President's Message

Dear EMWA Members,

By the time you receive this copy of the journal most of you will be returning from your summer break. I hope you all enjoyed your holiday and returned refreshed and ready for another busy year.

Your new Executive Committee has been working hard since the Spring conference and is already busy with plans for the Autumn conference in Brussels. By the time you read this we will have full details available on the EMWA website. In addition we are looking at improvements in the way we provide documentation for conferences and updating the e-mail system for Executive Committee members. Later in the year we will be sending out a survey to all members to ensure that we are providing the services that you want and need. Please look out for this and provide your views to us.

Over the summer there have been opportunities for learning via our webinar series with a joint webinar with AMWA on CORE Reference and how this can help Medical Writers prepare compliant CSRs in July, and one on how to solve formatting problems in Microsoft Word (something we have all suffered from at one time or another) in August. If you missed either of these they are both available in the Archive section of the website. I urge you to investigate this valuable resource.

EMWA are also involved in local meetings of medical communication specialists. Members presented at a MedComms Networking monthly Brunch Club held in Oxford in June and will be presenting at the First German Medizin-Kommunikations-Forum in

Finally, for those of you who have been following the political situation here in the UK I would like to reassure you that the decision made by the UK voters in June to leave the European Union will make no difference to EMWA. The UK may have voted to leave the EU but we are still geographically and culturally part of Europe. EMWA is for all writers in Europe (including the UK and Switzerland) and also any writers from outside of Europe who wish to join us.

Best wishes **Alison** alison.rapley@ gmail.com



Call for Companies

The 2nd Medical Writing Internship Forum will be held at our May 2017 Conference in Birmingham, UK. Please contact internship@emwa.org for more information.