

President's Message



Dear EMWA Members,

It's autumn again and most of you will have returned from your vacations by now re-energised and ready for the year ahead. The Executive Committee has been busy planning our conference in Cascais scheduled for November 2-4. We are planning to hold 29

Foundation and Advanced level workshops, along with the Introduction to Medical Writing session, early morning yoga, and some interesting social events. Cascais will certainly provide a lovely learning environment with plenty of opportunities for networking and discussions.

You might have already noticed that our website has a new look and we have now significantly improved its response time. The website platform has enabled us to create an easily searchable freelance directory and archive of past EMWA webinars. This is a definite improvement and we would appreciate your having a look. Your feedback will be greatly appreciated by our Web Manager Diarmuid De Faoite.

In order to continually strive to provide our members with well vetted and relevant information, we will soon start sending out short EMWA News Blasts via email announcing important information on conferences, webinars, and general information of interest to our members. These will be sent out at the beginning of each month. If you have any newsworthy

items, please contact our Public Relations Officer Maria João Almeida.

Forthcoming webinars include an "Introduction to Clinical Evaluation Reports for Medical Devices", and "The Cardiovascular System." Please check the EMWA website for the dates and times of these new webinars.

We are also busy lining up topics and speakers for the next series of Expert Seminar Sessions and for the Symposium on Medical Devices scheduled for the annual meeting in Barcelona on May 1-5, 2018. Mark this date in your calendar as this is sure to be an exciting conference.

I hope you enjoy reading this issue of *Medical Writing* dedicated to Observational Studies put together by our very capable Editor-in-Chief, Phil Leventhal.

I look forward to seeing you all in Cascais. Adeus!

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A scenic photograph of a rocky coastline. The rocks are dark and jagged, with some green vegetation. The water is a vibrant blue, and the sky is a clear, light blue. The text "Save the date" is overlaid in large white letters at the top. Below it, "Cascais, Portugal 2017" is written in large white letters. Underneath that, "The 45th EMWA Conference in Cascais, Portugal will be held on 2-4 November 2017 at the Cascais Miragem Hotel." is written in orange text. At the bottom, the website URL "http://www.emwa.org/EMWA/Conferences/Future_Conferences/EMWA/Conferences/EMWA_Future_Conferences.aspx" is written in white text.

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