# MedComm SIG meeting – Malmö, Nov 8th 2019

Invited: A. Bucceri (AB), A. Rossi (AR), S. Baronikova (SB), J Donelly (JD), D. De Faiote (DDF), P. Leventhal (PL), T. Schindler (TS), B. Doerr (BD), E. Southam (ES), M. Tauchi (MT), Amy Whereat (AW), A. Gertel (AG).

Apologies: C. Winchester (CW), M. Delahunty (MD), L. Chamberlain-James (LCJ), L. Collada (LC), T. von Bruchhausen (TVB), Aurelie Gobert (AuG).

## MedComm SIG ways of working, roles and responsibilities (AR, SB)

* Revised the roles as from previous MedComms SIG meetings. Confirmed that each owner of the topic (subgroup lead) is responsible of project management, too.
* Responsibilities and Timelines/Topics owners will cc SB and AR in each relevant communication and/or will let them update on the activities of their topic(s).
* In principle, the activities of MedComm SIG will be shared as for other SIGs.
* Meeting minutes, scope, and activities of the SIG will be summarized on EMWA SIG website and MEW journal. The preparation of the slides will be decided by the SIG coordinators.
* All received proposals will be revised by SIG members (subject matter experts) to ensure satisfactory space and resources.
* MedComms SIG committee members are the decision makers for moving on with proposals. 3/5 favourable votes of the SIG committee are needed to make informed decisions.
* MedComms SIG committee will have monthly meetings (ACTION: SB to organise them and send invitations) and the whole (extended) SIG will meet quarterly. Meeting minutes will be distributed to all MedComms SIG members and the EC.

## Subgroup: Predatory publishing – Update on activities and future (AB, JD, TS)

* AB updates that the AMWA-EMWA-ISMPP statement is having a good popularity; the article written by AB and TS published in *MEW* provides guidance to identify predatory journals (PJs). ACTION: AB has provided slides to SB and JD will be put on SIG EMWA webpage.
* The issue about the use of publications from PJs in systematic reviews will be shared with AMWA and ISMPP to establish an appropriate common strategy. A definition of predatory congresses will be looked at during Symposium in Prague conference. Both these issues will be discussed by SB, JD, AB in next meeting with AMWA and ISMPP (11 Dec 19). ACTION: SB and JB will update the MedComms SIG on the outcomes.
* Interactive seminar proposed by AB and TS to be prepared for Prague. The agenda has to be finalised by the end of 2019. ACTION: AB, TS to provide outline with an abstract, to ensure an appropriate spot for this, by Nov 22nd.
* A presentation on predatory congresses is planned for Symposium 2020 in Prague. This topic will be taken as separate from PJs, according with the development of PJ statement.
* AB mentioned that a contact on applying PJ statement with Indian Writers Association to push for its application. ACTION: AB will update on the progresses of this action.

## Subgroup: Plain language summaries (PLS) - Update on activities and future (AB, TS, AG)

* AB is collecting comments from reviewers on PLS; he’ll provide some feedback on this as soon as more feedback will be available on SIG webpage. Patients will have a meeting about this in November in Bruxelles; TS will attend. ACTION: TS will report his learnings to MedComms SIG members and on the SIG webpage.
* AG refers C-disk, MRCT, Health Literacy website and Just Plain Clear are preparing a standard glossary to be used in communications for patients. ACTION: AG will contact this group and MEDrA and, will update the SIG on this at next meeting.
* Patient’s organizations are looking around to have MWs collaborating with them on writing not-only PLS. ACTION: SB and AW will find the references in the organizations and will share with the SIG in the next meeting. These references will be given to EMWA members.
* A 45’ session could be held in next Prague congress on PLS in the early morning. ACTION: SB will lead this activity and update the group accordingly.

## The subgroup to prepare a proposal by end of December. Subgroup: Medical journalism - Update on activities and future (AW, MT)

* AW shared her presentation being a communications tool to be used for different aims. The target are not-health-care professionals. The reports can be sponsored (e.g. to write outcomes from conferences) or independent (funded by scientific boards). ACTION: Medscape contact will be provided by SB to the group to explore possible collaboration.
* Guidelines are available; ACTION: AW has provided them, together with the presentation of today, to be placed on MedComms SIG website.
* The Subgroup: Current research - Update on current and future activities (AR, LC, AW) will be included in medical journalism.

## The new Subgroup proposal – Translations (AR for AuG)

* This topic will be added in the SIG webpage and will be included in the SIG scope and objectives. ACTION: The document provided by AuG will be included in the MedComm SIG webpage that will be updated accordingly.

## Subgroup: RWE generation, disclosure and publishing

* AR has shared the program of the MedComms ESS in Prague 2020 provided by ESS (LC) as follows:
  + Practical issues of putting together publications and working with teams on RWE (PL)
  + Communicating RWE (Thomas Wagner)
  + A case study and the power of clinical data analysis with a medical devices angle (Jasminka Roth)
  + The publisher’s perspective (AB)

## Subgroup: GPP4

* SB has updated that, to date, nothing is happening to update GPP4.

## SIG Members – updated roles

**Chair:** The group is co-chaired by Slavka Baronikova and Andrea Rossi.

**Committee Members:** Andrea Bucceri, Julia Donnelly and Thomas Schindler.

**SIG Supporting Members:** Tiziana von Bruchhausen, Lisa Chamberlain-James, Laura Collada, Diarmuid De Faoite, Martin Delahunty, Beatrix Doerr, Art Gertel, Aurelie Gobert, Phil Leventhal, Eric Southam, Miyuki Taichi, Amy Whereat.