



10th International Prader-Willi Syndrome
Organisation Conference
13 – 17 November 2019, Havana, Cuba



Call for abstracts for the Professional Providers and Caregivers' conference at the 10th International Prader-Willi Syndrome Organisation Conference to be held at the Cojimar conference centre, outside Havana, Cuba, from 14th to 15th November 2019

The conference Co-Chairs enthusiastically invite you to share your expertise in the field of Prader-Willi-Syndrome (PWS) at IPWSO's international conference in Havana, Cuba. If you are involved in the professional work of caring for children, youths, adults and aging adults with PWS, please share your experiences, successes and challenges, training programmes and visions for the future with other experts from all over the world.

We are now asking for abstracts for presentations to be submitted, please ensure you follow the guidelines at the end of the document and send all abstracts to office@ipwso.org

Desired topics include, but are not limited to:

1. Overview about special services

- a) Here we are looking for an overview about services in a country of Asia. This presentation will last 15 minutes.

2. Early intervention

The main goal of this topic is to support the development of an early intervention specifically for children with PWS from 0 to 6 years under the view/ the focus/ the philosophy of the systemic theory. That means that the child with PWS, the parents, the family, the whole environment and the interaction between all these "players in the field" have to be included in the development of a special early intervention for children with PWS

- a) In this session we will have lectures, each lasting 20 minutes including the time for questions.

3. PWS and aging

Because of the development of knowledge and differentiation of the services, people with PWS now have the chance to grow older. The questions which have come up more and more in the last few years are:

- Do we have enough knowledge of this part of the life of people with PWS?
- What are the right services for older people with PWS?
- Do we have to develop special things for older people with PWS?

In this session we like to have three presentations, each lasting 30 minutes including the discussion:

- a) Aging in PWS "What is different?"
- b) Overview about actual studies.
- c) Practical issues.

4. Handling crisis situations and challenging behaviour

Behaviour is always one of the central themes in taking care of people with PWS, if we talk about kindergarten, school, services for living or at home. To understand the background of these challenging behaviours and to modify this in a positive way is the task for the all day care of people with PWS. This session aims to present options for handling this task on the basis of ethical principles and to be grounded in the view of the systemic theory.

In this session we want to have five presentations, each of them lasting 30 minutes including the discussion:

- a) Legal basics and ethical aspects.
- b) The view of the systemic theory in behaviour management.
- c) Prevention of challenging behaviour.
- d) Handling in crisis situation (handling challenging behaviour).
- e) Reflection of challenging behaviour.

5. People with PWS at home – family support

In most countries in the world the location where people with PWS are living is with the family. In this session we like to transfer the knowledge which was collected in professional services for living (group homes, residential care, supported living) and which were helpful for the all day care in the main themes of PWS: Behaviour, nutrition and physical exercise.

Consequently we will have in this session four presentations, each lasting 20 minutes:

- a) Basics in the all day care for families.
- b) Behaviour management.
- c) Nutrition management.
- d) Options for physical exercise.

6. Teachers and schools

In the past the focus for support and information lay on the parents and the caregivers to develop methods and helping systems for this group. On the other hand teachers often did not find information and answers to their questions about how to structure the environment in school, how to deal with temper tantrums or regulate nutrition. With this session we would like to support the discussion amongst this group and start collecting helpful strategies and building networks.

In this session we are looking for one presentation:

- a) PWS in school – an overview of the tasks. The presentation will last 20 minutes.

7. Neuropsychology in PWS

How does the brain work? What is different in PWS? How can mirror neurons help us to change behaviour? How can we test the different competences and how can we train them? These are the themes and questions we like to cover in the session of “Neuropsychology in PWS”.

- a) In this session we would like to have presentations which give answers to these questions. Time for the presentation is 20 minutes.

8. Scientific and research

“A good praxis based every time on a good theoretical base”. Following this statement, we want to inform about actual basic or clinical research in the field of PWS.

- a) We will have three presentation describing special researching fields in PWS. Each presentation to last 15 minutes.

Abstract guidelines for the Professional Providers' and Caregivers' Programme

- Abstracts should be written in English.
- Indicate that you are submitting your abstract to the Professional Providers and Caregivers' conference, please refer to the list of topics above.
- The word count should not exceed 220 words.
- Please submit in Word and PDF.
- 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:

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

Abstract template:

- Please enter the title of your abstract at the top and describe the content.
- Add each author, including their name, email address, phone number and affiliation.
- Mark the person giving the presentation with an asterisk (if more than one person listed).
- Please indicate that your abstract is for the Professional Providers' and Caregivers' conference).

Deadline:

- **The deadline for receiving abstracts is 17.00 BST on 1 July 2019.**
- **Please send your abstract to office@ipwso.org**
- **For any questions about abstracts for the PPC conference please contact Norbert Hödebeck-Stuntebeck, Chairman of PPCB of IPWSO on norbert.hoedebeck-stuntebeck@pws-id.de**