

EMWA Newsblast - February 2020



Upcoming Conference

The 50th EMWA Conference in Prague will be held on the **5-9th May** at the Clarion Congress Centre, Prague. Click [here](#) for a programme preview!

Getting Into Medical Writing Session

We have now confirmed 5 speakers and 2 coaches for the GIMW session on the **7th of May**.

Sponsorship

2020 EMWA sponsorship and partnership options are open for booking!

There are many of benefits when partnering with EMWA:

- Access to target audience of medical communicators
- Cost-effective sponsorship opportunities
- Longevity of partnership provides high return on investment
- Interactive environment conducive to forging strong relationships
- High visibility thanks to wide range of EMWA exposure (conferences, web and publications)

These opportunities suit potential sponsors of all sizes. For more information about the sponsorship opportunities or booking your opportunity for the conference, please contact: sponsorship@emwa.org.

Regulatory Public Disclosure Special Interest Group

Join us at the RPD SIG Meeting at lunchtime on **Thursday 7th May 2020** (exact time to be confirmed).

Everyone is welcome. Come and meet the committee and hear how you can get involved, explore the resources available, and hear from Sam Hamilton (CORE reference Chair) and Art Gertel (CORE Reference Strategist) about Docket No. FDA-2019-N-2012 for "New Drugs Regulatory Program Modernization: Improving Approval Package Documentation and Communication" and public comments on the Clinical Data Summary Pilot Program and the Integrated Review – as FDA consider their approach to transparency and disclosure of clinical documents.

RPD News

- ISMPP Article on Data Sharing Statements and Medical Publishing
- NIH / TransCelerate Online Protocol Template Tool
- White Paper: Managing privacy risk in data and documents sharing
- Likely delay on CTR coming into force until 2021
- CSR Appendix 16.1.10 Content Q&A: BWG advice
- Publications on results posting compliance

To read more, please click [here](#)

Regulatory News

- CORE Reference Statement on TransCelerate December 2019 CSR Template
- Overview of EMA's key recommendations in 2019 on authorisation and safety monitoring of medicines
- Report on pharmacovigilance tasks from EU Member States and the European Medicines Agency (EMA), 2015-2018
- Review published: "Improving the Safety of Medicines in the European Union: From Signals to Action"
- How will pharmacovigilance look in 2030?
- Key principles for the use of electronic product information for EU medicines
- Monitoring EudraVigilance: legal basis and updated guidance for pilot phase
- EMA post-authorisation procedural advice for users of the centralised procedure: Revision 84
- The UK leaves the EU

To read more PV SIG news, please click [here](#).

Webinar Programme News

Our next webinar will take place on **6th February 2020, 14:00 CET**. Please click [here](#) to register.

Title: How to ensure that your LinkedIn profile dovetails with your CV and effectively SELLS you - Private company webinar.

Speaker: Alistair Morris, CV and Interview Advisors.

Summary: Having a great LinkedIn profile is absolutely critical if you're going to stand out from other medical writers - and for the right reasons! The platform has implemented significant changes over the last few months, yet most people haven't reacted to these changes. Worse still, most folk copy and paste their CV content into their profile, which is not good practice. Join The CV & Interview Advisors for a lively 45 minute webinar where you'll learn: how to dovetail your LinkedIn profile with your CV; how to write a fully optimised LinkedIn profile; and how to use your profile to network, open doors and win work. The event is live and will be followed by a Q&A session.

A new pharmacovigilance webinar is coming soon!

The PV SIG is delighted to announce the next webinar on pharmacovigilance topics, which will be held by Sven Schirp on **Thursday 5th March at 14:00 CET**. Sven will present the issue of managing safety concerns in PV documents and will discuss its impact from a European and a global perspective. Don't miss this unique opportunity to learn from a very experienced professional!

Joint Position Statement on Predatory Journals

The American Medical Writers Association (AMWA), the European Medical Writers Association (EMWA) and the International Society for Medical Publication Professionals (ISMPP) recognize the challenges to scientific publishing being posed by predatory journals and their publishers, which employ practices undermining the quality, integrity and reliability of published scientific research. The joint position statement complements several other sets of guidelines that have helped define the characteristics of a predatory journal.

By joining with AMWA and ISMPP in both developing and publicizing the Joint Position Statement on predatory journals, EMWA is providing a valuable service to publication professionals around the world by enabling them to more easily read, understand, and apply the principles of this JPS.

In order to raise awareness among non-English speakers about the responsibilities of medical writers and publication professionals concerning this significant issue, EMWA has initiated the translation of this statement into European languages. We are proud to announce the posting of the JPS translation into Dutch by Lutgart Opstaele and Sarah Chemistri.

In order to access the translation please click [here](#).

Ambassador Programme

The EMWA Ambassador Programme is continuing to reach out to new audiences to promote medical writing and EMWA.

Alison Rapley will be running a Medical Writing Workshop as part of the Life and Health Sciences week at UCL during **the week of 10th March** (exact date to be announced).

EMWA will have an exhibition table at the [MediWeek](#) on **17th and 18th March** at the National Exhibition Centre (NEC) in Birmingham. This is the largest healthcare event held in the UK and offers our organization the opportunity to reach out to thousands of participants attending this event. EMWA will be located at Stand 328 in Theater.

Abe Shevack will present a workshop on careers in medical writing and EMWA at the Parexel Academy in Berlin on **21st April**.

If you are an experienced EMWA member and would be interested in volunteering as a speaker or if you have information on upcoming career events in your vicinity please contact Abe Shevack (asp scientist@gmail.com) or Head Office (info@emwa.org).

BELS Examination in Prague

Do you want to become a Board-Certified Editor? The Board of Editors in the Life Sciences (BELS) Exam will be offered in Prague on **5th May 2020** before the start of the EMWA conference in Prague (location to be announced). All candidates need to apply for candidacy to BELS (more about application requirements [here](#)) and once approved may register for the exam. The registration deadline is **6th April 2020**.



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