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# Conference Preview: Homecoming in Baltimore

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Save the dates, October 25 through 28, to join us in Baltimore, Maryland, for the 2023 Medical Writing & Communication Conference. We'll be at the Baltimore Marriott Waterfront Hotel, a spectacular location on — as its name says — the waterfront. We're looking forward to seeing you in person at #AMWA2023, your home for continuous learning and connection in the field of medical communication.

topics such as data visualization, patient decision aids, plain language summaries of publications, and structured authoring. And we've worked hard to cover topics at a range of levels from beginning to mid-career to experienced medical communicators.

As in past years, the Medical Writing & Communication Conference will offer a variety of formats for learning and networking with peers. We'll offer the highly regarded AMWA workshops for additional fees for those who wish to learn specific topics in depth. And the conference will feature MedWrite talks, jam sessions, speaker sessions, roundtables, and poster and networking time to keep you refreshed and active.

The city of Baltimore offers a wonderful array of old and new, familiar and exotic. I encourage you to schedule your travel to take advantage of the city's unique culture. Sample local seafood; view the skyline from a harbor cruise or water taxi; or visit the Maryland Science Center, the National Aquarium, or the historic ships in the Inner Harbor. If you're a history buff, plan a trip to Fort McHenry at Baltimore's Locust Point; it's the site of the Battle of Baltimore that inspired Francis Scott Key to write "The Star-Spangled Banner." For me, personally, it's been more than 3 decades since I last visited, and I am looking forward to absorbing the vibe of Charm City again.

Baltimore is very close to AMWA's executive offices in Rockville, Maryland, hence the idea of "Homecoming" for this year's conference. In a time of rapid change and development of our profession, it's a great vantage point from which to look to the future.

Stay tuned for conference registration information. I look forward to seeing you in Baltimore in October!



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AMWA is committed to furthering the skills and knowledge of professional medical communicators. AMWA's Medical Writing & Communication Conference is the go-to event for our profession and focuses on trends and opportunities in medical communication. It's the premier place to find educational, professional, and networking opportunities.

The Annual Conference Committee has been working hard to develop a conference program that will appeal to the needs of our diverse members. Program topics cover professional focus areas such as regulatory writing, promotional writing, medical editing, scientific publications, and health communication. We're also including topics in career development; core knowledge and skills, such as science and medicine; writing and editing mechanics; technology; and work/life balance. We have aimed to include trendsetting