



Ambassadors Programme News

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

- **Maria Kołtowska-Hägström** gave a talk (in Polish) on medical writing as a profession at the Translation and Localisation Conference in Warsaw, Poland, on September 30. The 40 attendees asked questions about topics such as the educational background needed to be a medical writer, what courses are offered at conferences, the general profile of a medical writer, the source of

potential clients, and the possibility of combining translation services with medical writing. The presentation was well received with very positive feedback.

- **Anne McDonough** gave a presentation on current trends and challenges in MedComms at a webinar for Life Science students at the University of Essex on October 14 to over 60 students. There was a lot of interest and some very good questions from the participants.
- **Abe Shevack** gave a presentation on careers in medical writing and the benefits of

joining EMWA, on November 5 at the Annual Virtual Careers Fair at Birkbeck College, University of London. The event was attended by over 20 active participants who asked several interesting questions during and after the presentation.

If you are an experienced medical writer and EMWA volunteer and are interested in becoming an EMWA Ambassador, or know of any upcoming career events in your locality, please contact Abe Shevack (asp scientist@gmail.com).



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A report on the live hubs across Europe that were part of the 52nd EMWA Conference

A beautiful montage by Satyen Shenoy brings together the memories of the EMWA hybrid conference day:

<https://www.emwa.org/news/a-report-on-the-live-hubs-across-europe-that-are-part-of-the-current-emwa-conference/>

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EMWA Web editorial

As the name suggests, a web editorial 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.

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In memoriam

It is with great sadness and shock that we share the news that EMWA member and volunteer Amanda Hunn died suddenly on February 8, 2022. Amanda had been an EMWA member for 3 years and was an active member of the Regulatory Public Disclosure SIG committee. Amanda was passionate about patient communication and drafted the EU guidance on writing lay summaries of clinical trial results published in 2018. She was Joint Head of Policy and Public Affairs at the UK Health Research Authority from 2012 to 2019, after which Amanda was a freelance medical writer and expert consultant. Amanda was very well respected and always willing to share her extensive knowledge and expertise. We will miss collaborating with her. Our thoughts and prayers are with her family at this most difficult time.



Have you updated your EMWA profile and preferences recently?

We have been working behind the scenes on an improved Member Directory. However, EMWA members need to actively opt-in to be listed on the new Member Directory. Please login to your account to opt-in. There you can also set your specific preferences for which information to show.

We will be providing more information and guides soon, but you can already assist us in populating the directory by updating your preferences.

