

**EMWA Newsblasts**  
 MONTHLY UPDATE TO EMWA MEMBERS - SEPTEMBER 2017

**Conference Updates**


**Registration is now open for the 45th EMWA conference in Cascais, Portugal that will be held on the 2 - 4 November 2017**

[Click Here to Register](#)


**Membership news**

Have you had chance to check out the new EMWA website which is faster and mobile/tablet friendly, please go to <https://www.emwa.org/>

The deadline for Nick Thompson award is 1st of October. Please [click here](#) for further information.

The September journal should be with you shortly and the issue is entitled - Observational Studies. The deadline for feature articles for the December issue is 11 September.

The deadline for Geoff Hall Scholarship 30 September - The essay title for 2017 is Creative Medical Writing: An Oxymoron? Please [click here](#) for further information

EMWA have a new webinar leader for the webinar programme – Laurence Aufret.

Please check the [website](#) for further information


**EMWA Professional Education Programme Updates**

The education committee has put together a well balanced programme of foundation and advanced workshops for the November conference. This will include 3 new workshops - on value dossiers, using readability statistics, and writing about biosimilars.

Updated workshops on writing about medical devices and periodic benefit-risk evaluation reports will also be offered. Full details are available in the conference programme on the website starting on 4 September.

New workshops are in development for the May 2018 conference in Barcelona. If you have an idea for a new workshop, or want to find out more about what is involved in developing one, get in touch with the EPDC at [education@emwa.org](mailto:education@emwa.org).

Proposals for new workshops will be considered at the EPDC meeting in November.

We are pleased to welcome new EPDC members Sarah Tilly and Laurence Auffret. If you have any queries or comments on the education programme, please contact Marian Hodges, EMWA Education Officer at [education@emwa.org](mailto:education@emwa.org).


**Pharmacovigilance Special Interest Group (PV SIG) update**

The PV SIG Committee had an exciting re-format: we introduced new members to the main committee and formalized a group of Supporting Members to help us with our upcoming tasks.

We are currently working to provide the latest guidance updates on the website and in an Expert Seminar at the next Spring conference.

If you have suggestions or requests related either to the contents of the website, or to topics for journal articles, workshops, or events at conferences, please send an e-mail to [info@emwa.org](mailto:info@emwa.org) and indicate "For PV SIG" in the subject line.



We look forward to receiving suggestions on how to improve the PV SIG activities!

Please [click here](#) for further information.


**Translation of the Joint Position Statement on the Role of Medical Writers**


EMWA has now undertaken to translate the Joint Position Statement on the Role of Medical Writers. As you remember this statement was prepared together with our colleagues at AMWA and ISMPP in order to set out ethical standards for medical writers in developing scientific and medical publications.

We are now attempting to spread the word among non-native English speakers in Europe. The document will be translated into **German, Italian, French, and Spanish** and posted on the EMWA website once a month starting in September. The German translation is now available under the following [link](#).


**Reaching out to Universities and Research Organizations**


EMWA is currently attempting to reach out to student groups including PhD and postdoctoral fellows to inform them about medical writing and EMWA.

In order to help in this effort, we would like to ask EMWA members who have had recent contact with universities or research centers in Germany to please write to Abe Shevack at [president@emwa.org](mailto:president@emwa.org).


**Invitation to Qualified Survey Participants**

Nancy Katz, PhD, MWC (DIA member and AMWA North California Chapter President), and Linda F. Wood, MPH (DIA member and former AWMA New England Chapter President), invite you to participate in a survey entitled Methods of Content Creation for the Summary of Clinical Efficacy (SCE, Section 2.7.3 of the Common Technical Document).

The objective of the survey is to determine the methods that writers use to create content for this document e.g. text, in-text tables, and in-text figures. The survey should take about 20 minutes.

Responses will contribute to understanding the skills and efforts required to create accurate, regulatory-compliant, and clearly written SCEs. The results will be presented at the AMWA Annual Conference, in Orlando, FLA in October/November 2017.

If you are qualified to take this survey (i.e., have been a lead writer or substantive contributor to an SCE within the past 3 years), please write directly to Nancy Katz ([nrkatz@illyriaconsulting.com](mailto:nrkatz@illyriaconsulting.com)), who will ensure that you receive a link to the survey.


**Future Newsblasts**

We hope that you like the first edition of the EMWA Newsblast and if you have suggestions on how we can improve it, please let us know.

The deadline for news items for future editions is:

1. 15 September for the October edition
2. 20 October for the November edition
3. 17 November for the December edition

Please ensure that any news items are received by these dates to ensure that we include them. We would appreciate news items being a maximum of 100 words, if at all possible. Please send any news items to Maria Almeida at [pr@emwa.org](mailto:pr@emwa.org) and [info@emwa.org](mailto:info@emwa.org)

