



INTERNATIONAL PRADER-WILLI SYNDROME ORGANIZATION

To: European IPWSO Members

c.c. IPWSO President

12 July 2011

RE: EUROPEAN HOLIDAYS HOUSES NETWORK FOR PEOPLE WITH PWS

Dear delegates and friends,

"The purpose of this letter is both to tell you about a summer house in Italy and to identify other summer houses for people with PWS and their families".

Together with our beloved past President Pam Eisen I had the dream to create a network of summer houses in Europe to offer all our members the possibility to have holidays for families and their children with PWS at a very convenient rate. It seems we are very close to have our dream come true, following the availability of an association in Italy who offered their Holidays House in the Dolomites and the precious cooperation of our good friends and leaders of the Caregivers International Group Norbert Hödebeck – Stuntebeck and Dr. Hubert Soyer from Germany.

Norbert, Hubert and I will meet in Italy during the second week-end of September 2011 to discuss about this wonderful project, so we need your cooperation and comments before our meeting. At the moment we have the Holidays House in the Alps available in Italy and a Holidays House in the North Sea in Germany. We would like to know if any other country in Europe can offer a place where people with PWS and their families can spend their holidays at a convenient cost. This could help us creating a first network and a plan of holidays in Europe, offering our children the possibility to meet friends with the same syndrome from other countries and to establish friendship and further contacts to be developed.

Let me explain in details what we can offer in Italy starting from October 2011. We think our proposal to be interesting for the following reasons:

1. Our Alpine Holidays House in Laggio di Cadore is located very close to Austria border and can be reached by bus or car within a day from many nearby countries.
2. It is only 1 hour and a half far from Treviso airport and 2 hours far from Marco Polo airport in Venice, where many low cots flights from Europe are operating. Our organisation can provide a pick up and transport service through our volunteers, who are also available for any sightseeing tour in the Dolomites.



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3. We offer our guests and their families the possibility to have a holiday in Northern Italy and visit important nearby sites in the Veneto Region, going back to Laggio every evening for dinner or bed time. The sites we suggest to visit are Cortina d'Ampezzo, Pieve di Cadore, Belluno, Valdobbiadene with its unique Prosecco wine, San Daniele del Friuli with its famous ham, Treviso, Venice with its lagoon, Padua, Vicenza, Verona and Garda Lake.
4. As the children with PWS are followed by their personal caregivers coming from their own countries, parents and siblings are free to enjoy a holiday and spend also quite a number of hours with their children at the same time. They can also participate to excursions we organise or any other event during their stay, we usually plan.
5. The owners of the house can apply a very special rate to IPWSO members throughout the year, except the high season periods when they are usually fully booked: 15 July – 31 August and 15 December – 15 January. The full pension rate (room, breakfast, lunch and dinner) is **40€** per person per day. If our guests have their meals outside during their sightseeing, the rate remains unchanged and fixed. Heating is necessary from October to April, for which an extra cost is required, that will be agreed according to the chosen period and the weather situation. The additional cost should be around 5 € per person per day.

For booking please contact Giorgio Fornasier at g.fornas@alice.it.

At the present time, the House is not suitable to host guests in wheel chairs, but we count to have this problem solved within 2013, following a renovation project carried on by our Regional Government.

These are the main characteristics of our House for your evaluation:

The House has:

- 57 bedrooms with bath inside, that may have from 2 to 4 beds each.
- A large restaurant for 220 persons.
- A bar with TV
- Two meeting rooms located at the ground floor and at the 1st floor. The largest room can contain 150 people, while the smallest has 90 seats. We have also 3 small rooms for workshops or small meetings, that can contain an average of 20 persons each.



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- A Chapel located at the ground floor for people wishing to pray and where we usually have services on Saturday or Sunday.
- A special “enoteca” or cellar for best Italian wine tasting located in a small house in the back of the main building.
- A large parking space for car and buses.

The skiing season usually starts at the end of November and ends in early April after Easter. The ideal period to have a skiing holiday is the low season, between the end of January and the end of March, when the sun is warmer and there is still a lot of perfect snow to enjoy. The nearest Ski locations are the following:

Casera Razzo which is only 14 km far from the House and it is located at an altitude of 1800 mtrs. on sea level. There are 1,5 km of downhill ski tracks. For the daily ski pass and information please call Regola di Vigo di Cadore: +39 0435 77572 or +39 349 5004929.

Auronzo – Monte Agudo is only 15 minutes far from the House and it is located at an altitude of 1500 mtrs on sea level. There are 7,5 km. km of downhill ski tracks and also tracks for cross country ski located in S. Marco di Auronzo. The indicative cost of the daily ski pass is €30,00. For more information please visit the following website: www.auronzodinverno.com

Misurina Lake is 45 minutes far from the House and it is located at an altitude of 1700 mtrs. on sea level. There are 6,8 km. km of downhill ski tracks and the indicative cost of the daily ski pass is €30,00.. For more information, please call “Misurina Neve” +39 0435 39148. Not far from Misurina lake there is Passo Tre Croci that is leading to the unique skiing site of **Cortina d’Ampezzo**, where there are world cup competitions every year. At Passo Tre Croci area you have access to the wonderful ski tracks of Mount Cristallo and Mount Faloria over Cortina d’Ampezzo. Please visit their Web site: www.dolomitisuperski.com.

As I said before, you can start planning holidays from October 2011, which is a fantastic month, with bright days and beautiful colours the Dolomites can offer in their forests.

Please do not hesitate to contact me for any further information you need. Alberto, the director of the House, speaks German and English, so there are no problems for understanding each other during your stay.



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Please let me know your comments and ideas about and any suggestion for Summer Houses you can propose to be included in our network. Norbert, Hubert and I will be very happy to take all your proposals into consideration.

Once our European Summer Houses network will start working, we intend to extend the proposal also to our members living in overseas countries.

Kindest regards

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