



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

**Call for Abstracts and Submission Guidelines
Professional Providers and Caregivers Programme**

If you are involved in the professional work of caring for children, young people, adults, and aging adults with Prader-Willi syndrome, please share your vision, successes, challenges, and experiences with delegates at the **Professional Providers and Caregivers Programme – 7 & 8 July 2022** in Limerick, Ireland.

Please ensure you following these guidelines.

Desired topics include, but are not limited to:

Behaviour:

Behaviour plays a central role in the social context. In people with Prader-Willi syndrome, unexpected behaviours are often a major challenge for parents and professional caregivers. How can we respond to these unexpected and challenging behaviours so that people with Prader-Willi syndrome can learn to control their behaviour, so they are best equipped to participate in their social environment?

For this, it is necessary to identify the motivation underlying the individual behaviour and which models and methods are suitable and have been proven to support this goal. One key to success lies in the intensive collaboration among the various disciplines such as pedagogues, social workers, educators, psychologists, psychiatrists, doctors, endocrinologists, geneticists and researchers on Prader-Willi syndrome, other therapists and last but not least, the parents.

Suggested topics include what approaches and procedures have proven themselves in practice, the contributions of the various disciplines and what should be the focus for further work.

Restrictive Practices: the ways in which restrictive practices relate to the professional care of people with PWS.

Suggested topics include case studies, proposed models of restrictive practice for people with PWS, or academic research into restrictive practices used to manage PWS.

Social Media

Social media has become an important part of daily life. Through social media individuals can stay connected to their community, friends, and family. There is also an increased risk for abuse and exploitation. Education for those with PWS and their caregivers can help to minimize the risk and allow for safe and enjoyable participation in social media.

Wellbeing

What we think of as wellbeing in the general population can look very different for people with PWS. The environment might include accepted restrictions for the individual's health and safety which will help them to flourish. Allowing for individual choice, providing social opportunities, and recognising the particular strengths of people with PWS and the positive nature of what they contribute, can help to ensure personal wellbeing.

Abstract Guidelines for Professional Providers' and Caregivers' Programme 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.
- The word count should not exceed 220 words.
- Poster presentations will take place during lunch sessions and early evening sessions.
Presenters are expected to be present at their posters 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 all authors: Arial-10 point.
- Abstract content: Text only, 11-point font size. Single space.
- Suggested structure: Introduction, Methods, Results and Conclusions.
- See sample Abstract Format below.

Abstract Guidelines:

- Please ensure you have the permission of each named author to have this abstract submitted.
- By submitting an 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 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:

- Clarity
- Relevance to PWS and the scope of the conference

Important dates:

- 5 February 2022 - abstracts due to IPWSO office
- 15 March 2022 – authors will be notified of outcome

Submit abstracts using the online format.

- Upload your abstract in a pdf version and docx version only.
- Save completed documents for uploading with the file name as follows: Last name, first name of first author, and brief title.

For any questions about the abstracts, please email: conference@ipwso.org

Sample Abstract Format for IPWSO 2022**The Natural History of Prader-Willi Syndrome**

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