

**EMWA's 25th Anniversary 1992-2017**

EMWA has now been in existence for 25 years! So much has happened over the years. Sometimes it is good to sit back and reflect on the old days and how we are progressing into the future. Geoff Hall, a Past President of EMWA, wrote a very personal history in 1999 that highlighted his memories and some of the most important changes in EMWA until 2008. Needless to say, the pace of change has increased since then and the history he presented is in need of an update.

A brief article about EMWA's accomplishments will be appear in the Next issue of the MEWs in December while a longer more comprehensive history will be forthcoming in the March issue of MEW. We will also soon be posting some recollections and accomplishments of past EMWA Presidents in the news section of the EMWA website ([Click Here](#) to read the article).

EMWA's 25 years of solid and continuous growth represent the increasing demand for medical writers, as important stakeholders in the scientific community.

On the occasion of the EMWA's 25th anniversary, we are looking to post some amusing pictures from past conferences on the website. If you have pictures that you would like to share, please send them to Diarmuid de Faioite (webmanager@emwa.org). Thanks for your help!

Also on this occasion we will be sending all members special buttons commemorating EMWA's 25th anniversary.

**Report on the 45th EMWA Conference**

The 45th EMWA Conference was held in Cascais, Portugal, from 2 to 4 November 2017. The shorter format autumn meeting was a resounding success as the following facts and figures indicate:

1. 214 registered delegates
2. 133 delegates at the opening session
3. 28 EPDP training workshops
4. 5 fully booked workshops
5. 83 participants on social tours
6. 45 attendees of the Freelance Business Forum
7. 21 people came to the Introduction to Medical Writing seminar

Many delegates remarked that the conference was held in what was perhaps our nicest. venue to date. The EMWA Executive Committee will therefore investigate the opportunity to return to Cascais sometime in the future. Don't miss out on the next opportunity to be part of an EMWA conference!

The [46th EMWA Conference in Barcelona, Spain](#), will be held from 1 May to 5 May 2018. Tip: [abstracts for poster presentations are being accepted now with a deadline of 15 December 2017.](#)

EMWA is also collaborating again with **the Board of Editors in the Life Sciences** to offer their editing proficiency exam on 1 May before the start of the Spring Conference in Barcelona. More information on the BELs exam can be found [here](#).

**EMA to relocate to Amsterdam, the Netherlands**

The European Medicines Agency (EMA) will relocate to Amsterdam in the Netherlands. This decision was taken by the EU 27 Member States. The Agency now has just over 16 months to prepare for the move and take up its operations in Amsterdam on 30 March 2019 at the latest.

Joint Position Statement (JPS) - Translations

The Spanish translation of the Joint Position Statement on the Role of Medical Writers in preparing manuscripts for publication will be posted on the EMWA site in December. EMWA is collaborating with AMWA and ISMPP in also publicizing the Japanese and Chinese translations, as they become available.

The Australian Medical Writers Association has communicated that they would like to endorse the JPS and display it on their website while acknowledging AMWA, ISMPP, and EMWA. All three organizations agree that this is a great opportunity to reach out to the Asia-Pacific Region.

6th EMWA SYMPOSIUM – Thursday, 3rd May 2018

The 6th EMWA symposium day will focus on medical devices in general, the recent changes in the European legislations and opportunities for 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.

We look forward to welcoming you to our EMWA Symposium!

Fourth EMWA Expert Seminar Series – Wednesday 2nd May and Friday 4th May

The target audience for the ESS is experienced medical writers, heads of medical writing departments and industry leaders from other disciplines interested in the latest developments affecting the medical writing industry and playing a role in shaping the world of medical writing. This ESS will feature developments in the field of regulatory, pharmacovigilance and medical communications writing, led by invited speakers, all leaders in their field.

The ESS program will be held either side of Symposium Day, and will comprise paired sessions in a common area of medical writing. The 3-day content package will appeal to our more experienced members. The provisional program includes Regulatory, Orphan Drugs and Rare Disorders, Pharmacovigilance and Medical Journalism.

MEDICAL WRITING –EMWA's Journal**Upcoming issues of Medical Writing**

December 2017 – Preclinical studies – closed for new articles
 March 2018 – Vaccines & immunotherapy – deadline for feature articles December 11, 2017
 June 2018 – Public disclosure – deadline for feature articles March 12, 2018
 September 2018 – Editing – deadline for feature articles June 11, 2018
 December 2018 – Patient-reported outcomes – deadline for feature articles September 10, 2018

To be confirmed: Careers in medical writing (planned for March 2019) and Generics & biosimilars (planned for June 2019)

WEBINARS PROGRAMME - Archive

Writing clinical study reports for medical devices webinar, by Beatrix Doerr is now available.

And last, but not the least...

All of us at EMWA EC wish you a merry Christmas and a Happy New year 2018!!

Wishing you ^{reasonably} a Merry Christmas ^(and/or festive period) and a happy new year ^{for the avoidance of any doubt} ^(But without any assumption of liability on our part) ^{12 (Twelve) months from the date hereof.}

