



Dear friends,

The team here at the World Parkinson Coalition is working hard as we enter the final stretch for planning the WPC 2019. Only 104 days until the opening ceremony on June 4, 2019 in Kyoto. Will you be there with us?

So many things happening and being added to the website almost daily. A few key items to make sure you see and have on your calendar are listed below:

Early bird registration ends on Feb 27. To save money, be sure to register by this day. Prices go up starting on February 28. [Register HERE.](#)

Late Breaking Abstracts will be accepted from February 25 - March 10, 2019. This is an exceptional opportunity to share your breaking research with the global Parkinson's community. Top abstracts are considered for Poster Tours and oral Hot Topics presentations as well. [Late Breaking Abstract Submission page.](#)

Wellness Way Schedule is now posted for your planning purposes. As a reminder, this area of the WPC includes the Renewal Room, Care Partner Lounge, Quiet Room, Massage & Reiki room. Check out [WELLNESS WAY Details HERE.](#)

See you in Kyoto.

Clinical Research Village (CRV) agenda is now ready for review. Made possible with sponsorship by the Michael J. Fox Foundation and in-kind support of The Cure Parkinson's Trust, this part of the WPC is where delegates can learn about clinical research, speak with people with Parkinson's who have participated in clinical trials, and meet the experts who oversee clinical trials. [View the CRV Agenda HERE.](#)

The [WPC Provisional Program](#) is being updated regularly for your planning purposes, and the five [Pre-congress courses](#) are all set for Tuesday, June 4, and ready for your review and planning purposes. If you did not register for a pre-congress course, but have now decided you'd like to do so, you can email secretariat@worldpdcoalition.org to adjust your plans.

Below in this email you'll see an outstanding post from the WPC Blog on falls and Parkinson's written by renowned Professor Lynn Rochester from New Castle on Tyne, UK. For those of you who are interested in this topic, take note that Professor Rochester will be speaking in two sessions at the WPC 2019, so you can add her talks to your agenda.

The WPC 2019 Art Walk will be the biggest and most innovative Art Walk we've ever offered. We'll include a variety of art and creativity from origami, music, dance, ceramics, photography and more.

Please share this email with friends and start your plans for the WPC. Fights should be booked, passports updated, if needed, visa applications sent in and hotels booked. We are looking forward to seeing you in Kyoto!

Kind regards,



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WPC Blog Highlight



Falls in Parkinson's: Are we winning?

By Lynn Rochester, PhD

Statistics show that up to 80% of people with Parkinson's (PwPD) experience a fall at some point following their diagnosis. Many of those individuals will experience multiple falls. Living with the risk of falls is significant, so much so that it tops the list of questions that PwPD identify as the most important topic for future research. This is not surprising given the negative impact of a fall which ranges from fear to take part in activities and go out of the house, to the risk of fall-related injuries, potential of hospitalisation, and the inability to remain independent at home. The impact of a fall also extends to loved ones, carers and society in general.

Much effort has gone into understanding falls and how to prevent them in PwPD. Have things improved as a result – are we better able to identify people who are at the greatest risk of falling and what about identifying risk BEFORE the first fall to try to prevent or delay falls onset? What can we do to reduce falls risk? What advice should we give in the clinic? How do we know who is going to fall and why is this important? These are some of the questions for the WPC meeting to be held in Kyoto in 2019.

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Thank you to our newest sponsors Biogen, the Michael J. Fox Foundation for Parkinson's Research, and Sumitomo Dainippon Pharma!

Our Support & Exhibition Prospectus has been updated with new exhibit hall space and new opportunities for your company at the WPC.

Each World Parkinson Congress provides a unique opportunity for organizations to connect with leaders in the Parkinson's field.

There are dozens of different ways to make your organization stand out. [Download our updated prospectus to learn more.](#)

Countdown to WPC 2019

We are only a few months away from the World Parkinson Congress and things are happening fast! Here is a break down of what's new and what you can do.



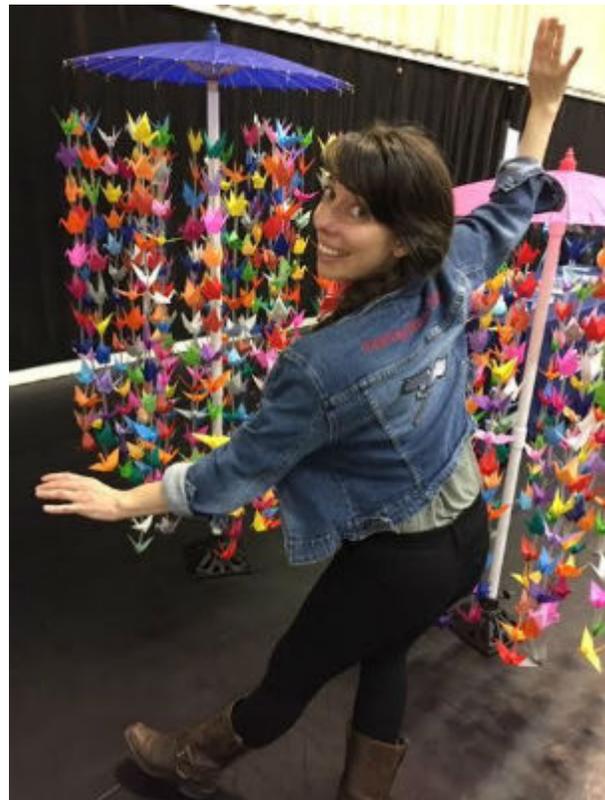
Late Breaking Abstracts

We will be accepting late breaking abstract submissions for poster display from February 25 - March 10, 2019. [Learn more here.](#)

PD art display, members of the Parkinson's community are invited create a dance or movement piece inspired by the origami cranes in the art installation. Your dance will add to the celebration of hope as symbolized by the crane. All video submissions will be compiled into a single continuous video which will be shown as part of the Soaring with Hope project at the WPC 2019. [See some example dances](#) and [learn more about the project.](#)

Wellness Way

Wellness Way is made up of the areas at the Congress that focus on taking care of oneself. We offer spaces at the WPC where people can try a variety of exercises, massage therapies, networking and just resting peacefully. Be sure to make time during the WPC to visit these spaces so you are working your body as much as you work your mind! [Learn more here.](#)



Clinical Research Village

Join us at the Clinical Research Village in the Exhibit Hall each day over lunch and on Wednesday and Thursday evening for panels looking at the clinical trial process. Panelists will include clinical trials participants, senior investigators, coordinators and others. Learn about your rights as a clinical trial participants, why you should participate, and what you should know before you sign on the dotted line. [Learn more here.](#)



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