December 2013 eNews

Dear Friend:

We are well into the holiday season and the World Parkinson Coalition has much to be thankful for! With your support and attendance at the WPC 2013, we exceeded our expectations with 3,334 delegates from 64 countries gathering in Montreal to hear about new science, research studies as well as treatment and management options. We were a part of something very special, that’s for sure.

In Montreal, we witnessed a diverse international Parkinson’s community come together with over 40% of the delegates registering as neuroscientists, researchers, nurses, rehab specialists; 25% registering as people with Parkinson’s; and 15% registering as care partners/givers, and family members. The cross pollination of these communities is so unique and empowering. Unique for many researchers who never meet people living with PD and unique for patients who rarely meet neuroscientists or those studying the disease at a cellular level.

Using your comments from the surveys handed out onsite and the online post-event survey we emailed you, we have already started planning the 4th World Parkinson Congress from September 20-23, 2016 in Portland, Oregon. The “New Leaders in 2016” section below will tell you a bit about the steps we are taking now for the next Congress.

With the new year fast approaching you can expect some changes to the look and feel of this eNews and even our website as we start to highlight the WPC 2016. Stay tuned.

It’s not too early to start planning your trip to Portland! If you joined us in Montreal, tell your friends about your experience and encourage them to join us at the WPC 2016.

While you patiently wait for the next Congress, make sure to take advantage of the nearly 27 hours of FREE webcasts we are offering from the WPC 2013.
Partners and join us if you haven't done so already!

Send Us Your Photo!

Did you take great pictures at the WPC 2013? Send them to us at info@worldpdcongress.org. We may use them on our website or in our next newsletter.

Happy Holidays to you all.

See you in Portland at the WPC 2016!

Living Positively After a Parkinson's Diagnosis

On Day 3 of the WPC 2013, we were delighted to have Astronaut Rich Clifford, Dr. Soania Mathur and Alex Flynn deliver rousing and inspirational talks on their experiences with living positively after their Parkinson's diagnoses.

"This conference has enabled my husband and myself to engage with PD persons, their families, cohorts, medical persons but most remarkably to learn from the giants—the heroes who are devoting their lives and incredible talents to discovering the mystery of Parkinsonism... I felt that I was witnessing hope [and] optimism in action."

WPC 2013 Delegate

"...for now that is where I stand. Optimistic about my future and determined not to allow this disease to win, not to change who I fundamentally am and not to dictate my life." - Dr. Soania Mathur

If you weren't able to attend this talk or you would like to watch it again, it is available on our webcasts. The webcasts are FREE, with nearly 27 hours of sessions available including this special lecture, thanks to the National Parkinson Foundation and the Brin Wojcicki Foundation.

Click here to watch this uplifting session!

New Leadership for WPC 2016

The WPC Board of Directors started planning for the WPC 2016 before the WPC 2013 was finished and with those plans came some changes within the WPC itself. While in Montreal, the World Parkinson Coalition Inc. Board said goodbye to Dr. Stanley Fahn, who stepped down from his position as WPC President after nine long years of leading the Coalition.

Dr. Serge Przedborski (left), long-time WPC Board member was elected to be the new WPC President and Dr. Jon Stoessl (right), WPC Board member and Co-chair of the WPC 2013, was elected as the new Vice President. We are thrilled with the roles they are now filling and ask you to join us in thanking them for their dedication and time as volunteer leaders of this organization.
In their roles as President and Vice President of the World Parkinson Coalition, Dr. Przedborski and Dr. Stoessl will Co-chair the WPC 2016 in Portland, Oregon.

Our fearless Co-chairs are already planning for 2016 and have selected the Program Chair, Dr. Marie Francoise Chesselet, who will oversee the program design for 2016. Dr. Chesselet comes with great experience and appreciation for the WPC. She was part of the Program Committee for the WPC 2010 and WPC 2013. Please welcome her!

Currently Dr. Chesselet is the Chair of the Department of Neurobiology in the David Geffen School of Medicine at UCLA and the Director of the APDA Advanced Center for Parkinson's Disease Research, Morris K. Udall Center of Excellence for Parkinson's Disease Research and the Center for Gene Environment Studies in Parkinson's Disease at UCLA.

WPC Stanley Fahn Junior Investigator Award

We are proud to honor WPC founder and President Emeritus, Dr. Stanley Fahn by creating the WPC Stanley Fahn Junior Investigator Award.

Dr. Fahn is well known among his peers for his desire to pass on the knowledge and passion needed for training new movement disorder specialists. As a mentor, he's trained many of the best Parkinsonologists working in the field today.

We will to honor his legacy by supporting a junior investigator, either in basic or clinical science, who submits an outstanding abstract to the WPC 2016. The recipient will have all his or her expenses covered in order to attend the WPC and be an active participant for the duration of the Congress.

If you would like to donate to or support this award in honor of Dr. Fahn, write to eli@worldpdcongress.org for details.

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