



Call for abstracts - Clinical and Scientific Programme

**11TH International Prader-Willi Syndrome Organisation Conference
to be held at the University of Limerick, Limerick City, Ireland
6 – 10 July 2022.**

We are now asking for abstracts for presentations to be submitted. Please ensure you follow the guidelines at the end of the document. The IPWSO Clinical and Scientific Conference aims to include reports of advances in clinical research in the basic and behavioural sciences and in neurosciences with the aim of advancing our knowledge of Prader-Willi syndrome (PWS) and thereby improving our understanding and developing new treatments for people with PWS. The conference includes invited speakers from relevant fields of science outside of PWS and is truly interdisciplinary in nature.

Desired topics include, but are not limited to:

1. Genetics and Epigenetics

Examples include:

- Advances in Genetics in PWS
- Epigenetics: influences on brain development and behaviour

2. Endocrinology (Growth Hormone, Oxytocin, Ghrelin, etc.)

Examples include:

- Hormonal studies
- Hypogonadism
- Recent advances in Endocrinology in Adults with PWS

3. Gastrointestinal Issues and Nutrition

Examples include:

- Comprehensive Overview of Digestive Issues in PWS
- Chewing, swallowing, reflux and aspiration

4. Neuroscience, Mental Health and Behaviour

Examples include:

- Brain structure and function in people with PWS
- Approaches to understanding mental health and behaviour (the IPWSO Mental Health Initiative)
- New findings and treatment approaches to hyperphagia and behaviour

5. Recent Advances and New Knowledge in Medical Issues (including Orthopaedics, Urinary Tract etc.)

Examples include:

- Overview and Evaluation: Infants, Children, Adolescents and Adults with PWS
- The Orthopaedics of PWS

6. Animal Models & Use of Induced Pluripotent Stem Cells in PWS

Examples include:

- Insights into mood and psychosis in PWS
- The hypothalamus and its connections

7. Clinical Trials for Hyperphagia and Behaviour

8. The early PWS phenotype

Examples include:

- Fetal and placenta development
- Infancy

9. Transition to Adulthood

Examples include:

- Hormone replacement therapy

Abstract Guidelines for the IPWSO Clinical and Scientific Meeting 2022

Notes on applying:

- Abstracts should be written in English.
- Please indicate on your abstract whether you are applying for oral presentation, poster or either.
- Abstracts should be based on new, unpublished work.
- Poster presentations will take place during lunch sessions and late afternoon sessions. Presenters are expected to be present at their poster during most of the poster session.

Abstract template:

- Abstracts should fit on 8.5" x 11" paper with 1" margins using an Arial font.
- Abstracts are limited to one side of one page.
- Title: Arial 14 point, bold. Place at the top.
- Names: Arial 11 point.
- Underline the person giving the presentation.
- Addresses: Arial 10 point in italics. No bold.
- Email addresses of the authors: Arial 10 point.
- Abstract content: Text only, 11 point font size. Single space.
- Please use the following structure: Introduction, Methods, Results, and Conclusions.
- See Sample Abstract Format at the end of this document.

Abstract Guidelines:

- Please ensure you have the permission of each named author to have this abstract submitted.
- By submitting the abstract you give us permission to include it in our conference programme.

- By submitting an abstract you agree to attend the conference or send a substitute. If you are unable to attend or to send a substitute, then your abstract will be removed from the programme.

Review process:

Our panel of reviewers will rate the submissions based on the following criteria:

- Importance of findings
- Clarity
- Methods
- Appropriateness of interpretations
- Relevance to PWS and the scope of the conference

Important dates:

- 5 February 2022 abstract due to IPWSO office.
- 15 March 2022 authors will be notified regarding acceptance.

Submit abstracts using the online format:

- Upload documents in the following formats only: pdf version of the abstract and docx version of the abstract.
- Save completed documents for uploading with the file name as follow: *Last name, First name of first author, and brief title.*

For any queries email: conference@ipwso.org

Sample Scientific Abstract Format for IPWSO 2022

The Natural History of Prader-Willi Syndrome

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