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April 18- 21, 2013

[9th International Congress on Mental Disorders & Other Non-Motor Features in Parkinson's Disease and Related Disorders](#) in Seoul, Korea*

**Meet WPC Ambassadors Margarita Makoutonina and Jin Kyoung Choae at WPC table.*

Saturday, April 27, 2013

[Parkinson's Unity Walk](#), NY, NY*

**Visit the our booth and meet WPC staff, ambassadors and volunteers.*

Partner News +

The World Parkinson Coalition is happy to welcome the [Basal Ganglia Disorders Program](#), [Korean Parkinson Disease](#)

April 2013 eNews

Dear Friend:

Happy Parkinson's Awareness Month! As we enter the month of April and the season of spring, we can't help but be reminded how much closer we are to the launch of the 3rd World Parkinson Congress on October 1st in Montréal.

Have you booked your hotel yet? Or registered? Don't delay. Hotel rooms are filling up and the sooner you register the more likely you'll get a room in a hotel of your choice and also a seat at one of our coveted small roundtable talks offered each afternoon. Seats for the roundtables are filling quickly!

WPC announces new Special Lecture!

We are honored to announce that for the first time, the WPC will hold a special lecture, entitled the *James Parkinson Special Lecture* and we are pleased to share that world renowned movement disorder specialist, Dr. C. Warren Olanow, will be the first person to give this lecture at a WPC. He will present his talk, "Past, Present and Future of PD" based on his many years of experience, over the lunch hour on Thursday, October 3rd. We hope you will be there!

The WPC is one of the hottest meetings to attend in 2013 to learn about Parkinson's and for networking across the broadest possible Parkinson's community. Registration is off to a record start with delegates from nearly 30 countries already signed up.

Interested in taking a tour while in Montreal? If it's your first visit to the city, or your tenth, we invite you to take some time to explore the sites and sounds of

this incredibly lovely city. WPC will offer tours for a fee of the city and surrounding areas to delegates and guests. [Details on tours are listed below](#) and on the website. The booking system will open shortly - so stay tuned!

Key dates for your calendar are:

April 15 : [Abstract Submission Closes](#)

April 18 : [Travel Grant Submission closes](#)

May 8 : [Video Competition Closes](#)

If you joined us in 2006 or 2010, we hope to see you again in Montreal. We have some exciting new parts of the WPC taking shape, including

[Association](#), [Parkinson's Summer School 2013](#), [Canada](#) and [Selfcare Academy](#), as our newest partners. See all 160 **WPC Partners** from 44 countries and let us know if your organization wants to join!

Donate to the WPC

Here is your chance to support a Person with Parkinson's or Junior Researcher or Scholar to attend the 3rd World Parkinson Congress this October by donating to the WPC 2013 Ambassador [Crowdrise](#) fundraising page.

Thank you for supporting the WPC 2013!



the WPC Buddies Program, Parkinson's Film Festival space, and the newly forming "Clinical Research Village" where all delegates can learn about the clinical trial.

If the WPC 2013 will be your first experience at a Parkinson's conference of this magnitude, we look forward to welcoming you and sharing with you the outstanding experience and memories that the unique triennial WPCs can offer.

See you in Montréal!

Video Competition Closes May 8th

Want to share your experience with Parkinson's? Here is your chance! Submit to the WPC 2013 Video Competition before it closes on May 8, 2013. ALL members of the Parkinson's community, including people with Parkinson's, caregivers and health professionals are invited to share their story. Whether you are living with PD, researching it, or caring for someone living with it, you have a story to tell. Why not tell it at the WPC 2013?

The grand prize winner will receive free registration to attend the WPC 2013, two nights hotel accommodation at the WPC and their video will be shown at the WPC 2013 Opening Ceremony!

The competition closes May 8th, so submit TODAY! Click the image to learn more about how to submit a video to the competition.

[View the current 2013 Video Competition submissions on our YouTube page by clicking here.](#)

We hope to add YOUR submission to the collection!

WPC Social Media

The WPC is now on [LinkedIn](#) and [Instagram](#)! Join our LinkedIn network and follow us on Instagram for all the up-to-date WPC news and pictures.

Join our photo feed on Instagram by tagging your pictures with hashtag #wpc2013. And don't forget to like us on [Facebook](#), follow us on [Twitter](#) and subscribe to our [YouTube page](#).

Ambassador Highlight:

Margarita Makoutonina

Margarita Makoutonina, a trained occupational therapist who is passionate about her Parkinson's work, has over 14 years of clinical and research experience in leading an innovative, evidence based and collaborative multidisciplinary team. She has several publications in the field of Parkinson's disease and established ParkiLife Australia Ltd, which specializes in Movement Disorders and management of people with Parkinson's disease. Margarita feels that the WPC gives her the opportunity to work together with patients and caregivers to realize what we do not know yet about PD and its broad spectrum of symptoms, as well as find strategies to assist her patients to live a normal life with Parkinson's.

As an Ambassador, (the only one not living with PD!), she looks forward to attending the WPC 2013 because it is a unique event that removes perceived boundaries amongst attendees, boundaries that have been created by different levels of qualifications and expertise. Working collaboratively with leading researchers and specialists, people with PD and their caregivers during the previous Congresses has added to her passion to do more in the world of Parkinson's. Margarita believes the WPC 2013 will provide us with a huge source of information that companies such as ParkiLife Australia, as well as individual practitioners will take home and share with other health professionals and people with PD.

[Learn more about all the WPC Ambassadors.](#) Invite Margarita to meet with your group or Skype with your group about the WPC. Connect with Margarita at margarita@worldpdcongress.org.

Abstract Submission

[Submit an abstract to the third World Parkinson Congress.](#)

Submission of abstracts for posters, poster tours, and Hot Topics (oral talks) will **close on Monday, April 15, 2013**. All abstracts must be submitted online. All accepted abstracts will be published as an online journal supplement of *Journal of Parkinson's Disease* in their September issue. The [online supplement is open source](#), so accepted abstracts can be viewed by anyone in the world indefinitely. It won't be taken down until a cure is found. (How great is that!?) Others can learn from your work for years to come.

Abstracts will also be produced on a CD to be given away to delegates onsite.

Deadline for submission of abstracts is Monday, April 15.
Deadline for late-breaking abstracts is Monday, July 15.

[Visit the WPC website for more information.](#)

Tours offered at WPC

Thanks to the hundreds of participants who completed the WPC

survey on possible sight seeing tours to offer during the WPC. Over 500 friends of the WPC responded to our survey, helping us design our tour packages for 2013. Remember, if you are traveling with a group and would like a private group tour, just let us know by emailing toursandconference@jpd.com.

Prize winners! We'd like to congratulate Anna Carta from Italy and Ana Aragon from UK, as the two lucky winners of our *Tour Survey Giveaway!* They have each won an official WPC 2013 hat and a \$50 coupon off a sightseeing tour at the WPC 2013.

[Click here to learn more about the tours offered at WPC 2013.](#)

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Please share this WPC eNEWS with another person! We look forward to seeing you on October 1 in Montreal, Canada.