Dear WPC friends,

The WPC is gearing up for a busy fall, are you ready? Abstract submission pages opened this month and submissions are already coming in. We won't give away the names, but some of you were READY! Not only was it great to see the abstracts submitted, the caliber of work is exciting and we look forward to seeing you in Kyoto. You early birds know who you are! Well done.

Video submission opened and we are already getting submissions by folks who are clearly having fun! This will be the fourth video competition we've held, and each time the submissions blow us away. Visit our YouTube channel to view submissions for the video competition this time around and from the past! I challenge you not to laugh.

Coming up this month, we will be opening our application pages for WPC 2019 Volunteers and for singers who wish to join the WPC World Choir. Volunteers are invited to work the WPC 2019 in exchange for free registration and the WPC World Choir members will study a song to perform during the WPC 2019 opening
ceremony. The song, by the way, will be selected from the incredible submissions we received from our WPC Song Contest.

As we gear up for these details we are finalizing the registration pages and hotel details. All of this will open on September 10, 2018. Because registration is limited for the WPC 2019, we are encouraging folks to register early, certainly before booking travel arrangements! Stay tuned for more details.

We look forward to seeing you in June in Kyoto, Japan.

Warm regards,

Elizabeth "Eli" Pollard
Executive Director

WPC Blog Highlight

Bacteria and Parkinson's Disease

by Kathleen M. Shannon, MD

Although they are invisible to the naked eye, trillions of bacteria call our bodies home. It has been estimated that 38 trillion (38,000,000,000,000) bacteria live on the skin, or in the mouth, intestines and urinary tract of each human being. The composition of bacteria in and on the body is referred to as the microbiota.
Many things determine the nature of an individual’s microbiota: 1) whether birth was vaginal or by Caesarean section; 2) whether infant nutrition was by breastmilk or formula; 3) race and ethnic background; and 4) diet, environment, occupation and medications. Bacterial populations are critical to human health, contributing to nutrition, metabolism and immune function. New techniques that identify bacteria by their genetic material led to the current state of knowledge in which up to 99% of the human microbiota have been identified.

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For two evenings during the WPC 2019, delegates will be able to participate in guided Poster Tours. Hosted by leaders in the field, tours will be broken down into narrow topics and offer participants a chance to hear directly from a selection of the top posters on display.

It's a great networking event and an inspiring experience for participants!

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Call for Abstracts
Through Friday, November 23, 2018, we will welcome the submission of abstracts for the 5th World Parkinson Congress in the categories of:

- Basic Sciences
- Clinical Sciences
- Complementary Care & Quality of Life
- Living with Parkinson's

All abstracts selected for poster display must be presented by the original author(s) at WPC 2019. All submissions must be original research. Previously published papers may not be submitted. Abstracts that have been presented at other meetings may be submitted if they have not been published and if the meeting name and date are cited accordingly. By submitting an abstract, you affirm that it is your own work individually, or of the group.

Read more about the WPC 2019 Call for Abstracts here.

WPC 2019 Video Competition
Video is a great way to capture and share the power of science, hope, humor, and inspiration. It's also a great way to encourage discourse about a disease that
is often misunderstood. We launched our first video competition at the WPC 2010 to overwhelming success. The competition draws a great number of submissions and YouTube views. View the videos already submitted on our YouTube Channel.

The WPC invites ALL members of the global Parkinson's community to make a video for the WPC 2019 Video Competition about their experiences living with, treating, researching, or caring for people with Parkinson's. Submission for the competition is NOW OPEN. Read more about the WPC 2019 Video Competition here.

WPC Travel Grants Program
The WPC Travel Grants program has made it possible to help more than 500 people attend past Congresses. This program allows us to help junior clinicians and researchers along with patient advocates attend the Congress. These grant recipients are the future of the community. They will continue the great work that's going on and will push us into new areas of research. Support this program and help make sure these young researchers stay in the Parkinson's space. One hundred percent of monies you donate to the WPC Travel Grants program will go to grantees. We will not take one cent for administration. It will all go to a deserving recipient.

Here are several ways to support the travel grants program:

Facebook Fundraisers
Fundraise for the World Parkinson Congress through your Facebook page! Go to www.facebook.com/fundraisers On the left hand side of the fundraisers page click the green bar that reads Raise Money. Click Get Started. A window will pop up asking “Who are you raising money for?” Click Raise Money for a Nonprofit Organization. Type in or select World Parkinson Congress. The default settings on Facebook will have you raise 200 USD over the course of two weeks and use the World Parkinson Congress page to supply a description of the organization and a photo. All you have to do is hit Next. After you create your fundraiser it will be public on your Facebook for the duration of your fundraiser and
we will receive whatever money you’ve raised regardless of whether or not you hit your goal.

**Donate directly on our website**

If you prefer a simpler way to support the program, visit our website donation page and just donate straight to this program. Make a difference by educating a junior researcher/clinician or person with Parkinson's. [Support a student or person with Parkinson's to attend the WPC.](#)

**Fight PD Bracelets & Dopamine Necklaces**

Sara Riggare, former WPC Ambassador and Parkinson's Advocate, has once again created a beautiful assortment of necklaces and bracelets to help us raise funds for the Travel Grant program. Each bracelet is made to easily slide over your hand and necklaces are long enough to easily fit over your head.

![Bracelet](image1.jpg)  ![Necklaces](image2.jpg)

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