

September 24th, 2011

Dear Association members and families living with Prader-Willi Syndrome in British Columbia:

Hopefully your start-up of school and fall routines has gone by peacefully. This summer, many members participated once again in the FPWR "One Small Step" Walk. It was wonderful to meet so many of the newly diagnosed families and to see us come together in support of research.

We now invite you to our BCPWSA Fall Conference. The conference will take place on **Saturday, October 22nd, 2011 at the Best Western Inn and Conference Centre in Coquitlam, B.C.** The address and directions to the hotel can be found on their website: www.BestWesternCoquitlam.com

For this conference, we are excited to welcome Claudette Sandecki as our key presenter. Claudette is director for Arbour Consulting and has much experience with proactive behaviour management strategies and Prader-Willi Syndrome. Her presentation is titled: "Positive Behaviour Support for People with Prader-Willi Syndrome." At the conference, our BCPWSA bursary recipient, research student Lara Musa will also speak about her upcoming research project entitled: "Determining fat distribution in individuals with Prader-Willi Syndrome." For the afternoon, we will separate into sub groups and age appropriate discussion sessions will be provided. Coffee, tea and lunch are included in this conference. Parking is complimentary.

We are also offering a day of activities and workshops to any person with PWS who is 14 years old or older. Complimentary preregistered child care is available to any child with PWS who is 0 to 6 years of age. These activities have been successful in the past with preregistration so we can anticipate supplies and staffing needed. Please see the attached registration forms and information sheet for details about the agenda times for the day.

We look forward to seeing you again. This is a great opportunity to connect with others who are also living with someone with PWS.

Sincerely,

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Fall conference is complimentary to members in good standing.
(Members who paid their family membership by Dec. 31st 2010)
You must still register so we may have accurate numbers for planning.

Fall conference is \$30 per person if you are not currently a member in good standing of the BCPWSA but would like to become a member for the 2011 year at a cost of \$25 per family.

Fall conference is \$60 per person for non-members.

The British Columbia Prader-Willi Syndrome Association (BCPWSA) has a strong, supportive, knowledgeable group of family members who want to make a difference in the life of their child living with PWS. The organization is dedicated to the sharing of experiences in how to cope with the syndrome. We are available for support, education and advocacy.