



COVID-19 and EMWA

We hope that everybody is safe and well – as far as this is possible in the current scenario. COVID-19 is affecting every part of our lives, but we will try our best to help you through these times.

Even though the Spring Conference in Prague had to be cancelled, we held our Annual Meeting online on May 6. We hope that you were able to participate.

EMWA webinars

In these unprecedented times, we suggest that you use the wealth of our training material in the Webinars Programme Archive, which we plan to make more user-friendly by preparing search categories.

Given the exceptional circumstances due to COVID-19, we presented an additional webinar: “Lifestyle choices for medical writers” by Carolina Rojido, on April 23. You can listen to the recording in the Webinars Archive: https://members.emwa.org/EMWA/Member_Area/zEMWA_Webinars_Programme_-_Archive.aspx

We encourage you to explore the varieties of webinars stored in our archive, spanning from career development, various tools of medical writing, to invaluable advice from seasoned medical writers.



Upcoming EMWA webinars:

- September 2020 (*exact date to be confirmed*)
First experiences in the writing of Summaries of Safety and Clinical Performance (SSCPs) for medical devices
Laura C. Collada Ali, Medical Writing Consultant & Helen Frampton, Oxford Medical Writing
- October 2020 (*exact date to be confirmed*)
Transitioning from Medical Translation to Medical Writing
Laura C. Collada Ali, Medical Writing Consultant & Paz Gómez-Polledo, freelance Medical Writing & Translation Consultant



Translation of the Joint Position Statement on Predatory Publishing into Polish and Swedish

The American Medical Writers Association (AMWA), the European Medical Writers Association (EMWA) and the International Society for Medical Publication Professionals (ISMPP) recognise the challenges to scientific publishing being posed by predatory journals and their publishers, which employ practices undermining the quality, integrity, and reliability of published scientific research. The joint position statement (JPS) complements several other sets of guidelines that have helped define the characteristics of a predatory journal.

By joining with AMWA and ISMPP in both developing and publicising the Joint Position Statement on Predatory Publishing, EMWA is providing a valuable service to publication professionals around the world by enabling them to more easily read, understand, and apply the principles of this JPS.

To raise awareness among non-English

speakers about the responsibilities of medical writers and publication professionals concerning this significant issue, EMWA has initiated the translation of this statement into European languages.

We are proud to announce the posting of the first JPS translation into Polish by Maria Kołtowska-Häggström, Dorota Szymańska, Jacek Bil, and Olga Mozenska. The translation is available on the EMWA website: <https://www.emwa.org/about-us/position-statements/joint-position-statement-on-predatory-publishing/polish/>.

Wendy Hartig-Merkel and Anna Nordle Gilliver translated the JPS into Swedish. Read the Swedish translation on the EMWA website: <https://www.emwa.org/about-us/position-statements/joint-position-statement-on-predatory-publishing/swedish/>.

EMWA web editorials

Have you checked out the web editorials page lately? Two new articles have been published recently. In modern society, everything we do needs to be quick, efficient and to-the-point. There is no doubt about it. Find out what Licia Genovese has to say on writing when you do not have time:

- <https://www.emwa.org/about-us/emwa-news/web-editorial-archive/writing-when-you-don-t-have-time/>

Online communication is changing. Discover how to use Hootsuite to manage your social media publishing by Diana Ribeiro:

- <https://www.emwa.org/about-us/emwa-news/web-editorial-archive/how-to-use-hootsuite-to-manage-your-social-media-publishing/>

We hope that you enjoy these short opinion pieces.

Changes to EMWA Freelance Directory

We recently made several changes to the layout of the Freelance Directory page, and members should now optimise their profile to obtain maximum search hits from potential new clients: https://members.emwa.org/EMWA/Freelance/Resources/Freelance%20Directory/Freelance_Directory.aspx

We encourage all freelance members to check whether their profiles accurately reflect experience and areas of medical writing in which they specialise. You should also add or update a profile photograph.

The new features include drop-down menus for the following categories:

- Language (select fluent language/s)
- Field of Expertise (Medical; Pharma; Scientific; Veterinary)
- Area of Expertise (Education Technology; Medical Communications; Medical Education; Regulatory)
- Specialist Services (Editing; Medical Devices; Medical Translation; Medical Writing; Proofreading; QA)
- Domain (select area(s) of medicine you work in)

Professional indemnity insurance discount for EMWA members

Did you know that EMWA members can get a 20% discount on their professional indemnity insurance?

Established in 1992, PIA Commercial works closely with its clients to provide a tailored range of specialist insurance products for both individuals and businesses. Please contact PIA Commercial at info@PIAcommercial.com for any queries or to receive a personalised quote.

Alternatively, visit their brand new updated website at www.piacommercial.com to view the extensive range of individualised insurance plans for businesses and individuals in the life science, biotechnology and healthcare industries. Keep up to date with their business news and industry insights by following them on LinkedIn.

EMWA Ambassador's Programme

Alison Rapley presented a workshop and a promotional talk for EMWA at the City University of London on March 12, just a week before the coronavirus lockdown. Altogether 20 students attended and gave very positive feedback.