

EMWA News

Editorial

The 45th EMWA Conference in Cascais, Portugal, has recently finished and we are all waiting for the upcoming annual event in Barcelona, Spain, next Spring. In the meantime, the Executive Committee is working hard on improving what EMWA has to offer to its members. In this section, our new PR officer Maria Joao Almeida will tell you more about the recently implemented News Blast, and our web manager Diarmuid De Faoite brought back the webeditorials with many interesting contributions by our members. Finally, I would

like to mention that our conference director Slavka Baronikova has been organising the 6th EMWA symposium that will take place on May 3rd, and the 4th Expert Seminar Series (ESS) on May 2nd and 4th, 2018, in Barcelona. The symposium will focus on medical devices in general, recent changes in European legislation, and opportunities for medical writers. The symposium is for regulatory writers and medical communicators alike and will provide the perspectives of different stakeholders, including legislators, notified bodies, medical device

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companies, patient representatives, and reimbursement professionals. The ESS will be focused on regulatory, orphan drugs and rare disorders, pharmacovigilance, and medical journalism. Don't miss this unique opportunities!

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EMWA News Blasts

The EMWA News Blasts is looking for your collaboration! In our continued efforts to provide our members with well vetted and relevant information, we have started sending out short EMWA News Blasts via email announcing important information on conferences, webinars, special interest groups, the freelance business forum, the internship forum, and other general information of interest to our members.

If you have any information for an item in the news blast, please send it to pr@emwa.org by the third Friday of each month. Together with our Head Office we will compile the News Blast for distribution by the start of the following month. Please put a note in your calendars because reminders will not be sent out each month!

We appreciate your participation. Please contact us if you have any questions!

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Webeditorials are back!



With the newly improved website in place (see the last issue of *Medical Writing* for details – or better yet, just visit www.emwa.org!), attention has turned to improving the content available there. In order to offer visitors access to content only available online, the Webeditorial section has been reactivated after a hiatus of several years.

What is a webeditorial? As the name suggests, it is an opinion piece published online that touches on a topic related to medical writing. It may be serious or light, descriptive, or opinion led.

The first webeditorial since the reboot was penned by Jane Edwards and examined the impact of the new Medical Device Regulations on medical writers. You can read this as well as many other previous entries at the webeditorial archive. From the home page just navigate to About Us → EMWA News → Webeditorials.

We would like to keep this section alive with new content. This is where you come in. If you have something you would like to get off your chest about any aspect related to medical writing, please do get in touch about writing a webeditorial. Contact webmanager@emwa.org

with your suggestion for a topic or even your finished text!

We are looking forward to receiving your webeditorials, as well as any other EMWA website suggestions and contributions you might have.

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Zurich Life Science Day

EMWA will be represented by Raquel Billiones at the Zurich Life Science Day on Thursday, February 1, 2018, at the University of Zurich Irchel Campus. Raquel will speak about careers in science writing. The event is organised by Life Science Zurich Young Scientist Network (LSZYSN), a non-profit organisation established and run by a group of graduate students and postdocs of the University of Zurich and the Swiss Federal Institute of Technology (ETH).