



EMWA supports collective editorial calling for emergency action to limit global temperature increases, stop the destruction of nature, and protect health

In September 2021, the editors-in-chief of over 200 biomedical and scientific journals from all geographic regions issued a call for Emergency Action to Limit Global Temperature Increases, Restore Biodiversity, and Protect Health.¹ This editorial was published simultaneously in several international journals, including the *New England Journal of Medicine*, *Lancet*, *BMJ*, and *PLoS*.

The EMWA journal *Medical Writing*, with the endorsement of the EMWA Executive Committee and the support of the Sustainability SIG (SUS-SIG), has declared full support for this collective and concerted editorial.²

The call for action is for everyone, but the editorial focuses particularly on what needs to be done by countries, world leaders and health professionals. For more information about EMWA's sustainability initiatives, contact sussig@emwa.org.

Reference

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Open Pharma collaboration calls for plain language summaries of peer-reviewed medical journal articles

Open Pharma is a multi-sponsor collaboration of pharmaceutical companies, publishers, patients, editors, and other stakeholders that seeks to improve the pharma publications model.

The collaboration has recently developed new recommendations for plain language summaries of peer-reviewed medical journal publications. These recommendations, published in *Current Medical Research & Opinion*, were presented by lead author Adeline Rosenberg during the 52nd Annual EMWA Conference and feature EMWA's Slávka Baróniková among the co-authors.

The recommendations outline that, as a minimum standard, plain language summaries should be “in the style of an abstract, understandable and readable, free of technical jargon, unbiased, non-promotional, peer reviewed, and easily accessed”. This, the authors state, would make engagement with medical research easier for all intended audiences, from patients, patient advocates and caregivers, to healthcare professionals and policymakers.

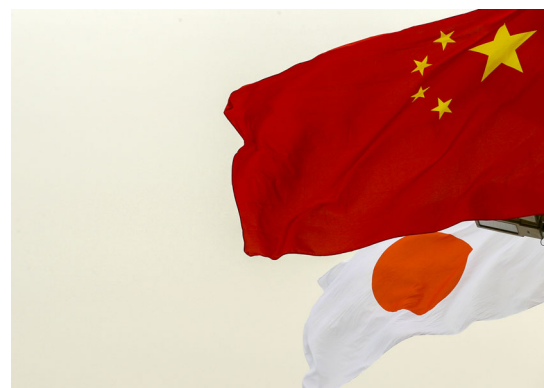
Please refer to this link for the full recommendations:
<https://www.tandfonline.com/doi/full/10.1080/03007995.2021.1971185>





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New Chinese and Japanese translations of the Joint Position Statement Advocating for Pre-Publication Review

The American Medical Writers Association (AMWA), the European Medical Writers Association (EMWA), and the International Society for Medical Publication Professionals (ISMPP) announce the availability of translations into Chinese and Japanese of their **Joint Position Statement on Medical Publications, Preprints, and Peer Review**, published in *Current Medical Research and Opinion (CMRO)* in March 2021.

The Chinese and Japanese translations of the Joint Position Statement are accessible on the ISMPP website: <https://www.ismpp.org/position-statements-and-guidances>.

We want to acknowledge the following individuals and companies for their time and effort on the two translations:

- **Chinese:** Language translation provided courtesy of **Acurit Medical Communications Pty Ltd**, with review by **Yutao (Ronnie) Lin** and **Yilin (Greta) Ge**.
- **Japanese:** Language translation provided courtesy of **ThinkSCIENCE K.K.**, with review by **Yoshiko Okamoto** of **inScience Communications** (Japan).

EMWA collaborates with the Asian Council of Science Editors (ACSE) at the 7th ACSE Annual Conference

The **Asian Council of Science Editors (ACSE)** hosted its 7th Annual Conference, themed around "Pandemic Driven Scholarly Publishing: Ways to Ensure Future Resilience and Sustainability," bringing together industry and academic experts to discuss the current status and future challenges to the Asian publishing industry.

The conference was held on August 21, 2021. More than 200 people took part in it, including speakers, moderators, panel experts, and

participants, from countries including China, Korea, Japan, Thailand, UK, USA, Greece, Egypt, Oman, Saudi Arabia, Nigeria, Pakistan, India, Iran, Australia, Malaysia, Argentina, Indonesia, and Turkey.

EMWA was one of the collaborators in this conference, together with AMWA, ISMPP, and other professional organisations. Check out more about the ACSE annual conference at <https://blog.theacse.com/2021/08/28/7th-acse-annual-conference-highlights/>.

Call for ideas for journal covers

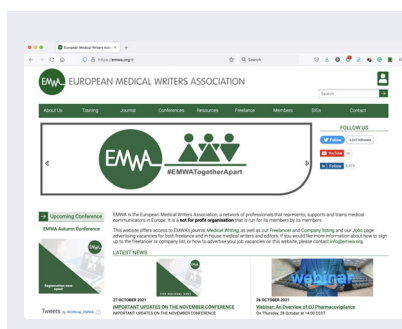
Put your creations upfront! If you are into visual communications, digital design, or photography, consider showcasing your work on the front cover of our journal. Upcoming themes include sustainability, medical devices, working from home, and open science. Please contact editor@emwa.org with your ideas.

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Have you updated your EMWA profile and preferences recently?

We have been working behind the scenes on an improved Member Directory. However, EMWA members need to actively opt-in to be listed in it. Please login to your account to opt-in. There you can also set your specific preferences for which information to show.

We will be providing more information and guides soon, but you can assist us in populating the directory by updating your preferences now.



Amsterdam

"Great to see other delegates in person! And to connect with the regional hubs in London, Potsdam, Zurich and Warsaw." – Sally Hill



London Backstage



EMWA's hybrid day

As the F2F part of the European Medical Writers Association (EMWA)'s 52nd home conference came to an end and it was time to return home, I was left with a wonderful feeling as memories from the event keep playing back in my head. How magical is human touch, to be in the presence of friends and

colleagues and to see and hear them in person? How much have we missed this salve in the last 2 years?

And so I wish to thank each and everyone who participated in planning, organising, and attending this new hybrid mode, the first in EMWA's history, showing that we can adapt,

and adapt well. Not only did we make it work but, I daresay, we made it a success. So again, a big thank you to EMWA's army of volunteers, our brilliant staff at the Head Office, the attendees at five hubs across Europe, and all those who helped make this a success.

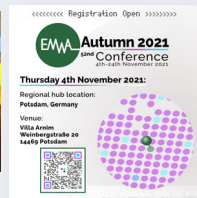
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Potsdam



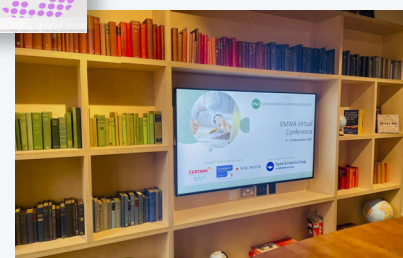
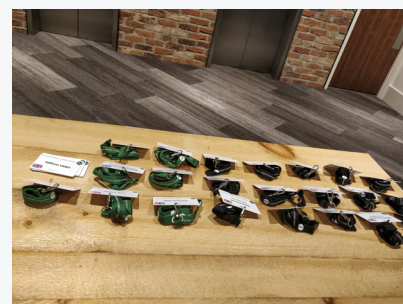
"The palatial scale of the venue was found to be directly proportional to the number of photographic opportunities."

Satyen Shenoy





London



one thing that has given us a shot in the arm, literally – the vaccine. We marvel at the power of science, which has developed vaccines enabling us to return, slowly, to normalcy. As science communicators, it would be worth our time and effort to get involved in vaccine advocacy.

Satyen Shenoy, EMWA Vice President

"I really felt part of the EMWA community. It was exciting to meet some EMWA members face-to-face and others in the hubs, while knowing we had so many others joining us virtually. In London, I was able to see all the amazing behind-the-scenes expertise that went into making it all work."

Marian Hodges



"Today was a refreshing break from our daily routine and we finally got a taste of what an EMWA F2F Conference is like. Looking forward to the next conference in Berlin."

Jhoy Benz



Zurich



"Small but perfectly formed hub."

Urzula Agnieszka



Warsaw

