Dear WPC friends,

We announced the inaugural WPC Award at the last World Parkinson Congress in Portland, Oregon and ended up honoring three outstanding individuals who serve the Parkinson’s community in a variety of ways. They were too amazing to choose just one!

I am pleased to announce the opening of the nomination for the WPC Award for Distinguished Contribution to the Parkinson Community and for the first ever WPC Robin A. Elliott Award, both to be given at the 5th World Parkinson Congress. Nominations are accepted immediately up through February 15. We are looking for outstanding individuals who serve the Parkinson’s community through their scientific, clinical, or advocacy service. Learn more about these two awards and nominate the person(s) who inspires you the most in the community. WPC Award Details.

Late breaking abstracts will be accepted from Feb 25 – March 10, 2019. This is an outstanding opportunity for you to present your recent research,
and to be considered for a poster tour or Hot Topics oral presentation to a large audience in the plenary hall.

We know many people are waiting to hear our decision on abstracts. Emails will go out by January 30 announcing accepted abstracts and final decisions on travel grants support will be announced by February 4. Watch your email inbox and spam box those weeks if you are expecting an email from us.

Our judges are hard at work watching the videos from the WPC 2019 Video Competition. We are once again floored and very moved by the nearly 70 submissions from around the globe and encourage you to watch the videos on our YouTube channel. Stay tuned for the People’s Choice Award in March when you will get to cast your own ballot for your favorite video.

See you in Kyoto.

Kind regards,

Elizabeth "Eli" Pollard
Executive Director

WPC Blog Highlight

"It's Showtime!"
by Lissa Kapust, LICSW

Now that I’ve gotten your attention, you’re probably curious about why “It’s Showtime” belongs on a PD Blog. Read on. First, let me set the stage. This blog examines the challenges and opportunities of the medical office visit.

Visits to physicians can be an experience that leads to anxiety for many reasons. To begin with, the person with Parkinson’s (PWP) and care partner may not agree on the goals of the visit. What is the most pressing issue? Who will present it to the doctor? What are other problems or questions that need discussion? In past visits, does the physician typically involve both the PWP and care partner?

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Thank you to our newest sponsor AbbVie Pharmaceuticals!

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.
Late-Breaking Abstracts
We will be accepting late breaking abstract submissions for poster display from February 25 through March 10, 2019. This opportunity is for research that has been completed between early December 2018 and February 2019. This means the research must be late-breaking, not just late, so please keep this in mind. The link to submit your abstract will appear on the wpc2019.org website on February 25.

Learn more here

WPC Award

David Leventhal
Dance for PD®
Winner 2016

Julie Carter
OHSU
Winner 2016

Tom Isaacs
The Cure Parkinson’s Trust
Winner 2016

We created the World Parkinson Congress Award for Distinguished Contribution to the Parkinson Community before the Fourth World Parkinson Congress in Portland to honor three people whose work inspires more community building and expands collaboration on basic and clinical research, medical practices, care partner initiatives, and advocates change that impacts the Parkinson community.

For the Fifth World Parkinson Congress we will once again honor three people. Here are the WPC Awards open for nomination:

The **WPC Robin A. Elliott Award** was created to honor the service of Robin A. Elliott who helped launch the World Parkinson Congresses in 2004. Robin’s 20 years of service to the community, as the head of the Parkinson’s Disease Foundation, and his commitment to supporting young researchers, clinicians, and people with Parkinson’s was evident in every decision he made. This award honors his work to better the lives of people with PD and to support the researchers who will lead us to a cure. We are looking for candidates who are making a difference outside of the clinical space through education, creativity, and/or advocacy.
The **WPC Award for Distinguished Contribution to the Parkinson Community** was created to honor those who whose efforts best embody the goals of the World Parkinson Congress: to inspire more community building, expand collaboration on basic and clinical research, medical practices, care partner initiatives, and advocacy that impact the Parkinson community.

We are currently accepting nominations from the Parkinson's community. **The final day to nominate someone is February 15, 2019.** If you know someone that deserves to be honored, nominate them today!

[Click here to complete the nomination form](#)

**View the recipients of the Award at the 4th World Parkinson Congress**

**Video Competition**
The video competition closed on January 7th. Thank you to everyone who entered a video to the WPC 2019 video competition. We received over 65 entries, each one providing a different perspective on life with Parkinson's disease.

If you are in the mood to binge-watch them, it takes about 4 hours to watch them all. Make yourself comfortable with your favorite snack and enjoy!

[Click here to watch the videos on YouTube](#)

[Click here to learn more about the video competition](#)

**Art & Creativity at the WPC 2019**
The Choir is open to ALL congress attendees: People with Parkinson’s, care partners, caregivers, family, friends, research teams, medical professionals, non-profit professionals, students and WPC sponsors. The choir will perform the two winning songs from the song competition at the WPC 2019 opening ceremony.

Online rehearsals start in January.

Sign up for the choir here.

As part of the Soaring with Hope for 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.

Learn more here.