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Personal summary

I am a statistician and company director with extensive experience in medical writing. I have a particular interest in publication ethics, having led international initiatives to improve the ethical standard of peer-reviewed publications sponsored by the pharmaceutical industry. As a long-standing member of an NHS research ethics committee, I am also familiar with wider issues of medical ethics.

Employment history

Current role

1999– **Dianthus Medical Limited: director**
I set up this company by myself, and since then have built up the business to the point where we now have 10 staff. We provide medical writing, data management, and statistical services, mostly to pharmaceutical companies. As the only director of the company, I have had to be responsible for all aspects of the business, including the scientific aspects of the services we provide, sales and marketing, finance, human resources, etc.

Previous roles

1998–1999 Medical Action Communications: medical writer
1996–1998 Hammersmith Medicines Research: medical writer
1994–1996 AD-EX (Translations) Ltd: medical translator and editor
1992–1994 Department of Organic Chemistry, University of Oxford: post-doctoral research assistant

Education

2000–2002 **London School of Hygiene & Tropical Medicine**
Part-time MSc course in medical statistics (passed with distinction)
1988–1992 **Department of Chemistry, University of Cambridge**
PhD in biological organic chemistry
1985–1988 **St Catharine's College, University of Cambridge**
BA (hons) in chemistry and biochemistry, grade 2:1

Professional development and association membership

European Medical Writers Association (EMWA)

I was a member of the executive committee (equivalent to board of directors) for 6 years (up to 2007), including 1 year as president of the association. During my tenure in the executive committee, I formed and led EMWA's ghostwriting task force, responsible for development and publication of guidelines on the role of medical writers in peer-reviewed publications. I am also a regular contributor to EMWA's journal and a regular leader of training workshop at EMWA's conferences. In addition to leading workshops, I also regularly attend workshops, and have been awarded EMWA's advanced professional development certificate. I currently occupy the role of press officer.

Institute of Directors

I am a full member of the IoD. I took the course “Accelerated Certificate in Company Direction” in December 2009, and passed the exam leading to the Certificate in Company Direction (Cert IoD) in March 2010.

Institute of Clinical Research

I am a fellow of the institute (FICR status). I have been the main driving force behind organising joint 1-day conferences between ICR and EMWA.

Other associations

I am a fellow of the Royal Society of Medicine and a member of Statisticians in the Pharmaceutical Industry.

Miscellaneous information

- Member of the Research Ethics Committee of the Royal Brompton Hospital since 2003
- Sole author of an undergraduate-level chemistry textbook, *Understanding Organic Reaction Mechanisms*, which was published in 1997 by Cambridge University Press
- Good conversational French and German, can get by in Italian and Spanish, can say ‘two beers please’ in at least a dozen other languages
- Full publication list available on request
- Former Officer in the Royal Naval Reserve

Leisure activities

- Gardening
- Cookery
- Long distance running
- Karate

Personal details

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