



BC WOMEN EDUCATORS INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCE & AGM

New Westminster Secondary School - library, 820 6th Street. New Westminster, BC

SATURDAY, APRIL 20, 8:30 a.m. – 2:45 p.m. Registration Fee - \$55.00

International Guest Speaker – Dr. Renee Richler - via ZOOM

Teaching in an International School and International
Environment
and
The Increasing Risk of Neurodegenerative Disease
Associated with Poor Water Quality



Dr Richer received her BA in biology from the University of Chicago and her PhD in biology from Harvard University in 2004. She taught at the American University of Armenia from 2005-2007 where her conservation work was recognised by the Whitley Award, the UK's largest conservation award. She worked for Weill Cornell Medicine Qatar from 2007–2014 and continues to work in the field of environmental science, terrestrial ecosystems and sustainable development in arid regions. For the last decade she has been working to understand the physiology and ecology of photosynthetic organisms. This includes plants and cyanobacterial complex biocrusts in deserts and the bioactive compounds they produce.

Dr. Richer is currently employed at Duke Kunshan University in China.

Special Guest Speaker - Sarah Wethered

Teacher librarian at NWSS and DKG BC 1st Vice-President

Decolonizing the Library Catalogue - Why we are kicking Dewey to the Curb

Sarah is well-respected teacher-librarian in the New Westminster School district. In 2020, Sarah was the recipient of the Angela Thacker Memorial Award which honours teacher-librarians who have made contributions to the profession through publications, productions or professional development activities that deal with topics relevant to teacher-librarianship and/or school library learning commons. In addition, Sarah has served as president of the NWTU, sits on the Royal City Literary Arts Society Board of Directors, and served on the DKG BC Executive and is our Recording Secretary.



In the morning, Sarah will be talking about her professional reconciliation journey of decolonizing her library's catalogue.



The Day Plan

8:30 – 9:00 - Registration and coffee

9:00 – 10:00 - International Speaker – Dr. Renee Richler - Session #1

“Teaching in an International School and International Environment”

10:00 – 10:15 - coffee break

10:15 – 10:25 - "Connecting" with Gloria Sarmiento

10:25 - 11:30 - Special Guest Speaker - Sarah Wethered

"Decolonizing the Library Catalogue - Why we are kicking Dewey to the Curb"

11:30 – 12:00 – Catered lunch

12:15 – 12:45 – Musical performance

12:45 – 1:30 - AGM – Helen Ballam DKG BC President

- **Executive Committee Reports**
 - President’s report – Helen Ballam
 - Treasurer’s report – Orrie Babiuk
 - Membership Chair – Helen Ballam
- **Celebration of Life**
 - Fraser Shores – Loretta Greenough
- **Woman of Wisdom and Passion – presented by Frances Kolotyluk**
- **Election and installation of New Provincial Officer –2024/2025**
 - **2nd vice president/Membership Chair**

1:30 – 2:30 - International Speaker – Dr. Renee Richler - Session #2

**The Increasing Risk of Neurodegenerative Disease Associated
with Poor Water Quality**

2:30 - 3:00 – Door prizes, Raffle Draws, Closing Remarks and Adjournment



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Registration

- Clicking on the following link will take you to the registration porthole.
- There will be instructions for both in-person and ZOOM attendance.
- In-person registration is \$55.00. There is no charge for ZOOM attendance, but you must register to receive the link.
- Members are encouraged to invite guests, but everyone must be registered.

Here is the link to register. Instructions for payment can be found on the link:

<https://forms.gle/xLnCpahpvuJ2xh8x9>

- Don't forget to click on "send".

Please have your registration submitted by April 10

If you encounter any problems with registering please contact:

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