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## Tuesday 5th May 2026

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| **17.00pm - 21.00pm** | **Registration** |
| **17.30pm - 19.00pm** | **Opening Session & Welcome Drinks** |

## Wednesday 6th May 2026

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| **9.00am - 12.00pm** | **Introduction to Medical Writing**<br>Sarah Hopwood |
| **9.00am - 12.30pm** | Patient Voice: Where do we need it and why in regulatory documents? |
| **EDG / EPDP Workshops** | |
| **9.00am - 10.30am** | **EDG:** Medical Writing Peer Review of Clinical Trial Documents<br>Stephen Moore |
| **11.00am - 12.30pm** | **EDG:** High-impact but Low-visibility: Nonclinical Summary Writing for CTD Module 2<br>Carola Krause and Sally Hill |
| **9.00am - 12.30pm** | **MDF3** - Writing Clinical Investigation plans for Medical Devices<br>Beatrix Doerr |
| **9.00am - 12.30pm** | **PTF42** - Essentials of Data Visualisation<br>Ana Goios |
| **9.00am - 12.30pm** | **DDF33+34b** - Clinical Study Reports - Mastering the Essential Skills (Double Workshop 1/2)<br>Arine Kassabian & Monica Milani |
| **9.00am - 12.30pm** | **PTF4 -** Medical Writing and Quality Control: Clinical Study Reports<br>Alison Mcintosh |
| **9.00am - 12.30pm** | **MCF1a** - Introduction to Manuscript Writing<br>Phillip Leventhal |
| **9.00am - 12.30pm** | **PTF8** - Cross cultural Communication<br>Laura Collada Ali & Kari Skinningsrud |
| **9.00am - 12.30pm** | **DDA34 -** Briefing Documents - The communication channel to Health Authorities from a Medical Writer's perspective<br>Katrin Zaragoza Doerr & Sabrina Stöhr |
| **9.00am - 12.30pm** | **MSF17 -** Oncology Essentials for Medical Writers<br>Ekaterina Weith |
| **12.30pm - 13.30pm** | **Lunch** |

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| **12.35pm - 13.25pm** | Sponsored Session: TriloDocs |
| **12.35pm - 13.25pm** | **Freelance SIG** - The Business Development Panel: How Top Freelancers Win and Keep Clients. |
| **12.35pm - 13.25pm** | Celebrating a Decade of CORE Reference: Still Powering Quality CSRs Today |
| **12.35pm - 13.25pm** | English Brunch - Johanna Svanberg |
| **12.35pm - 13.25pm** | Remuneration Survey Results Presentation |
| **13.30pm - 17.00pm** | The future of protocols featuring TransCelerate, CDISC and regulatory experts |
| **13.30pm - 15.00pm** | **AI Theme**: Scientific and medical visualizations: overview of genAI tools, their issues, and the human perspective |
| **15:30pm - 17:00pm** | **AI Masterclass**: From content creator to process owner: Evolving Medical Writing Roles and Organizational Processes |
| **EDG / EPDP Workshops** | |
| **13.30pm - 17.00pm** | **NEW PTF46** - Critical Thinking how to assess data and info with an unbiased eye<br>Lisa Chamberlain James & Savanna LeBoff |
| **13.30pm - 17.00pm** | **LWA11a** -Tense<br>Johanna Chester |
| **13.30pm - 17.00pm** | **PTA10** - Effective Reporting of Scales, Questionnaires and VAS<br>Thomas Wagner |
| **13.30pm - 17.00pm** | **DDF33+34b** - Clinical Study Reports - Mastering the Essential Skills (Double Workshop 2/2)<br>Arine Kassabian & Monica Milani |
| **13.30pm - 17.00pm** | **DDA1b -** Writing Global Submission Dossiers using the Common Technical Document<br>Claire Dyer |
| **13.30pm - 17.00pm** | **MSF10a -** Introduction to Vaccines<br>Sergey Sulima |
| **13.30pm - 17.00pm** | **DDF32 -** Introduction to Pharmacovigilance Writing<br>Tiziana von Bruchhausen |
| **13.30pm - 17.00pm** | **NEW DDF58 -** Preparing Health Authority Responses<br>Shreya Bhargava |
| **13.30pm - 17.00pm** | **DDF38a -** CORE Reference - Clarity and Openness in Reporting: E3-based<br>Sam Hamilton & Vivien Fagan |

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| **9.00am - 10.30am** | **AI Theme:** Real World Insights on AI and Medical Writing |
| **11.00am - 12:30pm** | **AI Theme:** Inside the Black Box: How AI Vendors Build, Validate, and Govern Tools for Medical Writing |
| **11.00am - 12.30pm** | Patient Voice: Publications Lay Summaries |
| **9.00am - 10.30am** | Protocols: Hearing the Patients' Voices |
| **11.00am - 12.30pm** | Protocols: TransCelarate/CDISC Digital Protocol Expert Sessions |
| **EDG / EPDP Workshops** | |
| **9.00am - 10.30am** | **EDG:** Publication Ethics and Compliance<br>Sergey Sulima |
| **9.00am - 12.30pm** | **PTA16** - Presentation Skills<br>John Dixon |
| **9.00am - 12.30pm** | **NEW MDF13 -** IVDR introduction for Medical Writers<br>Christina Malagari & Vaso Basinou |
| **9.00am - 12.30pm** | **DDA27 -** Medical Writing for Biosimilars<br>Katharina Brauburger & Sabrina Stoehr |
| **9.00am - 12.30pm** | **DDF41 -** Writing a clinical Study Protocol<br>Debbie Jordan & Wendy Kingdom |
| **9.00am - 12.30pm** | **DDF2b** - Writing an Investigator's Brochure<br>Shreya Bhargava |
| **9.00am - 12.30pm** | **PTA12 -** Interpersonal Skills for Medical Writers<br>Julia Forjanic Klapproth |
| **9.00am - 12.30pm** | **PTF43 -** Optimizing writing efficiency by taking advantage of Microsoft Word's hidden options<br>Jacqueline Janowich |
| **9.00am - 12.30pm** | **DDF17a -** Ethical Issues in Clinical Trials<br>Art Gertel |
| **12.30pm - 13.30pm** | Lunch |
| **12.35pm - 13.25pm** | Meet AERTeM and Tremédica |
| **12.35pm - 13.25pm** | Sponsored Session - Zyliq |
| **12.35pm - 13.25pm** | **Freelance SIG** - Around the table: Exchange & Engage |

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| **12.35pm - 13.25pm** | English Brunch - Johanna Svanberg |
| **12.35pm - 13.25pm** | Regulatory Writing SIG Lunchtime Meeting |
| **13.30pm - 17.00pm** | **AI Theme:** AI Perspectives, from Regulators to Regulated |
| **13.30pm - 15.00pm** | Protocols: TransCelarate/CDISC Digital Protocol Expert Sessions |
| **EDG / EPDP Workshops** | |
| **13.30pm - 15.00pm** | **EDG:** Writing Clinical Study Reports for Studies with Complex Protocols<br>Wendy Kingdom and Debbie Jordan |
| **15.30pm - 17.00pm** | **EDG:** Mastering the Rush: Exploring Practical Tools for Steering Complex Documents (eg, Protocols) with Large Cross-Functional Study Teams Under Tight Timelines<br>Martin Murray and Susan Brown (Bioscript) |
| **15.30pm - 17.00pm** | **EDG**: Clinical Trial Transparency in Practice: Performance, Barriers, and the Emerging Role of AI<br>Sam Hamilton & Vivien Fagan |
| **13.30pm - 17.00pm** | **PTF28** - Powerpoint for Medical Writers<br>Helen Chambers |
| **13.30pm - 17.00pm** | **LWF22** - Inclusive Language in Medical Writing: How are our words perceived when we communicate?<br>Heather Mason |
| **13.30pm - 17.00pm** | **MCA28** - Publication Planning<br>Andrea Rossi |
| **13.30pm - 17.00pm** | **PTA8 -** Statistical Analysis of Binary Data<br>Adam Jacobs |
| **13.30pm - 17.00pm** | **DDF4b -** Introduction to Informed Consent Forms<br>Stephen Moore |
| **13.30pm - 17.00pm** | **NEW MDA5 -** Mastering the Basics: Performance Evaluation Plans and Reports for IVDs<br>Christina Malagari & Vaso Basinou |
| **13.30pm - 17.00pm** | **DDF50 -** A Beginners Guide to Key Clinical Documents in the EU Drug Development Process<br>Abraham Shevack & Raquel Billiones |
| **13.30pm - 17.00pm** | **MCF18b -** Abstracts<br>Stephen Gilliver |

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| **9.00am - 12.30pm** | **AI Theme:** Prompt Engineering for Medical Writers – Practical Design, Real-World Applications, and the Evolving MW Role |
| **9.00am - 10.30am** | Protocols: Incorporating Quality by Design (QbD) |
| **11.00am - 12.30pm** | Protocols: Impact of M11 |
| **EDG / EPDP Workshops** | |
| **9.00am - 10.30am** | **EDG:** Controlling Complexity: Tools and Strategies to Improve the Efficiency of Cross-functional Reviews<br>Sam Derwin |
| **11.00am - 12.30pm** | **EDG:** How can medical writers positively impact rare disease documents?<br>Laura Kitchen |
| **9.00am - 12.30pm** | **LWF13+14** - Essentials of Editing and Proofreading (1 of 2)<br>Barbara Grossman |
| **9.00am - 12.30pm** | **MSF9 -** The Basic of Genetics for medical writers<br>John Carpenter & Lisa Chamberlain James |
| **9.00am - 12.30pm** | **DDF54** - Non-clinical study reports<br>Sally Hill & Carola Krause |
| **9.00am - 12.30pm** | **PTF21** - Health-related quality of life<br>Claire Gudex |
| **9.00am - 12.30pm** | **LWF23** - Efficiency in Medical Writing: The Lean Approach (possible name change The Lean Approach - From Protocol to Submission<br>Iris Bresink & Suvi Rajamaki |
| **9.00am - 12.30pm** | **DDA7 -** Serving Two Masters: Comparing and Contrasting US and EU Regulatory Submissions and Processes<br>Art Gertel |
| **9.00am - 12.30pm** | **DDF57** - All clinical trials in Europe at your fingertips: Introduction to the public portal of the Clinical Trial Information System (CTIS)<br>Thomas Schindler |
| **9.00am - 12.30pm** | **NEW DDF59 -** Inclusion by Design: Preparing Medical Writers to Address Diversity in Clinical Trials<br>Shrutika Rogye & Bhawna Basin |
| **12.30pm - 13.30pm** | Lunch |
| **12.35pm - 13.35pm** | Sponsored Session - AlphaLife Sciences |
| **12.35pm - 13.35pm** | **Freelance SIG** - The Freelance Open Mic: What Matters, What's Next. |

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| **12.35pm - 13.35pm** | How CORE Reference Advances Global Consistency in the Next Era of CSR Writing: Regulatory Transparency in Asia and Intelligent AI Integration |
| **12.35pm - 13.35pm** | English Brunch - Johanna Svanberg |
| **13.30pm - 15.00pm** | Round Table Session: Closing a Medical Device Safety Gap: Can Medical Writers Improve Patient Outcomes by Harmonizing Stakeholder Perspectives? |
| **EDG / EPDP Workshops** | |
| **13.30pm - 17.00pm** | **LWF13+14** - Essentials of Editing and Proofreading (2 of 2)<br>Barbara Grossman |
| **13.30pm - 17.00pm** | **MDF11** - Introduction to Medical Devices<br>Diana Ribeiro |
| **13.30pm - 17.00pm** | **NEW MSF15 -** General Nutrition Basics<br>Maria Carolina Rojido |
| **13.30pm - 17.00pm** | **PTF45** - Working with Key Opinion Leaders (KOLs) in Medicine<br>Diarmuid De Faoite |
| **13.30pm - 17.00pm** | **NEW PTA20** - Insights into the journey to leadership in medical writing<br>Kleopatra Kouroupaki |
| **13.30pm - 17.00pm** | **DDA35 -** Safety and Contraception information for the Informed Consent<br>Julia Moffitt & Cornelia Weiss-Haljiti |
| **13.30pm - 17.00pm** | **DDF55 -** Converting an Investigational New Drug (IND) application into an Investigational Medicinal Product Dossier (IMPD): process, regulatory requirements and potential pitfalls<br>Pavle Simeunovic |
| **13.30pm - 17.00pm** | **PTF22 -** Managing the Clinical Study Protcol Writing Process<br>Abraham Shevack |
| **13.30pm - 17.00pm** | **PTA9 -** Analysis of Variance and Regression Analysis<br>Adam Jacobs |