

EMWA News



“Getting into Medical Writing” in Valencia

Exciting news for all our new and aspiring medical writers!

At this spring’s EMWA conference, EMWA’s **Getting into Medical Writing (GIMW) Group** is organising a day-long programme dedicated to those interested in medical writing, considering it as a career option, or taking their first steps on this career path. We know how important it is to understand the field, network with other professionals, and have the right resources to get your foot in the door.

After the success of the **New Career Guide for Medical Writers** (<https://www.emwa.org/about-us/getting-into-medical-writing/career-guide-for-new->

medical-writers/), the GIMW group created an entire day for newbies to learn from experienced medical writers and network with them. Who knows when your first opportunity will show up? Come and join us on this day full of educational and networking opportunities. So, if you are a new medical writer or interested in the field, or you know someone else who is, do not miss this opportunity and spread the word.

The **GIMW Day** will take place on Wednesday, May 8th. Register for the conference at <https://www.emwa.org/conferences/conferences/valencia/>

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EMWA Ambassador Programme news

On October 16, 2023, **Sarah Choudhury** and **Arunon Sivananthan** represented EMWA at the Kings College Career and Employability Event in London held at the Francis Crick Institute, London, UK.

On November 15, 2023, **Raquel Billiones**, MEW editor-in-chief, was invited to give a talk at the West Visayas State University (Philippines) with the title “Bridging Medicine and Communications: How Science and Healthcare Professionals Fill the Gaps through Medical Writing.” The talk was given within the framework of the 2nd Research Café, spearheaded by the university’s College of Medicine.

On November 24, 2023, **Nicole Bezuidenhout**, **Francesca Cappellini**, and **Catherine Heddle** represented EMWA at the well-attended Aula Medica Chase Career Conference in Stockholm, Sweden.

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

DID YOU KNOW?

Existing EMWA members can receive a 10% discount off their next year’s EMWA subscription for referring a new member to EMWA. For more information, please contact Head Office at info@emwa.org



Check out the back issues of EMWA’s journal *Medical Writing*

at <https://journal.emwa.org/>

Valencia EMWA Conference News

EMWA's 57th Conference is fast approaching!



This spring, medical writers from all over the world will gather in vibrant Valencia, Spain, from May 7–11, to network, learn, and have fun. There will be workshops, seminars, a day-long session on getting into medical writing, social events, and much more. Watch emwa.org for more details.

Valencia was recently awarded the title “2024 European Green

Capital”. This honour recognises Valencia’s achievements in inclusive green transition (97% of its citizens live within 300 metres of urban green spaces), sustainable tourism, climate neutrality, ecosystem restoration, and sustainable and inclusive food production. Yet another reason to attend EMWA’s Spring Conference!



EMWA Webinars Programme

EMWA webinars help members develop skills and keep up to date in new or rapidly developing areas.

Most of our webinars are live, online seminars allowing participants to ask questions. For live webinars, you only need to register – you will need your EMWA membership details.

Upcoming webinars: <https://www.emwa.org/education/emwa-webinars-programme-2024/#webinars2023>

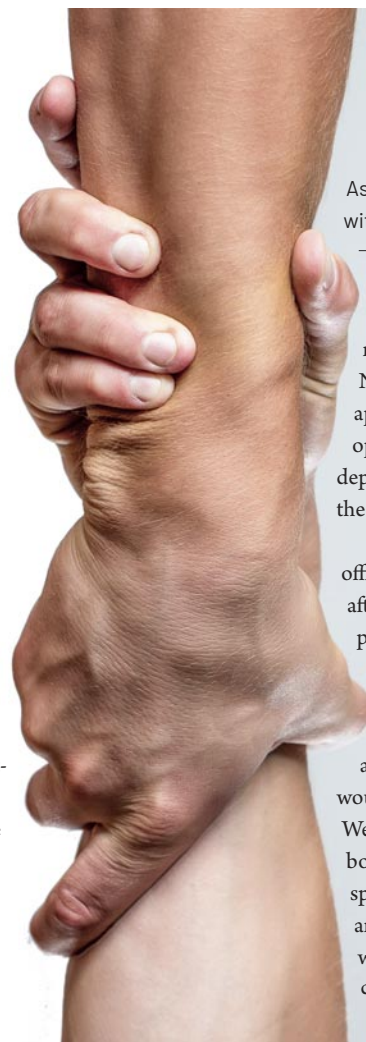
Freelance Business Group news

The Freelance Business Group’s 2023 Autumn Virtual Forum had over 110 registered participants and was run by Johanna Chester.

This year, the virtual conference included rooms with assigned discussion themes run by expert freelancers from various backgrounds.

A heartfelt thank you goes out to all the volunteers who generously dedicated their time and shared their wisdom, including **Arianna Ferrini, Lucia Massi, Beate Walter, Satyen Shenoy, Namrata Singh,** and **Johanna Chester.**

We look forward to creating contemporary discussions for the face-to-face forum during the 2024 Spring EMWA Conference in Valencia. If you have any suggestions or topics you would like to promote, please let us know via the dedicated LinkedIn group: <https://www.linkedin.com/groups/12769131/>



EMWA sponsorship officers

As you may know, all roles within EMWA are voluntary.

We take great pride in being an association run by members for members. Nonetheless, some roles are appointed, and others are open to members’ votes, depending on the nature of the role.

Last year, the sponsorship officers’ official term ended after a 2-year cycle. Based on a positive review, the Executive Committee asked the current sponsorship officers, **Ricardo Milho** and **Abe Shevack**, if they would like to keep their roles. We are happy to announce that both decided to remain as sponsorship officers for another two years, and we wish them many fruitful connections.