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Winner of the Geoff Hall Scholarship 2022

The Geoff Hall Scholarships (GHSs) are given in honour of a former President of EMWA annually based on an essay competition, and the title of this year's essay was 'The Ethics of Medical Writing'. The committee has the ability to award up to two scholarships each year. This year they decided to award a single scholarship - to [Sampoorna Rappaz](#). Sampoorna's winning essay is published in the June 2022 edition of Medical Writing, and we wish her the very best at the start of her very promising medical writing career.

For those of you inspired to pick up your laptop, this year's essay title is 'How to keep your reader interested from start to finish'.

The Freelance Business Forum is back in business.

In the first live event for more than two years, the **Freelance Business Forum** returned at the Berlin 2022 conference with a [packed programme](#).

Joint GIMW and PV SIG Meet&Share

On Thursday, 9th June at 14:00 CET, there will be the first joint GIMW and PV SIG Meet&Share entitled:

Demystifying pharmacovigilance writing for new and aspiring medical writers

- Introduction to pharmacovigilance (PV) writing
- How to get a PV writing role as a fresh graduate?
- Experience sharing from aspiring, new, and experienced PV writers
- Interactive session - a chance for aspiring or new writers to ask questions

Meeting details: 9th June 2pm CET

Email: info@emwa.org to receive your registration invite.

Next GIMW Group Open Meet & Share

Following the success of the first **GIMW Meet & Share**, the next session will take place on June 23, 6 pm CET.

During this session, we will discuss soft skills and transferable skills from academia that you can leverage to successfully get into medical writing. We will also discuss how these skills can improve your CV/resume and LinkedIn profile and how to use them in strategic ways. We warmly welcome all new and aspiring medical writers to join this discussion.

Save the date and email info@emwa.org to receive your registration invite.

EPDC News - Webinars

While we are still full of energy gained from the 53rd EMWA Conference in Berlin, and feeling so grateful to have been able to meet face to face again, the EPDC would like to extend a huge thanks to all the workshop leaders who presented in Berlin or virtually after the conference. We are all aware of the time, effort and commitment that is needed from our volunteers to prepare, run and mark the post workshop assignments and without them EMWA would not be what it is today. We thank each and everyone of you. As many will have heard there are some changes occurring within the EPDC. Marian Hodges who was the Educational Officer for 6 years has stepped down and Laura Collada and Jules Kovacevic are now job sharing the role. We all appreciate all the work that Marian has put in to develop the workshop programme and all her other contributions to EMWA. We are lucky that Marian is still around to ask our million questions but we would again like to thank her for everything she has done for EMWA, the EPDC and for us all personally.

We are also super excited to announce we have two new members of the EPDC, Diana Ribeiro and Helen Chambers. Diana will focus on mainly the Webinar programme and Helen will work alongside all the other members to mentor, develop and observe our workshop programme. We feel so lucky that we have these ladies joining us with their enthusiasm and knowledge and we all look forward to working with you.

We welcome offers to present a webinar. It's a great way to share your knowledge on a topic with other EMWA members. You'll get support on webinar development and presentation from the EMWA webinar team. Contact them at webinar@emwa.org

Ambassadors Programme News

The [EMWA Ambassador Programme's](#) is continuing its efforts to reach out to new audiences to promote medical writing and EMWA.

On 22 Mar 2022 EMWA Carola Krause gave a virtual presentation on writing the IMPD to an audience of 30 researchers at the **SPARK-BIH Educational Forum in Berlin**. Carola was joined by Abe Shevack who gave an introduction to medical writing and EMWA. The presentation was very well received and there was much interest in the topic and some interesting questions.

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 Abe Shevack (aspscientist@gmail.com).

BELS Exam

The [Board of Editors in the Life Sciences \(BELS\)](#) now offers their editing proficiency exam at Prometric testing centers all over Europe quarterly during the months of January, April, July, and October. The exam can also be taken remotely from home.

German and Italian translations of the Joint Position Statement on Medical

Publications, Preprints, and Peer Review

We are proud to announce the posting of the German and Italian translations by Maria Domenica Costantino.

In order to access the translations please click [German](#) or [Italian](#).

We are currently looking for translators. If you would like to volunteer please contact Abe Shevack (aspscientist@gmail.com) or the EMWA Head Office (info@emwa.org).

"Utilizing Innovative Tools to Accelerate Regulatory Document Writing"

The writing of regulatory documents requires a multidisciplinary approach that consumes time and resources and yet requests to shorten timelines are endless. As medical writers at ICON plc, we conducted an internal survey to understand how we could tackle pressing timelines and still produce high-quality documents. The results were presented at the last EMWA conference in Berlin. The abstract of the P2 poster can be accessed through the link: [EMWA Conference | Poster Presentations](#).

To complete our study, we would now like to extend our 10-question survey to our fellow EMWA members. The survey is available at <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/SPBLC2>.

We thank you for gifting us 2 minutes of your time and thank EMWA for this opportunity.

95% of the top pharmaceutical companies worldwide aim to cut greenhouse gas emissions

According to a study presented at the [18th Annual Meeting of the International Society for Medical Publication Professionals](#) (ISMP), 19 of the 20 leading pharmaceutical companies worldwide have committed to net zero, carbon neutrality or specific reductions in greenhouse gas emissions – with significant implications for their supply chains.

Peter J. Hotez, MD, PhD Named 2022 John P. McGovern Award Recipient by the American Medical Writers Association

The [American Medical Writers Association \(AMWA\)](#) has selected [Peter J. Hotez](#), MD, PhD, an internationally recognized physician-scientist, global health advocate, accomplished author, and 2022 Nobel Peace Prize nominee, as the 2022 John P. McGovern Award Recipient. This award recognizes preeminent contributions to the various modes of medical communication and is named in honor of renowned allergist and philanthropist John P. McGovern, MD.

EMWA MEMBERSHIP HARDSHIP FUND

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