

EMWA Newsblast - June 2020

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EMWA Conference Announcement

The November conference is not cancelled. Instead we will be holding a **virtual conference**. More information to come soon!

#EMWATogetherApart Initiative



In June EMWA launches the **#EMWATogetherApart** Initiative on our EMWA Social Media Channels. We aim to provide a digital platform to the medical communications community where we can share valuable information that helps us during the COVID-19 crisis.

We Honor Our Volunteers

In addition to our **#EMWATogetherApart** Initiative, we wish to raise awareness of and give credits to all EMWA volunteers. We aim to post a THANK YOU message on our Social Media channels, highlighting individual EMWA volunteers, on a daily basis. We hope to enhance online visibility and strengthen our community spirit. We kindly ask you to support your peers by spreading the word, liking and sharing the provided information under **#EMWATogetherApart**.

If you are an EMWA volunteer, please send your picture to info@emwa.org. We will mention the volunteers in the sequence we receive your pictures.

Join the New Special Interest Group (SIG) on

Sustainability!

We feel that as a professional organisation of medical communicators and healthcare professionals, EMWA should take a more active role in supporting the United Nations Sustainable Development Goals which strive to improve planetary health. Now, thanks to the Executive Committee's approval, the Sustainability-SIG (SUS-SIG for short) is looking for your support to develop communication platforms and guidelines on the respectful usage of our digital-, human-, and planetary-resources.



For more information, have a look at:

- [The EMWA website](#)
- [The Medical Writing Journal](#) (issue June 2020)
- [Social Media](#)

Please contact us if you would like to join the SUS-SIG!

Co-Chairs: Carola Krause (vicepresident@emwa.org) & Carolina Rojido (carolinarojido@gmail.com)

Member: Raquel Billiones

The EMWA Expert Seminar Series (ESS) will go

virtual!



Come and join us for EMWA's first virtual Expert Seminar Series (ESS) on medical devices
Date: Tuesday, 9 June 2020, from 9:30 to 12:00 CET. Click [here](#) to learn more about the programme and register.

The MDR application date may have been postponed by one year but the requirements are as stringent as ever. This virtual ESS addresses topics that are highly relevant for MDR-readiness.

EPDC News

EMWA Professional Development Committee (EPDC): we're very pleased to welcome Raquel Billiones as a member of the education committee and Tania Puvirajesinghe who has joined the webinar team.

The EPDC is considering options for workshops in light of the cancellation of the face-to-face conference in November and will keep you updated. In the meantime, keep up to date with our [webinar programme](#).

Webinar Programme News

On Thursday 18th June at 14:00 CEST we'll have a webinar about **"PMCF Plans and Reports: Frequently asked questions"** by Dr. Katharina Friedrich, Medical Writer, Clinical Affairs, BD Interventional- Peripheral Intervention.

Please click [here](#) to register.

For more information visit the [webinar programme](#) page.

Pharmacovigilance Special Interest Group - News

- CDER's manual of policies and procedures for collaborative identification, evaluation, and resolution of a newly identified safety signal associated with marketed drugs
- ICH guideline S11 on nonclinical safety testing in support of development of paediatric pharmaceuticals
- EMA updates its pre- and post-authorisation procedural advice for centralised procedures

To read more, please click [here](#)

RPD Special Interest Group - News

- Eudamed Delay and Impact on Devices Transparency
- COVID-19 Impact on Clinical Trial Disclosure and Transparency
- Resources Planned for Prague May 2020 Conference Posted
- COCHRANE and IQWiG Urge EMA to Disclose CSRs on COVID-19 Therapeutics and Vaccines at Marketing Authorisation

To read more, please click [here](#).

Spanish Translation of the Joint Position Statement

on Predatory Journals

We are proud to announce the posting of the first JPS translation into Spanish by Yvonne Westermaier and Kevin Pinto Gil. In order to access the translation please click [here](#).

If you are interested in volunteering please to do a translation of this JPS contact Abe Shevack (aspscientist@gmail.com).

Ambassador's Programme

On 19 May Gauri Jawdekar-Abraham gave a virtual presentation on careers in medical writing, her own experience in the profession and the benefits of joining EMWA for PhD students and post-docs at the German Cancer Research Institute as part of their Career Coffee series. This was first virtual presentation held by the EMWA Ambassador's Programme. Gauri's presentation went over very well and the most of the participants expressed interested in finding out more about medical writing job opportunities.

Abe Shevack has been provisionally invited to give an introductory presentation on EMWA at a course on medical writing that is to be held at the Parexel Academy in Berlin (26 Aug).

If you are interested in finding out more about the Ambassador's Programme or possibly volunteering please contact Abe Shevack (aspscientist@gmail.com) or Head Office (info@emwa.org).