We hope you're keeping warm during these Winter months. A lot of people have been asking when and where the next WPC will take place. We will be making that announcement in April, however we will be sharing hints on social media over the next couple of months of where the next World Parkinson Congress will take place. Make sure to follow along for clues leading up to the Spring announcement.

The World Parkinson Coalition is launching its WPC Research Spotlight 2024 series. This Research Spotlight series, the third hosted by the WPC, will include six interviews with leading Parkinson researchers, inviting them to further explain their research as it was first described on the WPC Blog.

Series to be hosted by WPC President, Professor Roger Barker, BA, MBBS, PhD, MRCP, FMedSci who is also Professor of Clinical Neuroscience and Honorary Consultant in Neurology at the University of Cambridge and at Addenbrooke's Hospital in Cambridge UK.

Register for this educational series here.
Spotlight #1
Date & Time: Tuesday, Feb 13, 2024 @ 11AM ET /4PM GMT
Talk: The rise of 5-HT: how serotonin could change PD therapy
Researcher: Adrian Newman-Tancredi, PhD, DSc, Neurolixis, France

Spotlight #2
Date & Time: Tuesday, April 23, 2024 @ 11AM ET /4PM GMT
Talk: Does Î±-synuclein contribute to cognitive and psychiatric symptoms of Parkinsonâ€™s?
Researcher: Laura Volpicelli-Daley, PhD, University of Alabama, USA

Spotlight #3
Date & Time: Wednesday, June 5, 2024 @ 11AM ET /4PM GMT
Talk: Pre-clinical models of levodopa-induced dyskinesia
Researcher: Philippe Huot, MD, PhD, FRCPC, DABPN, McGill University and The Neuro, Canada

Spotlight #4
Date & Time: Tuesday, Sept 3,
2024 @ 11AM ET /4PM GMT
Talk: What is the key pathology to Parkinson’s
Researcher: Jeff Kordower, PhD, Arizona State University, USA

Spotlight #5
Date & Time: Tuesday, Oct 8, 2024 @ 11AM ET /4PM GMT
Talk: Update on prodromal Parkinson’s
Researcher: Michele Hu, PhD, MBBS, FRCP, Cambridge University, UK

Spotlight #6
Date & Time: Tuesday, Dec 3, 2024 @ 11AM ET /4PM GMT
Talk: Inflammation in Parkinson’s
Researcher: Malú Gámez Tansey, PhD, University of Florida, USA

Watch previous Research Spotlight talks.
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**Impact of Alpha-Synuclein Pathology on the Blood-Brain Barrier**

*by Kristina Lau, PhD student*

The blood-brain barrier protects the delicate neuronal environment from peripheral immune cells, ion fluctuations in the blood and toxic substances, ultimately making it one of the most important structures in our central nervous system.

A majority of drugs given to Parkinson’s disease (PD) patients and compounds currently in preclinical and clinical trials, such as small molecules, antibodies and enzymes, have to cross the blood-brain barrier. [Read more](#)
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