Look for us at the Parkinson's Unity Walk!

Stop by the WPC booth at the Parkinson’s Unity Walk in Central Park on Saturday, April 26, 2014. We have brand new WPC 2016 brochures and buttons to give to our visitors. Learn more about the Congress by talking to our staff and volunteers in person!

April 2014 eNews

Dear Friend:

April is Parkinson’s Awareness Month and we hope you are celebrating by spreading Parkinson’s awareness to your community. This month marks both James Parkinson’s birthday and World Parkinson’s Day on April 11th and the Parkinson’s Unity Walk in New York City will take place on April 26th. As we raise Parkinson’s awareness and promote the 4th World Parkinson Congress in Portland, OR, USA from September 20-23, 2016, we are very excited to share some announcements with you.

Keep your eyes peeled for a new and improved WPC website coming later this month. The World Parkinson Coalition and the World Parkinson Congress will have separate, but interactive, websites to help the community understand the difference between the two.

We are also thrilled to announce our WPC 2016 Ambassadors and the development of our first-ever online event this fall on the anniversary week of the WPC 2013. We are calling this new online event the WPC Scientific Update: Parkinson Pipeline Umbrella and you'll be able to watch it right from your computer from September 30 - October 2, 2014. Watch for more details in the coming months!

Meet the WPC 2016 Ambassadors

Our second group of Ambassadors for the World Parkinson Coalition is a diverse and great group of past WPC delegates who will help promote and advocate for the WPC to the global community. We have 13 Ambassadors for the WPC 2016, four of whom are returning from the WPC 2013 and nine new members. More details will be available on our revamped website shortly, but for now we want to introduce you to this enthusiastic group!

The full list of all 13 Ambassadors for the WPC 2016 are:

Returning Ambassadors
Fulvio Capitanio (Spain) [L] and Ryan Tripp (Canada) [R]
Send us your photo

Send us a photograph of yourself or your support group holding a "See you in Portland at the WPC 2016" sign and we may use it on our website or in our next newsletter. Send it to info@worldpdcongress.org.

Fulvio Capitanio* (Barcelona, Spain)
Jillian Carson (British Columbia, Canada)
Carey Christensen (Washington, USA)
Ruth Coffman (Oregon, USA)
Allison Smith (California, USA)
Andrew Curran (Co. Meath, Ireland)
Kevin Krejci (California, USA)
Michael McConnell (Indiana, USA)
Samuel Ng (Perak, Malaysia)
Dilys Parker (Dunedin, New Zealand)
Sara Riggare* (Stockholm, Sweden)
Israel Robledo* (Texas, USA)
Ryan Tripp* (Ontario, Canada)

*Returning Ambassadors

We think this international group of Ambassadors will be truly be able to promote the WPC in many different parts of the world all the way from Texas to New Zealand! Between our two Californians, one Oregonian, one Washingtonian, and Jillian in British Columbia, we have the west coast of the US and Canada well covered as we get ready to host the WPC 2016 in Portland, OR! Meet a few of our new Ambassadors.

Andrew Curran (Ireland)
Ruth Coffman (USA)
Dilys Parker (New Zealand)

Jillian Carson (Canada)
The Ambassadors are members of the Parkinson's community, all of them living with PD. They are eager to make sure the world knows about the WPC 2016 and look forward to welcoming delegates to Portland in 2016.

See you in Portland!

Help us select the WPC 2016 theme!

Every World Parkinson Congress has an overarching theme that dictates the design of the program. The WPC 2013's theme was "Advancing Science. Inspiring Hope. Promoting Community." Help us chose our next theme!

Click the following link to submit your theme ideas:
http://www.worldpdcongress.org/?page=ThemeSurvey

Send us your WPC 2016 topic ideas!

As we work towards designing the program for the WPC 2016, we want to hear from you. The unique audience of the WPC ranges from people with Parkinson's and their caregivers to clinicians, researchers and other health professionals. Therefore it is important that we have talks throughout the Congress that are interesting and appealing to our diverse audience.

Click HERE to give us your ideas on session topics and speakers.

WPC Scientific Update :
Parkinson Pipeline Umbrella
Sept 30 - Oct. 2, 2014

Delegates of the WPC 2013 and past Congresses have
repeatedly asked us to "do more" in the years between the Congresses. In response to this ongoing request, we are planning our first-ever one year anniversary scientific update.

This will be a free, online live webcast program offering two live sessions daily from Tuesday, Sept. 30- Oct. 2, 2014. More information about registration and the program will be announced soon!

In the meantime, you can still view nearly 27 hours of WPC 2013 sessions via our free webcasts available thanks to National Parkinson Foundation & The Brin Wojcicki Foundation.