

## EMWA Newsblast- April 2021



### EMWA virtual conference 4-25 May

Have you [secured your workshop](#) place?

### 9th EMWA Symposium – Clinical trials – New trends

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 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. Register [here!](#)

### PV SIG meeting

Do not miss the Pharmacovigilance SIG meeting on Wed 5 May at 2pm CET

Agenda:

Introduction to the PV SIG: objectives, members, roles, activities, workshops, webinars

Update on topics of interest

Meet the SIG Committee and the supporting members

Networking among participants

### Would you like a taste of veterinary medical writing (VMW)?

If so, how about joining the next Vet SIG quarterly meeting (April 30th)? We will present the first in a series of "VMW tasters", with a talk titled "Sweet Secrets of Honey in the Air: Anatomy of an Evidence-based Veterinary Medicine (EBVM) Report" by veterinarian-turned-freelance-medical-writer Louisa Marcombes. Drawing from her experiences evaluating evidence on the use of honey for wound healing in dogs, she discusses the challenges EBVM poses to medical writers and the pitfalls to avoid when communicating EBVM to a veterinary or lay audience. After Louisa's talk, we have a quickfire question on a VMW terminology conundrum, and more discussion to address the range of species, technologies, audiences, and careers that VMW involve. Please contact [vets@emwa.org](mailto:vets@emwa.org) for more information.

### RPD SIG committee

Amanda Hunn is now a member of the RPD SIG committee. Amanda has extensive experience in health research, research ethics and patient engagement. She currently works as a freelance consultant and medical writer specialising in lay summaries. Formerly Amanda was Head of Policy and Public Affairs at the Health Research Authority (HRA) in the UK from 2012 to 2019. During this time she led an EU wide taskforce to work on the development of EU guidelines for lay summaries of clinical trials.

### Certificates for webinars

If you attend a live webinar, you can now request a certificate of attendance against an administrative fee of 20€. Simply email [info@emwa.org](mailto:info@emwa.org) to order your certificate. Please note, at present, this is only an option for live, but not for archived webinars.

### Credly badges

Have you gained a foundation or advanced certificate and want to more prominently display it as electronic certificate on LinkedIn, your website and emails? Then contact head office at [info@emwa.org](mailto:info@emwa.org). Here you can have a glimpse how the badge looks like with the underlying text: EMWA Foundation Certificate - Acclaim ([youracclaim.com](http://youracclaim.com))

### Bulgarian Translation of the Joint Position Statement on Predatory Journals

We are proud to announce the posting of the first JPS translation into Bulgarian by Mariya Dobreva with editing and review by Irina Dobreva and Ivalio Alexiev. 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](#).

### EMWA Ambassador 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 11 Mar 2021 Alison Rapley gave well received virtual presentation on medical writing combined with a workshop on improving writing skills to 20 attendees (40 were on the waiting list) for the University College London during their annual Life Sciences Career Week. The session was well organized with questions raised through the chat function, managed by UCL that were answered at specific points during the presentation. A recording of the session was made available to those unable to attend and exercises were mailed out after the virtual session with an answer sheet provided.

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](mailto:info@emwa.org)) or Abe Shevack ([aspscientist@gmail.com](mailto:aspscientist@gmail.com)).

### Medical Devices News:

Webinars: MDR lessons learnt on the 5 May, and IVDR on 12 May both will be on the [website](#)

Whitepaper: Person responsible for regulatory compliance and Software as a Medical Device. Both available now on the [website](#).

### Regulatory News:

COVID-19 Vaccine AstraZeneca: benefits still outweigh the risks despite possible link to rare blood clots with low blood platelets

EMA recommends COVID-19 Vaccine Janssen for authorisation in the EU

EMA starts rolling review of Eli Lilly antibodies bamlanivimab and etesevimab for COVID-19

Pharmacovigilance Risk Assessment Committee (PRAC) COVID-19-related highlights

### Scam EMWA e-mail - Please be vigilant

We have been made aware of a scam email purporting to come from someone connected to EMWA.

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Thank you for your vigilance on this issue.

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