Advancing the Medical Writing Profession: 
the Joint Position Statement on the Role of Professional Medical Writers

A wintry London in January saw the release of the first joint position statement on the role of the professional medical writer (page 7). But why do we need such a statement and what does it say? The Executive Committee identified the need to update our guidelines on medical writing, and Sam Hamilton approached Art Gertel and me in May last year about the possibility of a joint position statement endorsed by both the American Medical Writers Association (AMWA) and EMWA. When the International Society for Medical Publication Professionals (ISMPP) also said that they would come on board, we knew we were onto something. Eight months later, at the 2017 European meeting of ISMPP, the AMWA–EMWA–ISMPP Joint Position Statement on the Role of Professional Medical Writers was launched.

The Joint Position Statement will be presented at the EMWA Congress in Birmingham in June, in a special lunchtime session on Wednesday 3 May, and during an Expert Seminar Series earlier that day, entitled “Improving quality and maximising value: professional medical writers and peer-reviewed publications”.

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