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EUROPEAN MEDICAL WRITERS ASSOCIATION



Are you considering changing from writing for pharma to medical devices? Learn about the transferable skills you require for this transition, at EMWA's medical device symposium on [May 3rd in Barcelona](#).

A representative of the European Commission will talk about the new Medical Devices Regulation and its implications for medical writers - visit EMWA's [medical device symposium](#) on May 3rd in Barcelona.

Get first-hand information - A notified body representative will talk about what notified bodies are looking for in Clinical Evaluation Reports - visit EMWA's [medical device symposium](#) on May 3rd in Barcelona.

Want to learn about the full life cycle of a medical device to understand clinical data obtained from medical device studies? – listen to a case example at EMWA's [medical device symposium](#) on May 3rd in Barcelona.

Information on the latest medical devices regulations can be found at the following links:

<http://www.camd-europe.eu/news/published-medical-devices-regulation-in-vitro-diagnostics-regulation-mdrivdr-roadmap>

http://www.camd-europe.eu/sites/default/files/media/documents/FAQ_MDR_180117_V1.0.pdf

EMWA Anniversary photo competition

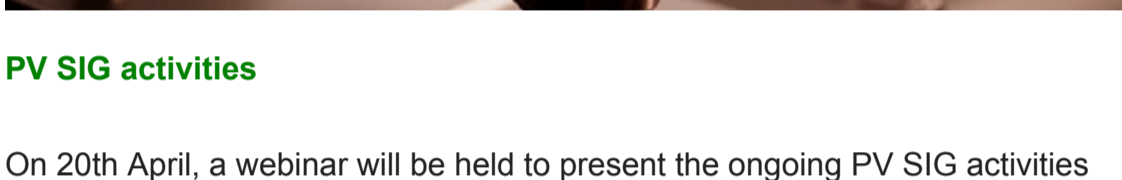
As you already know we have been celebrating our 25th Anniversary as an organization and have sent out a specially designed button with the Dec issue of the MEWs.

We are having a contest for the best pictures of delegates wearing these buttons; so, go out and take some pictures and send them to our PR Officer Maria Almeida at pr@emwa.org. The winner will be announced in our Social Media and June's NewsBlast.

Internship Forum

Are you a prospective medical writer seeking practical experience in an established professional environment? Do you need career coaching or other related advice?

Then come and join us at the next EMWA Internship Forum, to be held on [Thursday 3 May](#) at the next EMWA Spring Conference in Barcelona. Check it out!



PV SIG activities

On 20th April, a webinar will be held to present the ongoing PV SIG activities and the achievement of the PV SIG over the last few years. Further details are provided in the webinar section of this NewsBlast issue. Register for the webinar and learn why you should get involved!

Regulatory updates

The EMA has released the following guidance documents:

- Scientific guideline: [Draft guideline](#) on safety and efficacy follow-up and risk management of advanced therapy medicinal products rev 1 (under public consultation until 30 Apr 2018)
- [CHMP Guideline](#) on strategies to identify and mitigate risks for first-in-human and early clinical trials with investigational medicinal products rev 1 (Final, 01 Feb 2018)

Training

EMWA's programme of training workshops is a core part of what we have to offer our members. There are 52 workshops in the programme for the Barcelona conference, made possible by 49 workshop leaders who are giving of their time before, during, and after the conference.

Have you considered developing a workshop? The education committee is always pleased to have proposals for new topics. Our updated workshop leaders' handbook on the [website training page](#) has lots of information about what is involved. If you'd like to discuss an idea, get in touch with Marian Hodges at education@emwa.org.

Webinars

Our next LIVE webinar will take place on Friday 20th of April at 2 pm CET! Tiziana Von Bruchhausen and Lisa Chamberlain James will talk about "Pharmacovigilance Special Interest Group (PV SIG) – what have we been doing for EMWA members and why you should join us!"

The PV SIG aims to bring together EMWA members to discuss and share information and best practice in the area of PV and PV writing via the journal, website, and events at conferences. The group aims to increase dialogue within and between the medical writing community and the Regulatory Authorities and acts as a resource for medical writers interested in the area of PV by posting guidance and updates to guidance as appropriate.

The group has had a very busy year and is planning lots of exciting activities – including some for the upcoming conference. This webinar will present all the latest updates and explain why and how you should get involved!

Registration will open on the 6th of April on <https://www.emwa.org/training/emwa-webinars-programme/>

Reminder: April 10 Deadline approaching for [The Board of Editors in the Life Sciences \(BELS\) examination in Barcelona](#).

For the second time since 1996 and for the convenience of EMWA members attending the May 2018 Conference in Barcelona, the Board of Editors in the Life Sciences (BELS) is planning to hold its editing proficiency certification examination in Barcelona on the afternoon before the conference is due to start (May 1, 2018 at 12:00 in the conference venue, Barceló Sants Hotel).

The deadline is quickly approaching for registering for the exam on [April 10](#).

The exam is offered world-wide and tests proficiency in all aspects of manuscript editing. Candidates who pass the exam are allowed to use the credentials "ELS" after their names (Editor in the Life Sciences). For more information check the BELS website (bels.org)



Joint Position Statement

We are pleased to report that EMWA has now translated the Joint Position Statement on the role of medical writers in developing scientific and medical publications into [Romanian](#). We also expect to post a Hungarian translation in April to be followed soon by a Ukrainian translation in the near future.

We are very happy to keep the momentum going by spreading the word about this statement to non-native English speakers.

Ambassador's program

EMWA Vice-President Tiziana von Bruchhausen gave a very well received presentation on medical writing and EMWA at the Dr. Notghi Academy in Berlin on 9 Mar 2018.

Anne McDonough will be presenting a similar talk to students at the Anglia Ruskin University - Faculty of Medical Sciences and Public Health Careers Day in Cambridge, UK on 18 April 2018.

The Ambassador's program group will be having a lunch time roundtable discussion on Thursday 3 May at 12:15 during the EMWA conference in Barcelona. Anyone interesting in finding out more about this program are welcome to attend.

If you are interested in holding such a presentation please contact the Head Office info@emwa.org using the subject " Ambassador's Program".

Conference reporters needed

To further provide value to our members, EMWA would like to offer an opportunity to EMWA members who will be attending the 46th Conference in Barcelona to write short news articles about selected sessions during the Spring Conference.

The objective of this initiative is to allow all EMWA members to gain some insights shared during the Conference key sessions. It also provides an opportunity for members to practice their journalistic skills. All articles will be compiled and published in EMWA journal – Medical Writing.

If you are interested covering one or more ESS sessions, the medical device Symposium, any EMWA social events, or reporting on general comments and interviews from EMWA delegates or on new workshops, please contact EMWA Head Office info@emwa.org using the subject "Conference reporting". Amy Whereat will be coordinating the team of EMWA Barcelona Spring Conference journalists and liaise with Medical Writing editors.



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