



EMWA Membership Hardship Fund

Would you like to remain or become an EMWA member again but cannot because of financial difficulties and challenging times? If so, EMWA would like to provide some assistance.

To be considered, you must be an existing or past EMWA member. There is no limit to the number of applications. With support from the EMWA Executive Committee (EC), the Treasurer will review each application and judge them on a case-by-case basis. We ask 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 are able to – and the rest EMWA will cover. If you cannot make any contribution at all, EMWA will not discriminate.

If you qualify, we will then review your case yearly. 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.

This organisation's policy is to provide equal opportunities without regard to race, colour, religion, national origin, gender, sexual preference, age, or disability. EMWA, as a UN Sustainable Development Goals (SDG) partner organisation, aims to ensure inclusive and equitable quality education and promotes lifelong learning opportunities for all (UN SDG 4; <https://sdgs.un.org/goals/goal4>)

Please contact info@emwa.org and ec@emwa.org to apply.



EMWA Ambassador Programme news

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

On Sept. 22, 2022, during the EMWA Getting Into Medical Writing online session organised by **Evguenia Alechine** and her team, **Abe Shevack** (past EMWA President and Ambassador Programme lead) gave a short overview of the past, present, and future activities of the programme. The session was very well attended, with over 300 participants. There were presentations on medical writing, networking, writing for the public, and EMWA.

On Oct. 10, 2022, **Beatrix Doerr** (past EMWA President) presented an online webinar on conference abstracts in German to 25 young scientists who are members of the German Association for Medical Informatics, Biometry and Epidemiology (GMDS). Bea also

demonstrated the EMWA website and the resources available to the audience, highlighting the training material provided for free. Her presentation was very well received.

On Oct. 14, 2022, **Anne McDonough** was again invited to give an online presentation on science and communication at the University of Essex, Colchester, UK. The event is called "Using Science in Your Career" and was geared toward 2nd year Life Science students. There were 40 attendees who had questions about the costs of earning an EMWA certificate, how it is to be a freelance medical writer, and about social media channels for EMWA and medical writing.

On Oct. 15, 2022, **Nessie Riley** (member of the Veterinary Special Interest Group [Vet SIG]) participated in a panel discussion on freelancing during the live (London), and online Vets: Stay, Go, Diversify (VSGD) Summit. The summit showcased the career paths available to veterinary professionals and students. Over 30 people attended live and many more online: Nessie spoke about her career path to freelancing and experience to date, the different fields of technical writing, and the EMWA educational program and conferences. The panel discussion was well received, and Nessie has already been invited to participate in the next VSGD Summit.

Abe Shevack provided a prerecorded talk on medical writing and EMWA that was posted on the EMWA exhibitor page at the VSGD conference. Several new contacts have already been made, and at least one participant has joined EMWA.

A new feature on the EMWA website

Members and non-members can now view poster abstracts from the 53rd EMWA conference. From 2022, poster abstracts from all conferences will appear on the page below, and the full posters will be available to members only:

<https://emwa.org/conferences/abstracts/>

To find all poster abstracts go to the

Conferences menu tab and click on **Abstracts**.

In this issue, we are also publishing the abstracts from the 2022 Berlin conference, pp 7–10.

10% discount for referring new members to EMWA

Existing EMWA members can receive a 10% discount off their next year's EMWA subscription for referring a new member to EMWA. (A new member can be entirely new to EMWA, or they may be a lapsed EMWA member who has not been a member for a minimum period of 3 full years). This discount is only valid for a maximum of one new member per year, and the new EMWA member must pay a full year's subscription before the discount can be given to the referrer. In addition, the new member needs to include the name of their referrer on the membership application form. Please note that discounts are not cumulative, nor can they be rolled over into subsequent years – i.e., the maximum discount possible in any given year is 10%.

For more information, please contact Head Office at info@emwa.org.

Sustainability SIG News

The EMWA Sustainability Special Interest Group (SUS-SIG) organised their first ever Expert Seminar Series (ESS) at the EMWA Autumn Conference in Riga, Latvia, on Nov. 4, 2022. The hybrid ESS event was attended by more than 20 registrants, onsite and online. Summaries of the excellent presentations will be featured in upcoming MEW issues in The Crofter section.

Another update from the SUS-SIG: Carolina Rojido has taken on the leadership of the SIG; Carola Krause is staying on as core SIG member. For more information about the EMWA SUS-SIG, please contact sussig@emwa.org.

Freelance Business Group subcommittee: come join the team!



The freelance business group (FBG) focuses on all things freelance. We have a subcommittee of 3 people and are looking for new volunteers. We have several new initiatives we want to push forward this year, and we seek proactive freelancers

who can dedicate some time every month to these projects. If you are a freelancer, enthusiastic about volunteering for EMWA and having some time to spare, please contact the FBG chair, **Laura A. Kehoe**, at freelance@emwa.org

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