

Concentrate on the Positive Aspects of PWS

6th International Prader-Willi Syndrome Scientific Conference



1st Romanian Prader-Willi Syndrome
and Rare Diseases Conference

21-24 June 2007
Cluj-Napoca Romania



Bine Ati Venit! - Welcome

Invitation

The Romanian Prader-Willi Association and International Prader-Willi Syndrome Organization warmly invite you to join us in Romania in Cluj – Napoca for the 6th International PWS Conference, the first time organized in a new emerging member country.

After fifty years of progress in PWS, we believe that it is time to reconsider the capacities and possibilities that our children have. We have chosen the theme of the conference to be: "Concentrate on the Positive Aspects of PWS" as we really believe that our children have a lot to offer: love, joy, and sharing skills.

Program Highlights

Scientific Conference 21-22 June

A two day interactive, interdisciplinary session for clinical and laboratory scientists and others to present and discuss their latest research.

- * Eight internationally known expert key speakers
- * Separate registration for this conference
- * Opportunity for non-scientists to observe

Program Highlights

Parent/Professional Conference 21-23 June

Caretakers Conference ~ 21 June

- * Discussion and sharing on Supportive Living, Respite and Rehabilitation Programs

Pre-Conference, Associations Day ~ 21 June

- * How to start and improve association services
- * Activities all over the world

Parent Professional Conference Days ~ 22-23 June

- * Psychological and Behavioral Issues with PWS
- * Social Aspects
- * Weight Management
- * Growth Hormone treatment, all medical aspects of PWS and much more

Venue

Iuliu Hatieganu University of Medicine and Pharmacy provides for an excellent building for this conference. It is located near the center of Cluj. The building is a 20 minute walk from the main conference Hotel Napoca and includes 2 great lecture halls which will provide a satellite transmission of the general assembly meetings and many classrooms for our workshop sessions. The Hotel Napoca includes a great dining room for meals and traditional Romanian Cuisine.



Program Highlights

Rare Diseases Conference 24 June

On Sunday we plan to have a Rare Diseases Conference for those interested. This will be a giant step for Romania in spreading information to professionals and parents in this country. This is the first time when an international conference on PWS and Rare Diseases is organized in Romania and will provide an excellent forum for scientists, researchers, professionals and parents all over the world to join together and share their expertise. It will include:

- * Information
- * Building cooperation to improve research in rare diseases
- * Centers of reference in Europe
- * Orphan drugs
- * Other rare disease issues

Exchange of Culture and History

Cluj –Napoca is one of the most important administrative, economic, cultural, educational and medical center in Romania. The city of Cluj-Napoca, the ancient cradle of Romanian culture and civilization, is situated in the heart of the historical province Transylvania, in the NW of the country. Its monuments define the personality of the city and its history. The building of the city started during the Roman times, retaining the architectural layout and ruins from the ancient times when the city was called, Napoca.

Important Dates

- * Call for Papers: November 2006
- * Deadline for receipt of abstracts: January 2007
- * Registration Deadline: March 2007

Registration

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