluation of medical devices by an ISO working group. It is not yet known when this standard will be available, but it is eagerly awaited by those working in medical devices.

– Gillian Pritchard

## The beginning: EMWA & AMWA (Australasian Medical Writers Association)

Outgoing EMWA President **Carola Krause** met her **AMWA** counterpart **Jocelyne Basseal** in Sydney on April 22, 2022 – as an initial step to strengthen our partnership. This co-operation will create opportunities for education and future global position statements benefitting the medical writing community and the members of both associations.

We congratulate AMWA on its 40th anniversary and look ahead to a fruitful alliance!

### Did you know?

Existing EMWA members can receive a 10% discount off their next year's EMWA subscription for referring a new member to EMWA.

For more information, please contact Head Office at [info@emwa.org](mailto:info@emwa.org).

## ONE YEAR MEMBERSHIP

### Gift Card



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### Membership gift card

You can now offer a 1-year membership gift card to a friend! For more information, email [info@emwa.org](mailto:info@emwa.org).



### EMWA Membership Hardship Fund

Would you like to remain or become an EMWA member again but are unable to because of financial difficulties and facing tough times?

If so, EMWA would like to provide you with some assistance.

To be considered, you must be an existing or past EMWA member. There is no limit to the number of applications; the Treasurer, with support from the EMWA Executive Committee (EC), will review them. Each application is judged on a case-by-case basis. We request 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 can – and the rest, EMWA will cover. If you cannot contribute at all, EMWA will not discriminate.

If you qualify, we will then review your case again every year. 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. Please email for further information or apply at [info@emwa.org](mailto:info@emwa.org).

### EMWA Finance Committee and the Salary & Compensation Survey Team: We need you!

We need volunteers! Come and join the EMWA **Finance Committee**\*! If you have a head for figures and budgets and can help to ensure that EMWA's membership funds are well spent, please apply!

The Finance Committee currently has 6 existing members, including the Treasurer and the Honorary Secretary. Email updates are sent quarterly, and we meet (virtually) on an ad-hoc basis (depending on need and availability). We need more volunteers!

The **Salary & Compensation Survey Team** meets and conducts the **EMWA Salary Survey** every 4 to 5 years for the EMWA members to help track the current compensation trends for medical writers. The aim is to present updates to EMWA members at EMWA conferences and ultimately prepare for publication in *Medical Writing*.

We are a not-for-profit organisation, run by its members and for its members. Your support would be much appreciated. Depending on the level of involvement, volunteers may qualify under the volunteer reimbursement policy.

Please email [treasurer@emwa.org](mailto:treasurer@emwa.org) and/or [salaryandcompensationsurvey@emwa.org](mailto:salaryandcompensationsurvey@emwa.org) for further information, or apply at [info@emwa.org](mailto:info@emwa.org). *\*The Finance Committee and the Salary and Compensation Survey Team are headed up by the Treasurer, and EMWA finances are overseen by Head Office's accountancy department.*



### Ambassadors Programme News

The EMWA Ambassador Programme is continuing its efforts to reach out to new audiences to promote medical writing and EMWA.

**Anne McDonough** gave a virtual presentation on careers in medical writing combined with a workshop on improving writing skills at University College London Life Sciences Careers Week on March 10, 2022. Altogether there were 59 online participants who had many interesting questions on how to get experience in medical writing and writing publications.

On March 22, 2022, outgoing EMWA President **Carola Krause** gave a presentation on writing the Investigational Medicinal Product

Dossier (IMPD) to an audience of researchers at the **SPARK-BIH Educational Forum**. The SPARK-BIH programme is designed to teach academic scholars the principles of Drug, Device & Diagnostic Development, focusing on topics relevant to translational medicine. Carola was joined by **Abe Shevack**, who introduced the audience to medical writing and EMWA.

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 ([aspscientist@gmail.com](mailto:aspscientist@gmail.com)).