Dear friends,

We hope you are taking it easy, wherever you are. In New York City, where the WPC is based, the days are long and hot and the Delta variant is on the rise. Just when we thought were in the clear, COVID-19 has showed us once again who is boss. We will hunker back down, keep the masks on and do everything we can to stay healthy in order to get through this journey. We wonder how our friends elsewhere are doing and to those in the southern hemisphere in the middle of winter days... we would welcome some of your cooler temperatures!

Wherever you are, and whatever pandemic challenges and weather you are dealing with, we hope you have saved the new dates of July 4-7, 2023 in Barcelona, Spain for the 6th World Parkinson Congress. We all need this gathering!!

**Have you contributed to the Parkinson’s Tulip Project yet?** All participants are entered to win prizes. Submit a photo to be part of this ongoing project that will come to life in Barcelona, Spain. Made possible by Supernus Pharmaceuticals, this project will run through
WPC activities to watch for this summer:

**LIVE Virtual Art Workshop - WPC Virtual Meet & Greet with Art Therapist Erica Curcio and the WPC Team**
Thursday, August 19, 1-2PM ET.
Join our free virtual WPC art workshop to work with Registered Art Therapist Erica Curcio. We will be making tulip art work that can be included in The Tulip Project. Register for this free zoom class and we'll tell you what art supplies to have ready. During the workshop, participants will be able to learn about how art therapists can help people with PD and care partners, and participants can ask the WPC team questions about The Tulip Project, the WPC 2023 and any of our other ongoing programs.

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**STREAMING - WPC Virtual Congress is Closing Soon**
ALL 68 sessions and 20 Q&A are available for streaming until August 20th. Don't miss these amazing talks.

View program and REGISTER

**LIVE - WPC Research Spotlight – Does PD start in the gut, the brain or both locations?**
Wednesday, September 1, 2021
11 – 12 AM ET/ 4 – 5PM BST/ 5 – 6 PM CET
ABOUT: Professor Per Borghammer, MD, PhD, DMSc (Denmark) will discuss his research looking at where Parkinson’s starts, the gut or the brain, and how it may impact future research. Made possible with support from Supernus Pharmaceuticals.

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Stay safe and keep moving.

WPC Team
Archive of the congress will be available through August 20, 2021.

11AM - 12PM ET
Wed, Sept. 1
Does Parkinson’s disease start in the gut or the brain?

3PM - 4PM ET
Tues, Sept. 28
Communicating and Staying Connected with Parkinson’s in the Relationship

This is a pivotal moment in PD research and therapy, as while we have had good evidence for accumulation of aggregated alpha-synuclein as the central molecular event since 1997, only within the last few years has there been a promising therapeutic approach based on this knowledge.

The accumulating results of monoclonal antibody trials for Alzheimer’s disease (AD), culminating in the recent US FDA approval of aducanamab, have clearly shown that the brain levels of another aggregated protein, Abeta, that plays an analogous role to alpha-synuclein in AD, can be brought down with these agents. While their benefit to clinical function is still being debated and will likely become clearer in the next few years, the anti-Abeta monoclonals are clearly addressing the Abeta “overload”. Anti-synuclein monoclonal antibody trials are several years behind those for AD but I am optimistic that one more monoclonals or other drugs in development will ultimately be able to repeat the success of the anti-Abeta monoclonals.