

EMWA Newsblast– December 2020

Holiday Break

EMWA Head Office will be closing for three days this year between Christmas and New Year. Our last working day will be 24th December, and the office will reopen again on 4th January.

Wishing you a very Joyful Holiday Season despite these difficult times.

Freelance Business Forum Report

During the first virtual EMWA conference in November, the Freelance Business Group took up the challenge to also run the Freelance Business Forum (FBF) online. We maintained the structure that the FBF has had over many years: an introductory presentation by the FBG chair, a guest speaker (Shaun Foley), and roundtable discussions, which this time were in the form of breakout rooms. We had an impressive 74 people in the Zoom meeting and it was described as a big success. Read the [online report](#) to find out more.

#EMWA BuzzItUP! Initiative

With the beginning of 2021 we would like to start a new EMWA SoMe initiative, called #EMWA-BuzzItUp. The aim of the initiative is to provide one Buzzword – _relevant to the Medical Writing / Communications community – _every week to our EMWA members via EMWAs SoMe channels (Twitter, Instagram, LinkedIn). These Buzzwords should be highly topical but maybe out of scope for EMWAs educational channels (workshops, webinars, journal). After posting

the visual, we aim to moderate the post with additional online information such as links, comments, videos, and graphics. This additional information can be EMWA cross-promotional and should always aim for an educational purpose.

We aim to increase awareness and proactive engagement on the individual topics among our members. Herewith, we would like to give you the opportunity to participate in the initiative. You can send us Buzzwords of your particular interest.

If you are interested, we would ask you to send your Buzzword of choice as soon as possible to info@emwa.org (topic: #EMWA-BuzzItUp). Additionally, we would be happy to receive contact information on the person who wishes to moderate the individual Buzzword. The moderator will be informed about the publication date. They will then be able to post links, comments, videos, and graphics under the Buzzword post and moderate upcoming discussions. Thank you for your participation!

Podcast of interest to medical writers: Predatory Publishing

"Predatory journals are the biggest problem right now for most publishers..."

Ed Harvey, co-Editor-in-Chief of the Canadian Journal of Surgery, [talks about his experience](#) of the unethical practice of Predatory Publishing in this podcast from the Canadian Journal of Surgery Podcast series.

Hungarian Translation of the Joint Position Statement on Predatory Journals

We are proud to announce the posting of the JPS translation into Hungarian by Roland Ligetvári.

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

As part of the EMWA Ambassador Programme's continuing efforts to reach out to new audiences to promote medical writing and EMWA, Abe Shevack gave a virtual presentation to students attending the University of Birkbeck's Virtual Annual Careers Fair 2020.

Altogether 30 participants were online for the talk on 2 Nov and a number of interesting questions were directed to Abe via a moderator.

Following the talk, Abe manned a virtual exhibitor booth that was visited by 120 participants who were greeted by various videos about medical writing from EMWA members and a sample issue of the MEWs dedicated to Careers in Medical Writing.

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](#) or [Abe Shevack](#).

Webinar Programme News – Preview for 2021

Thursday 21st January 2021, 14:00 CET

Publication Planning

Andrea Rossi - Medical writing, medical communications and scientific affairs consultant,

Julia Donnelly - Medical communications consultant

February 2021 (exact date to be confirmed)

Veterinary articles for scientific journals: Case reports

Dr. med. vet. Cemile Jakupoglu - Cyton AH Biosciences GmbH – a knoell company

March 2021 (exact date to be confirmed)

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

Raquel Billiones

Regulatory News

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

- EMA organises public meeting on COVID-19 vaccines on 11 Dec 2020 (open to all citizens)
 - EMA PV plan for Covid-19 vaccines - Safety monitoring plan and guidance on risk management planning for COVID-19 vaccines
 - Importance of registration of COVID-19 related observational studies in the EU PAS Register – call for researchers
 - COVID-19 updated in the EMA's newsletter "Human Medicine Highlights" (November 2020)
 - Ulipristal acetate for uterine fibroids: EMA recommends restricting use
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RPD News

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

- EudraCT Results Modalities Posting Updated
- PHUSE EU Connect 2020 - Workshop: "Calculating the Risk of Reidentification of Patients"
- FDA COVID-19 Transparency Commitment
- EMA implements additional transparency for COVID-19 trials

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