

EMWA News

SECTION EDITOR



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certainly pertains to EMWA as we celebrate our 25th year. The first EMWA meeting in 1992 had 32 participants with no workshops. Today we are an organisation of over 1,000 members with meetings twice per year, more than 130 active workshops, full day symposia, and expert seminar sessions at conferences in the spring. EMWA owes its success to the many people who stepped up and helped when they were needed and of course to all of you who value our organisation and what it has to offer.

EMWA celebrated its 25th anniversary in December, and, on that occasion, Abe Shevack, EMWA's President, posted an article on the website titled "Recollections and Accomplishments of Past EMWA Presidents", which is worth your time. The article covers the period from 2008 through 2017 when EMWA underwent many important changes. To access the article, click on the 25th anniversary banner on the website.

Also, we are looking to post some amusing photographs from past conferences on the website. If you have photos that you would like to share, please send them to webmanager@emwa.org.

This year, at the annual conference in Barcelona, the sixth EMWA symposium will focus on medical devices, the recent changes in European legislation, and opportunities for

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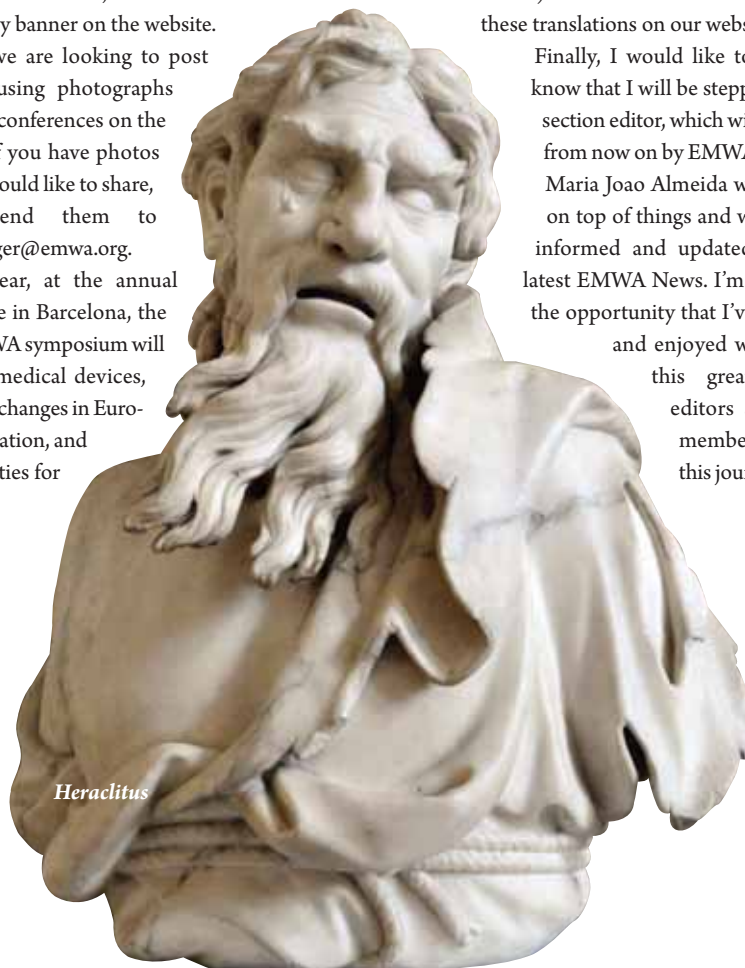
medical writers. The symposium is for regulatory writers and medical communicators alike and will provide the perspectives of different stakeholders, including legislators, notified bodies, medical device companies, patient representatives, and reimbursement professionals. The ESS will be focused on regulatory writing, orphan drugs and rare disorders, pharmacovigilance, and medical journalism.

Also, the Board of Editors in the Life Sciences exam will be offered once again in Barcelona on May 1, on the afternoon before the start of the conference (see www.bels.org for more information about registration). Take advantage of this great opportunity to get certified as an editor in the life sciences.

The Joint Position Statement on the role of medical writers in preparing manuscripts for publication has now been translated into German, Italian, and French. The translations to Japanese and Chinese were recently posted on the ISMPP (International Society for Medical Publication Professionals) website. EMWA also has a link to these translations on our website.

Finally, I would like to let you all know that I will be stepping down as section editor, which will be covered from now on by EMWA's PR officer Maria Joao Almeida who is always on top of things and will keep you informed and updated about the latest EMWA News. I'm thankful for the opportunity that I've been given and enjoyed working with this great team of editors and EMWA members who make this journal possible.

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