

From the Editor



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The global reach of medical writing

To date, I have visited 65 countries on 5 continents. One of the geeky things I do when travelling is walk into a drug store or pharmacy and browse the shelves. I find it fascinating, but also comforting, to see that healthcare products are generally the same. The names and the packaging may be different, but it feels great to see “familiar faces in foreign shores.”

We are global

Medical writing as a profession has such a global reach – it doesn’t matter who or where we are, the manuscripts we write are read across the world,

and the drugs and therapies that we support for regulatory approvals benefit patients all over.

EMWA is more than just Europe. With more than 1500 members in 50 countries, we are truly a global community which covers all the continents, except Antarctica. (If there are medical writers living there, please feel free to reach out!) Despite the geographic spread, digital solutions and virtual systems bring us together.

We are diverse

Medical writers come from diverse backgrounds. As scientists, healthcare professionals, linguists,

and statisticians, somehow we all found our way into medical writing. Amidst these different baselines, we found common denominators – we love science, and we love to write and communicate.

This edition of *Medical Writing*, themed “Medical Writing Around the World”, celebrates our globality and diversity. Kudos to guest editors Asha Liju and Evguenia Alechine for putting this all together. Enjoy this trip around the medical writing world, without leaving your sofa!

