

EMWA Newsblast- March 2021



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Webinar Programme News - Preview for 2021

18 March 2021

The impact of COVID-19 on the content of clinical trial documentations: new requirements!

Raquel Billiones

April 2021 (exact date to be confirmed)

Transitioning from Medical Translation to Medical Writing

Laura C Collada Ali & Paz Gómez-Polledo

2021 (exact date to be confirmed)

Health writing for a healthier life

Andrea Rossi

2021 (exact date to be confirmed)

MedCom via video? Veterinary medicine on YouTube as an example of communicating medicine to a lay audience.

Karim Montasser

EMWA Journal Updates

We have two new regular journal sections for 2021:

- The Crofter, Sustainable Communications, with Kimi Uegaki as section editor.
- Digital Communication, with Nicole Bezuidenhout as section editor

In addition, we have revived Gained in Translation, with Aurélie Gobet/Paolo Rega as section editors!

Do you know that we now provide the **option to be completely paperless?** You can opt out from receiving a paper copy of the journal by going into your membership profile.

New contents, nifty art covers, snazzy fonts ... We are soliciting inputs, ideas, and suggestions on how to enhance the "look" of our journal. Please share your thoughts and drop us a line at editor@emwa.org.

Good news for EMWA members based in France!

We are delighted to say that after a lot of hard work and dedication from two of our EMWA members, Stéphane and Marielle Romet, and assistance from our Honorary Secretary Claire Harmer, EMWA is now Datadock-registered.

In order to be accepted for Datadock registration, EMWA had to prove it met Datadock's 21 stringent criteria on the quality and variety of training offered, corresponding assessments, teaching programme, current objectives and plans for the future. We also had to give evidence of EMWA's educational tools, techniques and management of the training available.

This is a huge achievement which we hope will help some of our members a great deal. It means that EMWA members based in France will be able to apply for a subsidy to attend EMWA conferences and participate in training activities as part of their allocated CPD costs, provided that they are registered with an official, approved organisation in France that supports vocational training (an OPCO or 'Opérateur de Compétence').

If you are based in France and would like more information on how to apply, please contact the Opérateur de Compétence you are affiliated with.

Have you ever written about animals (or wanted to)?

If so, please try this anonymous 3-minute survey on Veterinary Medical Writing [here](#).

The veterinary medical SIG of EMWA would love to hear from you, and the survey information will help by further characterizing the veterinary medical community, and allow the SIG to plan useful and informative events for EMWA members involved in veterinary medical communications, as well as those who might want to be in the future.

Save the date - May 06: New Trends in Clinical Trials

The 9th EMWA Symposium Day will provide insights into new trends in clinical trials that are relevant to medical writers and medical communicators. The first part will provide a general overview of new trends in Clinical Trials from various perspectives. The second part we will cover new trends in analysing, publishing and presenting clinical trials. In the last part, we will go into details of adaptive trends in pharmaceutical trial design, operations, and data capture.

Czech Translation of the Joint Position Statement on Predatory Journals

We are proud to announce the posting of the first JPS translation into Hungarian by Marcela Covic. In order to access the translation please click [here](#).

We are currently looking for translators. If you would like to volunteer please contact [Abe Shevack](#) or the [EMWA Head Office](#).

Ambassador's Programme

The EMWA Ambassador Programme is continuing to reach out to new audiences even in these trying times to promote medical writing and EMWA.

On 10 Feb 2021, Claire Gudex gave a virtual presentation on becoming a medical writer for a group of PhD candidates attending the University of Southern Denmark in Odense. The students found the presentation useful and Claire will be repeating this talk in the near future to interested students.

On 26 Feb 2021 Abe Shevack held a virtual presentation on careers in medical writing and the benefits of joining EMWA for members of the Science and Medical Writing Network in the Netherlands organized by Sally Hill. Altogether 16 participants were online for the talk. Abe spoke for half an hour followed by an interesting and lively Q/A session.

On 11 Mar 2021 Alison Rapley will be giving a virtual presentation on medical writing combined with a workshop on improving writing skills at the University College London during their annual Life Sciences Career Week. Alison has been invited to give this prestation for the last 3 years.

If you are an experienced medical writer and EMWA volunteer and are interested in becoming an EMWA Ambassador or if you know of any upcoming career events in your locality please contact Head Office (info@emwa.org) or Abe Shevack (aspscientist@gmail.com).

EMWA Sponsorship Opportunities

With the Spring Virtual Conference approaching this year, EMWA is reaching out as we do every year to potential sponsors. If the turn-out is anything like have had at the previous conferences we will be expecting around 400 delegates. Typically, delegates come from all levels of seniority, including key decision makers and budget holders from pharmaceutical companies, contract research organisations, medical communications agencies, as well as academia and health authorities.

We have put together some interesting packages geared towards the virtual setting including Bronze, Silver, and Gold sponsorships.

If you think that your company might have an interest in sponsoring an EMWA conference please share this information or contact [Diana Ribeiro](#) and [Abe Shevack](#) or via the [EMWA Head Office](#).

Bronze sponsorship

The package includes the following benefits:

- 1 full delegate place with access to all plenary sessions
- Company logo displayed on the dedicated conference website
- A 150-word entry on the dedicated conference website
- Company logo and mention of the sponsors on the welcome slides and holding slides of plenary sessions and symposium day

Silver sponsorship

The same as Bronze, with the addition of the option to provide a pdf flyer or information leaflet to be shared once a day during the meeting chat function, with the presence of a representative from the sponsor's company in the chat to be name checked and answer direct questions during that break.

Gold sponsorship

Same as for Bronze, but adding the option of sponsoring a coffee break, with the provision of a 3-minute video or PowerPoint loop (no sound) to be played at the beginning of a break, with the presence of a representative from the company in the chat to answer direct questions from the audience during that break.

Add-on to any tier: EMWA is also offering the possibility of having short sessions ("sponsored seminar") with exhibitors' content (but recommended to include a topic attractive for medical writers) that may or may not be running in parallel with other sessions.

Regulatory News

The European Medicines Agency has announced that the registration for the upcoming "Technical workshop on real-world metadata for regulatory purposes" taking place on the 12th of April is now open. If you wish to register, please send an email to pr@emwa.org and we will share the registration form with you.

Click [here](#) to read this month's Pharmacovigilance SIG news:

- RMP Annex I no longer required
- EMA's latest publications on COVID-19 vaccines
- EMA public stakeholders meeting on the approval, safety monitoring and impact of COVID-19 vaccines in the EU to be held virtually on 26 March from 13:00 to 15:15 CET

RPD SIG News

- EMA CTIS Training Programme
- ICMJE Disclosure Form Updated

Click [here](#) to read this month's RPD SIG news.

Medical Device SIG Update

The next meeting of the MD-SIG will be held on Friday, 2 April 2021 (11:00-12:00 CET) where we will continue our discussion on **Best Practices for Literature Searches and Appraisal**.

All EMWA members are welcome to participate. If you are interested in joining the discussion, please meet us on Zoom [using this link](#). And if you are looking to get more involved in the work of the MD-SIG, you can contact Kelly Goodwin at md-sig@emwa.org to be added to our distribution list and receive an invitation to our regular monthly calls.

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