



## EMWA Newsblast - February 2019



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### Save the date | 48th EMWA Conference Vienna | 7th - 11th May 2019 | Registration Opening Soon!

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To help you plan for the EMWA Spring conference, we are pleased to inform you that [a programme preview](#) is now on the website. Please note that this preview is **for information purposes only**.

We have 52 workshop topics scheduled for the Vienna conference. They cover a wide range of areas and about a third are advanced level.

You can do workshops to gain credits from the EMWA Professional Development Programme (EPDP). To gain a credit, you must attend the workshop and successfully complete assignments before and afterwards. Credits can be accumulated to claim an EPDP certificate, which shows your commitment to learning and professional development. For more information see the EPDP brochure: there's a link on the [Training page](#) of the website.

Final details including registration and workshop fees will be available when the conference programme is launched online in early February.

#### **Photo contest!**

Get inspired and prepare your EMWA merchandise for the **“Bring EMWA to Vienna”** photo contest!

## **BELS exam update**

The Board of Editors in the Life Sciences (BELS) is planning to hold its examination on the 7th of May at 12:00 at the Austria Trend Hotel Savoyen. This hotel is within walking distance of the conference venue. Delegates wishing to register for the BELS exam should contact BELS via [www.bels.org](http://www.bels.org)

## **Medical Device – Special Interest Group (MD-SIG) meeting**

Come and join us in Vienna on Friday, 10 May 2019, from 12.30 to 13.15 in Ballroom 1+2

## **Show IT, Share IT Session**

We're looking for volunteers for the above session. If you are interested please contact us at [pr@emwa.org](mailto:pr@emwa.org).

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## **Ambassador's Programme Update**

The Ambassador Program has gotten off to a good start in the New Year. As you know, EMWA's strategy is to raise awareness about the medical writing profession and the benefits of joining our organization. The goal of the program is to recruit experienced EMWA members to give presentations at university career events, professional training organizations, and at medical conferences.

Read more [here](#)

If you are interested in becoming an Ambassador or if you have heard about any upcoming career events which EMWA might attend, please contact Abe Shevack ([aspscientist@gmail.com](mailto:aspscientist@gmail.com)) or EMWA Head Office ([info@emwa.org](mailto:info@emwa.org)).

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## **EPDC News**

### **New member**

We are very pleased to welcome John Dixon to the EMWA Professional Development Committee (EPDC). John brings a great deal of knowledge and experience of medical communications and training. He's the leader of EMWA's workshop on using readability tools to help edit biomedical research articles, and at the end of this month he will be running our webinar on oral presentations.

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## **WEBINARS**

We are hosting a webinar about **Oral presentations: skills to help you survive or even shine!** by John Dixon on **February the 28th from 14:00 to 15:00 CET**.

Please click [here](#) to register for this webinar.

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## **Freelance Business Forum**

The latest FBF report from the Warsaw conference is available [here](#).

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## **Regulatory Public Disclosure (RPD)**

## Regulatory News

The European Medicines Agency (EMA) updated the following documents in late 2018:

- Minor update to version Rev. 2.0.1 of the guidance on format of the risk management plans accompanying GVP module V Rev. 2 (the version of 30 March 2017 is superseded)
- Pre-authorisation procedural advice for users of the centralised procedure
- Post-authorisation procedural advice for users of the centralised procedure
- EMA, the Heads of Medicines Agencies (HMA) and the European Commission (EC) have launched a six-month public consultation (until 31 Jul 2019) on draft key principles for the development of the electronic product information (ePI) for human medicines in the European Union. A report from the EMA/HMA/EC workshop on ePI (28 November 2018) and the video from this workshop are available online.

### Resources

1. TransCelerate's Open Access Clinical Study Report (CSR) Template
2. PhUSE White Paper: Clinical trial transparency and disclosure: A global view
3. Impact of EMA Relocation to Amsterdam on RPD Activities

Read more [here](#)

## NEWS OF INTEREST

### Call for feature article contributors – Medical Writing

Our Guest Editor of the June 2019 Generics and Biosimilars MEW issue, Diana Radovan, is still looking for feature authors on the topics Market Access – Generics and/or Biosimilars and/or Writing Publications – Generics and/or Biosimilars. If interested, contact her at [diana.radovan@trilogywriting.com](mailto:diana.radovan@trilogywriting.com)

We have 2019 fully covered and looking for fresh ideas for 2020. If you have ideas for topics that should be covered in the upcoming issues of Medical Writing, please let us know. Contact us at [editor@emwa.org](mailto:editor@emwa.org).

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### Medical Communications Educational Forum Programme

The Education Forum was run by Stgilesmedical in their London office on 18th December last year. Alison Rapley was one of the presenters and talked about how EMWA supports medical writers at various stages of their career. You can read more [here](#)

### Professional Indemnity Insurance - 20% Discount for EMWA Members!

Did you know that EMWA members get a 20% discount on their [Professional Indemnity Insurance](#)?

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