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

**Thank you for remaining involved in the B.C. Prader-Willi Syndrome Association.**

The B.C. P.W.S.A. is working to provide information and create a connected community of affected people.

The B.C.P.W.S.A. was again one of the chosen charities for the Richard Brodeur Charity Golf Tournament that took place August 9<sup>th</sup>, 2007. Thank you to Bev Baldwin for all your work with this endeavour. Thank you to all our members who found items for the silent auction or prizes for the tournament. We will be updating our members on monies received from this charity event at our Fall 2007 meeting.

Our BCPWSA Summer Gathering took place on August 19<sup>th</sup>, 2007 in Kelowna, B.C. Though the weather was not typical Okanagan weather, all families in attendance enjoyed the socializing and swimming. Guests came from as far as Victoria, B.C. as well as from other Interior B.C. cities. Thank you to the Taylor family for hosting the event this year.

We now invite you to participate in our BCPWSA Fall Conference. The conference will take place on **Saturday, October 20th, 2007 at the Century Plaza Hotel & Spa in Vancouver, B.C.** The address and directions to the hotel can be found on their website: [www.century-plaza.com](http://www.century-plaza.com) The agenda for the conference is on the attached registration form. The conference will include three excellent presenters.

Keynote Speaker:

- **Dr. Moris Angulo**, M.D. Director Medical Genetics, Winthrop University Hospital, Mineola, New York; Assistant Director, Pediatric Endocrinology, Winthrop-University Hospital; Associate Professor of Clinical Pediatrics, School of Medicine at State University of NY Health Science Center at Stony Brook.

Dr. Angulo has considerable expertise in the field of Pediatric Endocrinology and Medical Genetics. His work has been published in several medical journals. He has been a speaker at numerous conferences, including the Prader-Willi Syndrome Scientific Conference and the Prader-Willi Syndrome Association National and International Conference. He has been invited to lecture to different universities and medical associations in USA, Canada, Switzerland, Netherlands, Spain, Greece, Israel, Monaco, Colombia, Chile, Argentine, Mexico, Guatemala, El Salvador, Japan, and China to discuss his endocrine investigation in Prader-Willi syndrome.

Dr. Angulo is a member of several professional organizations, including the American Academy of Pediatrics, American Society of Human Genetics, and the Lawson Wilkins Pediatric Endocrine Society. Dr. Angulo is also Clinical Advisory Board of the Prader-Willi Syndrome Association (USA) and the International Prader-Willi Syndrome Organization (IPWSO).

More than 300 children and adults with PWS are followed by Dr Angulo at the PWS Center, Mineola, New York.

- **Dr. Robin Friedlander**, psychiatrist and Clinical Director of the Vancouver and Fraser Developmental Disability Mental Health Services (DDMHS), presenting on behaviours of people who have Prader-Willi Syndrome. Robin Friedlander also works in the neuropsychiatry clinic at BC Children's Hospital in Vancouver, BC and is a Clinical Associate Professor at the University of British Columbia.
- **Emily Lee**, an occupational therapist who will be presenting a hands-on workshop for the parents of younger children and infants with Prader-Willi Syndrome. Emily Lee is an occupational therapist practicing at the BC Centre for Ability in Vancouver. She works in the Early Intervention Therapy Program, providing community based services for children five years old and younger. Emily received her training at the University of Toronto obtaining a Bachelors of Science degree in OT. She has previously practiced in school based OT services, as well as with adults in an acute care setting.

We will be providing coffee, tea and assorted muffins during the morning break. Lunch will be soup, build your own sandwiches, seasonal vegetables and dip, and a pastry selection. Afternoon snack will include water, hummus, salsa and chips. The conference fee is \$45 for non-members and \$20 for members. Fee includes all speakers and all refreshments and food. Registration and payment must be received by October 13, 2007 for conference facility and food confirmation. No late registrations will be accepted.

The B.C.P.W.S.A. has a web site that is updated regularly with information applicable for B.C. residents. Past B.C.P.W.S.A. newsletters or conference information can be found on this site. You can access the website at: [www.bcpwsa.com](http://www.bcpwsa.com)

Members who paid their 2007 membership fees should have already received their choice of a complimentary DVD on Prader-Willi Syndrome. Both DVDs: P.W.S.- Food, Behavior and Beyond and Understanding the Student with Prader-Willi Syndrome: Strategies for Success are excellent informative resources for any family living with Prader-Willi Syndrome. 2008 membership dues of \$25 per year will be due by March 15<sup>th</sup>, 2008. Membership fees help in the cost of conferences and allow us to provide information to members or new families with Prader-Willi Syndrome. If you are interested in becoming a member for the 2008 year, please visit our website or contact us for more information.

Thank you!

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