

President's Message

#EMWATogetherApart

Dear colleagues, friends, and EMWA community,

We hope you all had an exciting and educational 52nd EMWA conference. On behalf of the EMWA Executive Committee, I had great pleasure in welcoming you to the first Hybrid Opening Conference Day on Thursday, Nov 4, 2021. Conference attendees, 390 in total, had the possibility to join this conference either virtually or face-to-face. Twenty-five of you joined the face-to-face conference day in London, with an opening ceremony, presentations, and, not to forget, our legendary face-to-face networking event. For those who could not travel, we streamed the opening day across Europe and beyond. Thanks to the support of several networking groups, we were able to offer in total 64 EMWA and non-EMWA members local networking events in London, Zurich, Amsterdam, Warsaw, and Potsdam. Clare Forestier, the moderator of the hybrid day, did a fantastic job of connecting us all. Together with Clare, we all

took great pleasure in welcoming our new EMWA members. We also celebrated the commitment of our 182 volunteers who organised conference sessions and several events outside the formal education programme, including the traditional Introduction to Medical Writing seminar, the Freelance Business Forum, a session on Getting Into Medical Writing, Special Interest Group (SIG) presentations, Mindfulness, and Yoga.

The EMWA Professional Development Committee prepared a comprehensive education programme, with 29 online workshops covering a broad range of topics. This year, 38 workshop leaders offered 19 foundation workshops and 10 advanced workshops. Thank you for your commitment to the professional development of our members!

The organisation of the conference would have not been possible without the support of the Head Office. A special thank you to Editors, Candi, Amy, Debra, Carrie, and Claire who have

already dedicated more than 2000 hours to EMWA this year.

We hope that this year's unique conference setup allowed you to get the most out of your EMWA experience.

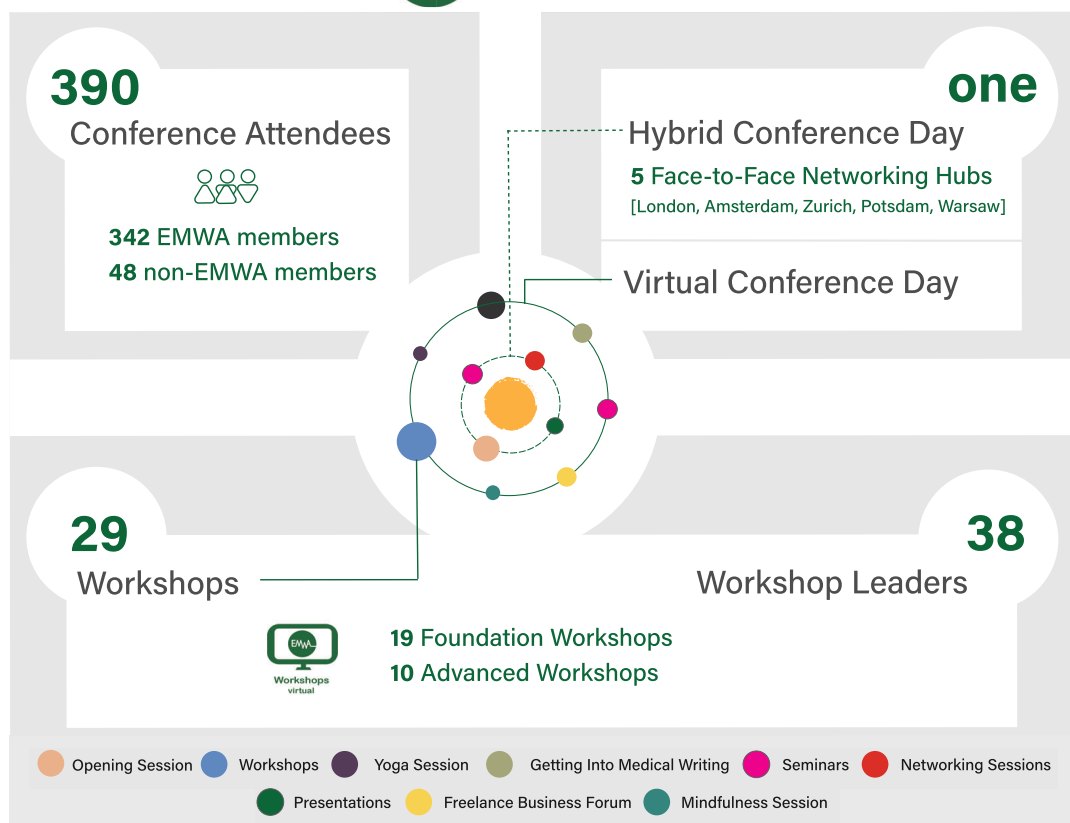
By attending this conference, you have contributed to EMWA's sustainability initiatives. For every registrant, the EMWA Sustainability SIG (#EMWASUSSIG) has pledged to donate 1€ to plant trees at <https://www.iplantatree.org>. That is approximately 100 trees planted for this conference.

We look forward to welcoming all of you to an exciting conference in Berlin in May 2022.



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SUMMARY of EMWA's 52nd CONFERENCE (2021)



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