

AMWA NEWS

Harold Swanberg Distinguished Service Award

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The Harold Swanberg Distinguished Service Award, named in honor of one of the founders of AMWA, is presented to an active AMWA member who has made distinguished contributions to medical communication or rendered unusual and distinguished services to the medical profession.

This year’s Swanberg recipient is **Julia Forjanic Klapproth, PhD**. Julia has made distinguished contributions to the medical communication profession.

After receiving her PhD in Developmental Neurobiology, Julia Forjanic Klapproth started her career as a medical writer in the pharmaceutical industry at Hoechst Marion Roussel (later Sanofi) in 1997. In 2002, Julia co-founded Trilogy Writing & Consulting, a company specializing in providing medical writing of regulatory documentation. In addition to company management activities, she continues to contribute to client projects, writing a wide array of clinical documents.

She has also been President of the European Medical Writers Association (EMWA) twice (2001–2002, 2007–2009) and is an experienced speaker and trainer of medical writers, regularly running workshops for EMWA, giving training for AMWA, and pharmaceutical companies around the world. This training covers medical writing topics, interpersonal relationships, and effective communication skills. Julia has also been an *AMWA Journal* contributor, member of the Medical Writing Executives Advisory Council and Value of Medical Writing Working Group committees, conference presenter, volunteer since 2018, and current professional member (since 2017; Carolinas Chapter).

As part of the senior management team at Trilogy, Julia supports both EMWA and AMWA not only by giving her time to teach, but by encouraging and supporting Trilogy



writers to attend the conferences and become active within the organizations themselves. Julia is a staunch supporter of medical writers and has worked tirelessly to promote their standing by regularly presenting and writing about the value that strategic medical writing brings to clinical development and campaigning for better and more focused training and development specifically aimed at medical writers.

For 25 years, she has contributed her expertise in writing and coordinating all manner of regulatory documents. She has authored articles on a broad range of medical writing topics.

In her efforts to promote the value of medical writing and train both medical writers and clinical authoring teams on good writing concepts, she has presented at international conferences and training events on a wide array of topics.

Julia’s long-standing service demonstrates her passion for promoting excellence in medical communication. AMWA is proud to recognize Julia as the recipient of the 2021 Harold Swanberg Distinguished Service Award.