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Over the last year, you may have noticed some changes to the EMWA website. It continues to be an important source of revenue for the organisation, and a powerful recruitment tool; however, the web team have recently re-vamped parts of the website to better match the needs of the EMWA membership. We've made changes to the section for members only: for example, an archive of articles from past issues of TWS has been made available online, and TWS can be downloaded, before its printed publication. We've also improved the dialogue page, which provides a forum for EMWA members and others interested in medical writing to pose questions and join in discussions.

As EMWA's membership grows, we are keen to further expand the information and resources available to EMWA members through the website and increase the involvement of the EMWA membership in generating content for the website. In this issue of TWS, Diana Epstein publishes the results of an informal survey done at the Malta conference. The responses to the survey, exploring how EMWA members became medical writers, are posted in Members-Only. Recently, we have had contributions from Helen Wiggett, with a report of the Medical Writing Research discussion forum held in Malta, and Alison McIntosh, with a report of the Freelancer and Small Business discussion forum held at the same conference. Rebecca Farrar has given us the first exciting instalment of the Medical Writers' Hobbies Questionnaire findings, and the next instalment is in the pipeline. Our team of web contributors is steadily growing; however, we are still looking for other volunteers. Perhaps you have a feature article or news item of interest to the general EMWA membership. Maybe you are a budding column writer who would like to voice your thoughts on a regular basis, or a wannabe roving news reporter hungry for the latest medical writing scoop. New or old member, if you have something to say, we want to hear from you (shanida@emwa.org; webeditor@emwa.org).

In the next year, the web team hope to continue the process of re-vamping the EMWA website. In addition to a planned series of exciting contributions, we are also discussing a possible re-design of the entire look of the EMWA website. EMWA is a thriving, lively organisation and our website should reflect this. So please come visit our website and get involved!

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