Dear friends,

As we enter the last month of 2016, before we start planning for Kyoto in 2019, we have so many great memories to reflect on from the past year. The 4th World Parkinson Congress experienced tremendous growth with 4,546 delegates from 67 countries. The WPC added some new and exciting features in Portland such as the: Tech Talks, WPC Choir & afternoon Music Spot performances, as well as the inspiring WPC Art Walk. These were all added to the amazing scientific program that attracted delegates from as far away as Mongolia, Nigeria, Chile, Kenya, and beyond.

We believe that the Parkinson community is strongest when it works together. The WPC has always supported collaboration across disciplines, because we believe that when people are forced out of their silos, creative ideas can emerge in unusual places. We look forward to hearing YOUR stories about unique collaborations you made during the WPC and what those new relationships are yielding. Is it a research project? New publication or blog? New meeting? Tell us about how the WPC impacted your professional or personal life by sending your story to info@worldpdcoalition.org. When possible, we'll highlight these WPC inspired projects and initiatives.

We got two early gifts this year for the holidays, two new amazing WPC Board members, Dr. Roger Barker and Dr. Patrik Brundin. We've been fortunate to have the support of these two leaders in the Parkinson's
space from the very first WPC 2006 held in Washington, DC, where they both participated as speakers. Please join us in welcoming Dr. Barker and Dr. Brundin to the WPC Board of Directors. We hope you, too, get what you want for the holidays!

Warm regards,

Elizabeth "Eli" Pollard
Executive Director

Roger Barker, PhD, MRCP is the Professor of Clinical Neuroscience and Honorary Consultant in Neurology at the University of Cambridge and at Addenbrooke’s Hospital. He trained at Oxford and London and has been in his current position for over 13 years having completed an MRC Clinician Scientist Fellowship just prior to this. His main interests are in the neurodegenerative disorders of the nervous system in particular Parkinson’s disease and Huntington’s disease. He combines basic research looking at novel therapies (including cell transplants) to treat these conditions with clinically based work on defining the natural history and heterogeneity of both Huntington’s disease and Parkinson’s disease and is the co-ordinator of the FP & Transeuro project looking at fetal cell grafting in patients with early PD.

Patrik Brundin, M.D., Ph.D. is director of the Center for Neurodegenerative Science and the inaugural holder of the Jay Van Andel Endowed Chair in Parkinson’s Research at Van Andel Research Institute in Grand Rapids, Michigan, USA. He is an internationally renowned expert in the field of Parkinson’s and neurodegenerative disease research whose career spans more than 35 years, including key involvement in some of the first clinical neural transplantation trials. He obtained his M.D. (1992) and Ph.D. (1988) at Lund University in Sweden where he served as a
Professor of Neuroscience from 2000 to 2014. He has published more than 300 papers, coordinated several multidisciplinary, international research networks specializing in Parkinson’s research and was identified as a ISI Highly Cited Scientist in his area. His main current research interests are related to alpha-synuclein acting in a prion-like fashion; animal models of Parkinson’s disease; drug repurposing; and development of disease-modifying therapies in Parkinson’s disease. In addition to leading his lab at the Institute, he is co-editor-in-chief of the Journal of Parkinson’s Disease, a member of the World Parkinson Coalition’s Board of Directors and chair of the Linked Clinical Trials committee.

WPC 2016 PPT Slides Available Online

The Power Point slides from the WPC 2016 are available for downloading on our mobile app. If you experience problems downloading the slides on your phone, you can access the app through your computer.

**Best browsers: Chrome, Firefox, or Safari.**

To download presentations through your computer:

1. Go to https://wpc2016.quickmobile.center
2. Scroll up the menu on the left hand side of your screen click on schedule. You should see a list of all the sessions starting from Tuesday. (Don’t click on my schedule unless you want to log in to the app.)
3. Scroll down until you see the session you want and double click on it.
4. You will see a description of the talk, including the list of speakers. Scroll down until you see Documents.
5. Double click on the document you want to view it.

You can now save it in the normal way you would save documents to your computer.
New at the WPC Store!

Faces of Parkinson’s: Global Reflections on PD

WPC is excited to announce the publication of Faces of Parkinson’s: Global Reflections a NEW book highlighting individuals touched by PD. Photos were taken at the WPC 2016 and compiled into a moving book full of stories about tenacity, love, overcoming challenges, triumphs, joys, and fears.

We believe that the Parkinson's community is stronger when it works together and so we chose to highlight a diverse range of community members and to showcase how our efforts are entwined.

This beautiful book would make an excellent addition to any book shelf.

Through December 31, this book can be purchased via the WPC Store for the discounted price of $12.

Creating and Keeping Intimacy in your Relationship, a look back at the WPC 2016

Contributed by Jessica Shurer, Staff Writer

Parkinson’s and aging can impact sexual functioning and sexual relationships. Yet, it remains a topic that is often under-addressed by clinicians and underreported by patients. Intimacy can be maintained and enhanced as a means of physical and emotional connection, despite changes to sexual functioning. At the WPC, faculty member, Dr. Silver discussed the importance of communication around this topic, among healthcare professionals, couples, and people with Parkinson's, as well as offered practical tools to foster these type of discussions and increase focus on intimacy in sex.

Dr. Sheila Silver is a clinical sexologist and marriage counselor. She offers counseling, education, and workshops for individuals, couples, and clinicians on sex and intimacy, and has presented at multiple Parkinson’s programs. View the slides from her WPC presentation here.

Where Is Parky? Is he with you?

Did you take home a mischievous Parky the Raccoon at the WPC 2016? (If you didn't, you can still get one with a blue hoodie here, but they are almost gone!) One hundred
percent of the profits from Parky sales go to the WPC Travel Grants Program. Share your Parky pictures here and we will post it on the Where Is Parky? global map.

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